



# 2023-24 INDIANA FFA ANNUAL REPORT

# Read about our 2023-2024 Impact

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# Indiana FFA Foundation



## Mission

The mission of the Indiana FFA Foundation is to support, fund, and promote the programs and objectives of the Indiana FFA Association.

## Vision

We will provide opportunities and the resources for the Indiana FFA Association to influence positive growth in agriculture education and career development. We will accomplish this by building awareness in the agricultural and general community of the leadership, personal growth and career success training provided by agricultural education and Indiana FFA Association.

## 2023-24 Foundation Goals

- Income budget is \$985,000 and income goal is \$1,050,000
- Raise \$85,000 at 2025 Blue and Gold Gala event

# A message from Tim Hoberty Foundation Board Chair

As we look back on the 2023-24 year for the Indiana FFA Foundation, I am mindful we are not just about raising funds which support FFA, we are about raising people who will lead our most vital industry in the future. With that perspective, the future looks bright based on many positive trends happening in the IN FFA Foundation and the IN FFA Association.

2023-24 marked record highs for the Indiana FFA Foundation in all categories of giving. Total giving was \$1.6M. Corporate giving, the largest category, increased by 33%, Chapter giving was up 70%, while Individual giving increased 20%. Thanks to the focused efforts of the Foundation staff, income from grants nearly tripled over the past year. This record generosity supports a new high for membership which now totals 14,497 FFA members in Indiana. Chapters now number 230 strong, which is the most we have had since 1969. Thanks to all partners who have given financially or of your time to invest in these young people who are our future leaders. Please see the contributors by category in the pages which follow.

This growth we have seen year after year would not be possible without the consistent leadership and vision of our foundation staff and our Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Chaudion, who has successfully directed the Foundation since 2011. The Board is grateful for your tireless efforts, passion, and energy to develop statewide support for FFA resourcing.

The Indiana FFA Leadership Center continued to thrive as demand for events and event attendance for conferences grew. Joe Ramey, who served as Leadership Center Director before retiring at the end of the fiscal year, delivered many large feats with limited resources to maintain and improve the Center. This has made the Leadership Center a desirable place for FFA groups to meet and create positive experiences. Joe was duly honored as the Outstanding Service Award recipient at the 2024 State FFA convention.

Since retiring the debt of the Leadership Center seven years ago, the Foundation has been planning to expand facilities at the Center to better serve Indiana FFA's membership. Thanks to grant support, donations, and saving for seven years, we are excited to currently be exploring the addition of a new retreat cabin at the Leadership Center which will provide a modern facility, expand capacity, and provide the space to host chapter outings in the coming years. More information about this capital project will be presented at the 2025 Blue and Gold Gala. Speaking of the Gala, we are moving the event to February in the coming year and hope to see you there!

On behalf of the entire IN FFA Foundation Board, THANK YOU to everyone listed on the pages of this report who are investing in the future of agriculture....with a faith born not of words but of deeds.

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## *A message from* **Kelby Roberts**

### *2023-2024 Indiana FFA State President*



*"I said, 'Remember this moment'  
In the back of my mind  
The time we stood with our shaking hands  
The crowds in stands went wild  
We were the kings and the queens  
And they read off our names  
The night you danced like you knew our lives would never be the same."*

Long Live (Taylor's Version) is one of many songs played on July 5th, 2023 as seven newly elected state officers prepared for their year of service ahead. It is a song that celebrates triumph, unity, and the memories created through shared experiences. It reflects on the joy of overcoming challenges together, cherishing the bonds formed along the way, and the lasting impact of those moments. The song emphasizes the importance of friendship, resilience, and the stories that shape our lives, reminding us to hold onto the victories and the people who have been part of our journey.

As I sit down to reflect on this past year, I can't help but think of the journey that those seven young adults have been on. Undoubtedly, it has been a journey full of everything that Taylor Swift sings about in this special song, but more importantly it has been a journey of discovery, marked by the exclamation point of the 95th Indiana FFA State Convention theme: DISCOVER. It is that singular word that we will spend a lifetime getting goosebumps when we hear it in context, but there are a myriad of words that can be used to describe the journey of our state officer year.

"So, Kelby, how would you describe your year as a State Officer?" This is a question that seems to have surfaced in nearly every extended conversation that I have had since retiring my blue jacket. My answer? "Transformational," but the truth is, it is the six incredible people that I served alongside that made the year extra special, so naturally I decided to ask those six teammates of mine that same question.

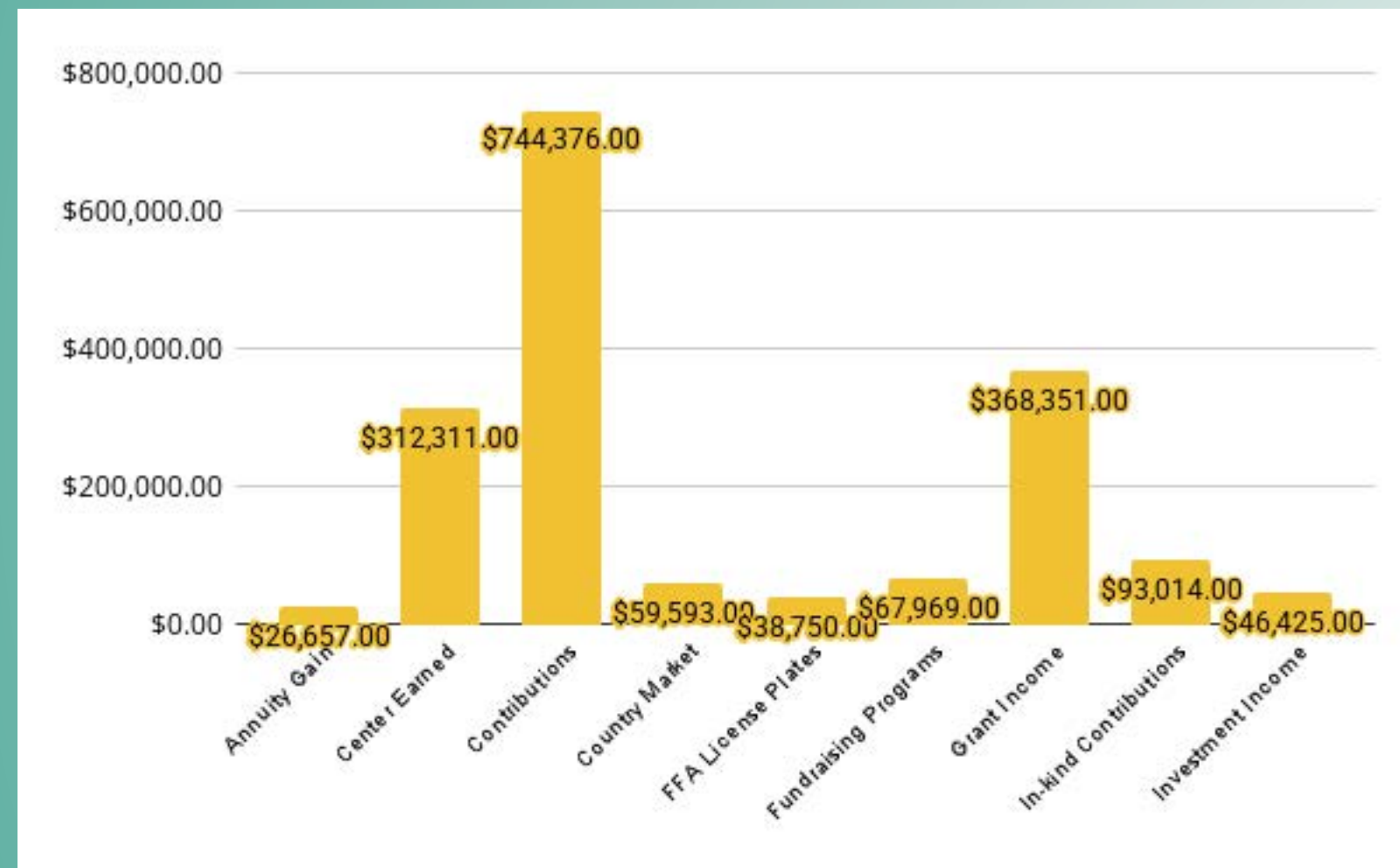
Their answers? "Inspirational," "influential," "best decision ever," "impactful," "for them always," and each response highlights not just personal growth but the shared experiences that brought us closer together. We learned from one another, leaned on each other during challenging times, and celebrated our victories as a unit of 14,494 Indiana FFA Members. Together, we have discovered an environment where dreams are made and potential is unlocked.

As we move forward, I hope that we all embrace the spirit of discovery in our own lives. Let us carry forward the lessons learned, the friendships formed, and the triumphs celebrated. Together, we can continue to make a lasting impact on the future of FFA and those we serve.

Discovering More Every Day,

*Kelby Roberts*

# Income



*Total Income: \$1,757,446.00*

# Expenses



*Total Expenses: \$1,462,490.00*

# Indiana FFA Foundation Statement of Activities

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$1,232,330
Certificates of deposit	\$446,172
Accounts receivable	\$97,836
Inventory	\$5,100
Total Current Assets	\$1,781,438
Property and Equipment:	
Building & improvements	\$1,307,521
Land improvements	\$878,086
Equipment	\$482,272
Land	\$58,805
	\$2,726,684
Accumulated depreciation	(2,042,524)
Property and equipment, net	\$684,160
Other Assets:	
Cash surrender value - officers' life insurance	\$71,580
Annuities	\$391,353
Total Other Assets	\$462,933
Total Assets	\$2,928,531

Year Ending June 30, 2024

Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$7,085
Sales tax payable	\$127
Deferred revenue	\$28,618
Accrued expenses	\$9,530
Total liabilities	\$45,360
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	\$2,248,378
Designated by the board	\$370,793
Total net assets without donor restrictions	\$2,619,171
With donor restrictions	\$264,000
Total net assets	\$2,883,171
Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,928,531

# Indiana FFA Association

*FY 2024 July 2023-June 2024*

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Workshop/Conference	\$159,086.50	\$149,889.00
CDE/LDE	\$32,046.30	\$25,700.00
Donations	\$1,090.52	
Foundation Support	\$204,709.00	\$202,500.00
Internal Income	\$670.24	\$750.00
Application Programs	\$2,668.00	\$2,750.00
Membership Dues	\$197,423.50	\$182,000.00
Public Relations	\$59,145.48	\$36,100.00
State Convention	\$104,661.49	\$100,000.00
Alumni	\$6,204.73	\$2,700.00
Unapplied Cash Payment	\$48.06	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$767,753.82</b>	<b>\$702,389.00</b>

Expenditures	Actual	Budget
Workshop/Conference	\$237,475.94	\$170,500.00
CDE/LDE	\$70,346.00	\$70,100.00
National Convention	\$8,613.35	\$9,650.00
Association Administration	\$28,488.42	\$74,900.00
Public Relations	\$28,525.91	\$25,550.00
State Officer Program	\$59,348.29	\$63,119.00
Membership Fees	\$113,189.00	\$104,000.00
Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAE)	\$15,818.94	\$24,200.00
State Convention	\$94,873.73	\$156,250.00
Alumni Expenses	\$2,800.00	\$4,120.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$659,479.58</b>	<b>\$702,389.00</b>

# Keystone Cooperative Expands Support for Indiana FFA Initiatives

Indiana FFA is honored to have the support of Keystone Cooperative as a valued partner in our mission to cultivate the next generation of agricultural leaders. Serving over 14,000 students in 230 schools, Indiana FFA promotes leadership, personal growth, and career success, and Keystone's contributions have helped make this possible. During the 95th annual Indiana FFA State Convention, held at Purdue University June 17-20, 2024, Indiana FFA recognized Keystone's ongoing commitment, including their sponsorship of the "Living to Serve Community Awards" and their "What If College Isn't for Me?" workshop, designed to provide students with diverse career pathways in agriculture.

Beyond their generous \$40,000 contribution, Keystone has shown its support for Indiana FFA in visible ways across the state. Their "FFA Proud!" branded fuel tankers, seen in Huntington, Tipton, Indianapolis, and Vincennes, proudly display the FFA emblem alongside the Keystone sunburst, symbolizing the shared dedication to the future of agriculture. Indiana FFA is grateful for Keystone's continued investment in our members and looks forward to a strong partnership that will help shape the future of agricultural education and leadership.



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# HONORARY HOOSIER DEGREE RECIPIENTS

*Karen Nelson Heavin*



A distinguished member of the South Putnam FFA Chapter in District VII and a former Indiana FFA Association State President in 1991-1992, Mrs. Karen Nelson Heavin has dedicated her career to supporting Indiana FFA and high school students across the Hoosier State. Her enduring contributions to education and career readiness have made a significant impact. Currently, Mrs. Karen Nelson Heavin owns and operates Heavin College and Career Readiness Services, a consulting agency that helps prepare high school students in Indiana and Ohio for academic and career success. Through her agency, she provides guidance on college preparation, career pathways, and essential skills that help students transition smoothly from high school to their future endeavors. Before founding her consulting agency, Karen served as the Pathways/Student Services Coordinator at the Area 30 Career Center. In this role, she worked closely with students, assisting them with college and career readiness, as well as providing support for English End-of-Course Assessments (ECA). Within the Indiana FFA, Mrs. Karen Nelson Heavin has been a steadfast supporter. She served on the Indiana FFA Foundation Board from 2010 to 2016, taking on the role of Chairman of the Board from 2013 to 2015. During her tenure, she played a pivotal role in the growth of the Foundation, helping to secure financial stability for the organization. Most recently, Karen donated her time and expertise by leading the Indiana FFA State Officer Program Review Process, once again demonstrating her commitment to the organization and its future leaders. In recognition of her dedication and service, she was awarded the prestigious Honorary Hoosier Degree.

*John Nagle*



Mr. John Nagle, currently serving as the Farm Training Specialist with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, has been a dedicated advocate and volunteer for the Indiana FFA since his time as the 1990-1991 Indiana FFA State Reporter. His passion for agricultural education and leadership has made him an invaluable contributor to the organization over the years. From 2013 to 2020, Mr. Nagle served on the Indiana FFA Foundation Board of Directors, where he held the position of Secretary and served on the Executive Committee. His professional expertise also played a critical role in developing the emergency safety plan for the Indiana FFA Leadership Center, a plan that remains in effect today, ensuring the safety of countless members and visitors. Beyond his leadership roles, John has been instrumental in the evaluation and development of various FFA programs, including proficiency awards and the prestigious Stars program. His contributions extend even further, as he has generously donated countless hours to assist with state star visits, sharing his knowledge and experience to guide volunteers and students alike. As a tireless supporter of the Indiana FFA, Mr. Nagle's dedication and service have left a lasting impact. In recognition of his unwavering commitment, he has been awarded the 2024 Honorary Hoosier Degree for his exceptional service and support of the Indiana FFA.

Mrs. Amanda Line, a dedicated agriculture instructor at South Putnam High School since 2012, has made a lasting impact on both her students and the school's agricultural education program. Initially entering college with plans to pursue veterinary medicine, she soon found her passion within agricultural education and has been a transformative force ever since. During her tenure at South Putnam, Mrs. Line has played a pivotal role in expanding the agricultural education program from a single-teacher department to a thriving program with two additional instructors. Her leadership also led to the redevelopment of the school's agricultural curriculum, introducing multiple dual credit courses that have given students advanced opportunities to excel in their studies. As the FFA advisor for the South Putnam FFA Chapter, Amanda has guided countless students to achieve remarkable success. Under her mentorship, students have earned prestigious State and American FFA Degrees, excelled in numerous Leadership and Career Development Events, and held Chapter, District, and Section offices. Mrs. Line also played a key role in advancing the school's participation in the Agriscience Fair program at both the state and national levels, marking a new era for agricultural education at South Putnam High School. Her passion for agriscience extended beyond the classroom. Amanda served on the National FFA's Agriscience Committee, helping to develop new guidelines and increase awareness for the program, further showcasing her commitment to the future of agricultural education. In addition to her work at school, Mrs. Line has contributed her expertise to the Indiana FFA Association Board of Trustees, where she served as Board Secretary. As her term comes to an end this year, her dedication to the FFA and agricultural education is being recognized with the prestigious 2024 Honorary Hoosier Degree. Amanda's influence will continue to shape the lives of students and the future of agricultural education in Indiana.

*Amanda Line*



Since 2009, Mrs. Cassie Wallpe has dedicated herself to agricultural education, shaping future leaders as the agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at Batesville High School. Under her leadership, the Batesville FFA Chapter has reached new heights, particularly in Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs) and Career Development Events (CDEs), earning a reputation for excellence on both the state and national levels. Mrs. Wallpe's guidance has led Batesville FFA to achieve more than 15 state-winning proficiency awards, with five of those students advancing as national finalists. Remarkably, two individuals under her mentorship earned the prestigious title of National Champion. In addition to proficiency successes, Mrs. Wallpe has coached her students to state and national victories in various CDEs, including Livestock Skillathon, Livestock Judging, Crops, Soils, Agronomy, and the National Grasslands Career Development Events. Beyond her role as an FFA advisor, Mrs. Wallpe has served on the Indiana FFA Board of Trustees, representing District 12 for two terms. As her time on the board concludes this year, her contributions to the organization and her students' achievements will have a lasting impact. In recognition of her accomplishments in the classroom, Cassie has been invited to facilitate workshops at the Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators (IAAE) Conferences. She has also been honored as a "Favorite Educator" by students in the Top 10 of their class at Batesville High School on three separate occasions, a testament to her positive influence on her students' lives. Mrs. Cassie Wallpe was selected as 2024 Honorary Hoosier Degree recipient for her dedication, leadership, and significant contributions to agricultural education.

*Cassie Wallpe*



# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## *Blair Orme Honored with 2024 Indiana FFA Distinguished Service Award for 35 Years of Agricultural Education and Leadership*

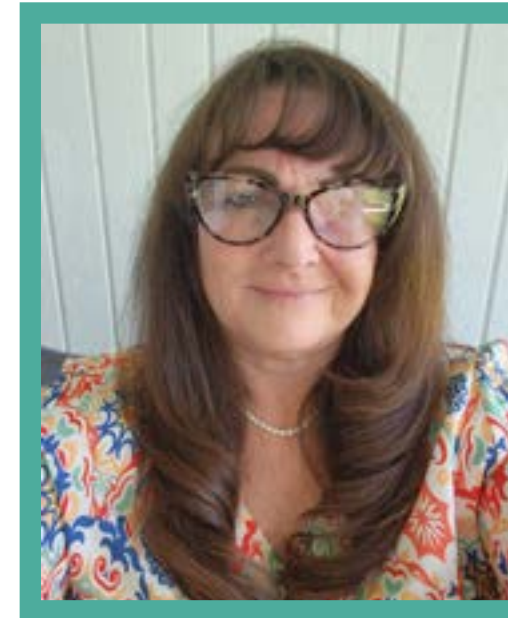


For the past 35 years, Mr. Blair Orme has been a pillar of agricultural education at Rushville Consolidated High School, shaping the lives of countless students through his dedicated service as an agricultural teacher and FFA advisor. Under his leadership, the Rushville FFA Chapter has flourished, undergoing several key transformations that have set a high standard for FFA programs statewide. During his tenure, Mr. Orme introduced the Discovery Degree program, implemented the “Turn the Bag Blue and Gold” initiative, and chartered an Alumni Chapter for the Rushville community, providing alumni and supporters with a way to stay connected and contribute to the chapter’s success. His work has been instrumental in ensuring the growth and longevity of the Rushville FFA Chapter.

As District IX Advisor and Treasurer for many years, Mr. Orme worked tirelessly to organize leadership events that ensured positive and enriching experiences for both FFA members and teachers. Under his guidance, Rushville students have excelled in application programs, Career Development Events (CDEs), Leadership Development Events (LDEs), and officer roles. His dedication culminated in an impressive achievement—seven of his students have been elected to serve as Indiana State FFA Officers. Beyond his role as an FFA advisor, Mr. Orme has distinguished himself in the classroom. His unique achievement of earning a Master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling, though never formally used in a counseling role, has profoundly impacted his teaching. He applies this knowledge through mentorship and coaching, helping students navigate both academic and personal challenges.

Throughout his career, Mr. Orme has received numerous accolades, including the Indiana Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (IVATA) Young Teacher of the Year award and five Indiana Student-Teacher Recognition (ISTAR) awards. His influence extends to his fellow educators as well, having mentored five of his former students who have gone on to become agricultural teachers, with many remaining within District IX. Additionally, he has served on the Professional Development Committee, multiple terms as Vocational Department Chair, and on the Rushville Consolidated High School Improvement Committee.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Orme is deeply involved in his community and in agriculture. He continues to operate Orme Farms in northern Rush County, where he has farmed his entire life. His farming background has enriched his teaching, allowing him to bring firsthand knowledge and experience into the classroom. Mr. Orme also serves as a Deacon for Center Christian Church and has taught Sunday School for many years. In recognition of his extraordinary dedication to agricultural education, his community, and the Indiana FFA, Blair Orme was honored as the 2024 Indiana FFA Distinguished Service Award recipient. Indiana FFA is proud to celebrate Mr. Orme’s remarkable career and contributions.



# VIP AWARD

## *Lisa Chaudion*

Mrs. Lisa Chaudion has dedicated 33 years of service to the agriculture industry, agricultural education and the Indiana FFA. Growing up in her beloved Clay County Indiana, Lisa’s passion for agriculture and education access started at an early age.

An enduring Hoosier, Lisa received her associate degree in Agribusiness from Vincennes University, after which she then continued with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agribusiness from Western Kentucky University. In 1985, Lisa (Moss) Chaudion, forever changed our organization by opening the door for young women in agriculture and our organization by being elected as the first female Indiana FFA State President where she led her state officer team and the organization through a year of service.

Throughout her professional career Lisa has not only held roles within the agribusiness sector, but has assumed numerous roles and responsibilities for Indiana FFA including State Officer Management, FFA Camp director, College & Career Education Specialist within the Department of Education, State FFA Advisor and since 2011, has served as the Indiana FFA Foundation Executive Director where she builds relationships with partners and donors, provides networking opportunities to the state officer team with corporate partners, and extends access for members to attend programs reducing cost barriers and increasing availability of scholarships; as well as manages the team and strategic operations of the Indiana FFA Leadership Center. During her time as Director of the Indiana FFA Foundation annual giving numbers have evolved from a budget of \$500,000 to the milestone of \$1.6 million raised in this 2023-2024 fiscal year. In addition, Lisa has successfully completed capital campaigns, initiated numerous capital improvements at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center, and was instrumental in accomplishing the monumental task of ensuring the current debt-free status of the Foundation. Due to her service to our organization Chaudion was awarded her Honorary Hoosier Degree in 1990 and Distinguished Service Award in 2016, however even after being recognized for unparalleled service to the organization, Chaudion has continued to dedicate time, energy, and passion of the highest degree to our organization.

Outside of FFA, she has been the Indiana Young Farmers Association Executive Director, which is further evidence that she is always looking for ways to promote the agricultural industry and education.

Right with the FFA, Lisa is deeply passionate about her faith and family including her husband David and two boys Justin and Landen.

To many current and former Indiana FFA members, advisors and State Officer’s, Mrs. Lisa Chaudion is a modern icon of our organization with an unprecedented story and level of achievement. Mrs. Lisa Chaudion is our Association’s 19th and the 2024 Indiana FFA VIP Award recipient.



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Isaac Pohl, Gibson Southern  
Vayla Reese, Gibson Southern  
Ben Scott, Gibson Southern  
Boston Schulte, Heritage Hills  
Cameron Schulte, Heritage Hills  
Tyler Schulte, Jasper  
Catherine Herzog, Jasper  
Grace Kluemper, Jasper  
Emma Popp, Jasper  
Tyler Stemle, Jasper  
Katherine Yarbough, Jasper  
Abri Choate, Mount Vernon  
Bryce Dyehouse, Mount Vernon  
Allyson Johnson, Mount Vernon  
Shelby Lang, Mount Vernon  
Cade Pierce, Mount Vernon  
Carlton Redman, Mount Vernon  
Ashley Graber, North Daviess  
Gordan Keith, North Daviess  
Nick Quakenbush, North Daviess  
David Remsburg, North Daviess  
Mason Wittmer, North Daviess  
Creighton Wolford, North Daviess  
Lora Commens, North Posey  
Lukas Donner, North Posey  
Bella Beckman, Northeast Dubois  
Makenzie Buchta, Northeast Dubois  
Camden Case, Northeast Dubois

## *District 10*

Levi Culbertson, Northeast Dubois  
Akayla Eichmiller, Northeast Dubois  
Ashtyn Eichmiller, Northeast Dubois  
Lexi Fuhrman, Northeast Dubois  
Ryia Linne, Northeast Dubois  
Emma Mitchell, Northeast Dubois  
Emily Recker, Northeast Dubois  
Kelsey Seitz, Northeast Dubois  
Landon Seitz, Northeast Dubois  
Mya Ziegler, Northeast Dubois  
Maggie Taylor, Perry Central  
Landon Dunn, South Knox  
Abigail Graff, South Knox  
Madison Hedge, South Knox  
Lauren Keyes, South Knox  
Landon Peterson, South Knox  
Mitchell Risley, South Knox  
Owen Hunefield, Southridge  
Eli Meyer, Southridge  
Mykela Tanner, Southridge  
Mason Gogel, Tecumseh  
Shelby Hemmer, Tecumseh  
Addison Schaar, Tecumseh



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## *District 11*

Carter Cummings, Bedford North Lawrence  
Garrett Hayes, Bedford North Lawrence  
Harryson Hayes, Bedford North Lawrence  
Macy Lambrecht, Bedford North Lawrence  
Clover Todd, Bedford North Lawrence  
August Brockhaus, Columbus  
Jenna Thomas, Columbus  
Addyson Wagner, Corydon Central  
Brayden Crater, Crothersville  
Corey Engleking, Crothersville  
Tiffany Walls, Edgewood  
Abigail Mayer, Hoosier Hills  
Bradley Moore, Hoosier Hills  
Hunter Olsen, Hoosier Hills  
Tyler Bense, Hope  
Corbin Beverly, Hope  
Kaleb Crowder, Hope  
Chase Harker, Hope  
Margeaux Stewart, Lanesville  
Isabelle Abner, North Harrison  
Cameron Christie, North Harrison  
Skyla Churchill, North Harrison  
Sophie Holloway, North Harrison  
Hayley Tewell, North Harrison  
Justin Craig, Scottsburg  
Audrey Newkirk, Seymour  
Brayden Rorick, Seymour  
Dylan Thompson, Seymour

## *District 12*

Justin Bedel, Greensburg  
Cody Case, Greensburg  
Grace Schutte, Greensburg  
Lily Sloan, Jennings County  
Lilly Cox, Madison  
Chloe Graham, Madison  
Jenna Martin, Madison  
Emma Richey, Madison  
Michelle Hoffrogge, Milan  
Cecilia Barber, North Decatur  
Cassidy Coomer, North Decatur  
Kylee Neff, South Dearborn  
Ellie Shuter, South Dearborn  
Courtner Higgins, Switzerland County  
Brelynn Justice, Switzerland County  
Trevor Reed, Switzerland County  
Brianna Stow, Switzerland County  
Dylan Sullivan, Switzerland County



# 2024 STARS OVER INDIANA

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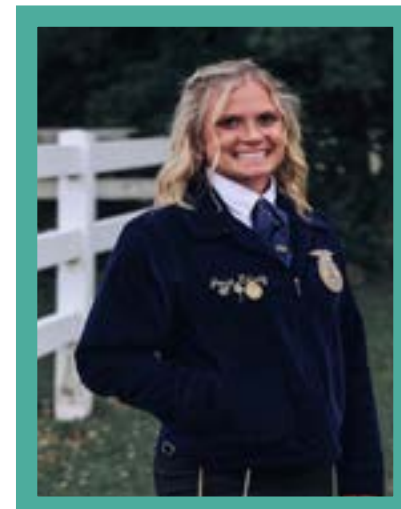
## AGRIBUSINESS



*Grant Lake*

Central Noble FFA

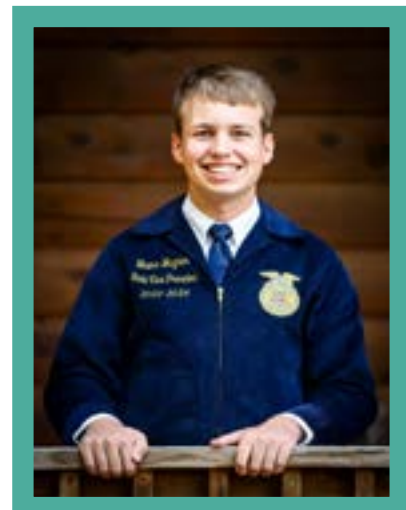
## AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT



*Josie Kelsay*

Whiteland FFA

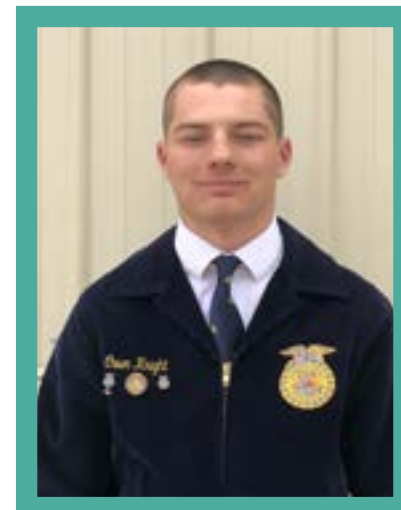
## AGRISCIENCE



*Blaine Wagner*

North Decatur FFA

## FARMER



*Owen Knight*

North Miami FFA

# 2024 DISTRICT STAR AWARDS

*Members listed below recieved a Gold Ranking*

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## AGRIBUSINESS

Grant Lake - Central Noble FFA, District 3  
Alexa Newby - South Putnam FFA, District 7  
Abigaile Wolfe - Indiana Ag and Tech FFA, District 8

## AGRISCIENCE

Blaine Wagner - North Decatur, District 12

## AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

Layke Bannwart - Laporte FFA, District 1  
Stephanie Berenda - South Newton FFA, District 1  
Tatym Green - Hamilton Heights FFA, District 5  
Josie Kelsay - Whiteland FFA, District 8  
Camille Thopy - Southwestern Shelby FFA, District 8  
Jacob Wattenbarger - Shenandoah FFA, District 9  
Jackson Beier, Jasper FFA, District 10  
Gabriel Sartore, Mount Vernon FFA, District 10

## FARMER

Haley Graf - Rensselaer FFA, District 1  
Abraham Kennedy - Frontier FFA, District 1  
Kinsey Mennen - Lewis Cass FFA, District 5  
Owen Knight - North Miami FFA, District 6  
Kenzie Slough - Shakamak FFA, District 7  
Cale Williams - Terre Haute South FFA, District 7  
Isaac Pohl - Gibson Southern FFA, District 10  
Addie Gauck - North Decatur FFA, District 12



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## State Fair Scholarships

The State Fair Scholarship rewards outstanding FFA members who have benefited themselves and the Indiana FFA by contributing to the Indiana FFA Pavilion and its activities at the State Fair. Scholarships are awared at State Convention, with Country Market proceeds supporting this scholarship area.

Cheyenne Hawley, Triton FFA	Kira King, Lebanon FFA
Cale Williams, Terre Haute South FFA	Tatym Green, Hamilton Heights FFA
Abigaile Wolfe, Indiana Ag & Tech FFA	Sidney Kahre, North Knox FFA

## WLC Scholarships

WLC Scholarships support the attendance to Washington Leadership Conference and are provided by Farm Credit Mid-America and Indiana State Fair Foundation. In addition, Farm Credit and National FFA Alumni donated additional dollars to lower the fees for each of the members registered for the bus trip.

### *\$500 Indiana State Fair Foundation Scholarships*

Emma Ruf, Connersville	Audrey Newkirk, Seymour
Ellie Taylor, Hamilton Southeastern	Isabella Bava, South Newton
Brock Hurley, Rensselaer	

### *\$500 Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarship*

Trinity Barricks, South Newton	Ava Woods, Tri County
Jonathon Deweese, Tri-Central	Hannah Alberts, Tri County
Kaitlyn Maruszewski, Tri-Central	Caroline Wise, William Henry Harrison
Lillian Stewart, Tri-Central	

### *\$250 Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarship*

Broderick Hehr, Knox	Noah Scherer, Tri County
Chloe Jordan, Rensselaer	Jackson Brown, Whiteland
Emily Hons, Seymour	Kaitlyn Kalbaugh, William Henry Harrison
Ella Culp, Tri County	

# CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

## LDW 1

### Rob Hays Memorial Scholarship

Kaitlin Lamb, Elkhart FFA  
Gretchen Fervida, Northwood FFA  
Alexa Anglemyer, Northwood FFA  
Hannah Shrock, Northwood FFA  
Stephanie Newcomer, Northwood FFA

## SOAR 1

### Redline Equipment Scholarship

Cord Akey, Dekalb FFA  
Avery Akins, Manchester FFA  
Lacey Dawson, Manchester FFA  
Annabelle Hall, Manchester FFA  
Gracie Hall, Manchester FFA  
Clark Showalter, Manchester FFA

### Rob Hays Memorial Scholarship

Molly Hoak - Hazelwood, Benton Cental FFA  
Emmie Haddon, Indiana Ag & Tech FFA  
Olivia Hudson, North Harrison FFA  
Ryder Kamer, North Harrison FFA  
Brody Whittaker, North Harrison FFA  
Kylee Reeves, Southmont FFA  
Parker Mohr, Southwestern Shelby FFA  
Audrey Richardson, South Putnam FFA  
Olivia VanHook, Tipton FFA

### Huber Family Fund Scholarship

Dalton Kessner, Medora FFA  
Lily Hatchett, Medora FFA  
Isbelle Spence, Medora FFA

## SOAR 2

### Big Woods Restaurants

MaKayla Johnson, Cloverdale FFA  
Sofia Tutrow, Eastern Hancock FFA  
Morgan Taulman, IN Ag & Tech FFA  
Kira King, Lebanon FFA

## FIRE 1

### Redline Equipment Scholarship

Cord Akey, Dekalb FFA

### Big Woods Restaurants

Baron Riley, Crothersville FFA  
Tiffany Walls, Edgewood FFA  
Jeremy Jackson, Hoosier Hills FFA  
Abigail Hill, Rushville FFA  
Cate Neuman, Rushville FFA  
Makaylah Phillips, Rushville FFA  
Aakira Redd, Rushville FFA  
Eliza Snow, Rushville FFA  
Haley Stahl, Rushville FFA  
Emily Hons, Seymour FFA

## FIRE 2

### Redline Equipment Scholarship

Temperance Caudill, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Lillian Dunbar, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Kyzer Hughes, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Hayden Stookey, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Lindsay Petersen, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Rylee Thompson, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Jayda Shanks, Northwestern FFA

### Big Woods Restaurants

Havyn Wisehard, Eastern Hancock FFA  
Kaylie Low, Eastern Hancock FFA  
Abby Mathes Bush, North Harrison FFA  
Bailey Haddon, South Putnam FFA  
Audrey Richardson, South Putnam FFA

## LDW 2

### Redline Equipment Scholarship

Kate Engelberth, Dekalb FFA  
Mathias Hefty, Dekalb FFA  
C. Isaac Schwitzer, Dekalb FFA  
Bailey Bussard, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Sienna Holder, Tippecanoe Valley FFA  
Lindsay Peterson, Tippecanoe Valley FFA

### Big Woods Restaurants

Ashley Graber, North Daviess FFA  
Shannon Graber, North Daviess FFA  
Nick Quakenbush, North Daviess FFA  
Abby Mathes-Bush, North Harrison FFA  
Cooper Clunie, North Harrison FFA  
Issac First, North Harrison FFA  
Mattie Kintner, North Harrison FFA  
Sophis Holloway, North Harrison FFA  
Angela Satterfield, North Harrison FFA  
Amber Pennington, Paoli FFA  
Novee Busick, Paoli FFA  
Bailey Haddon, South Putnam FFA

## Convention Crew

### Rob Hays Memorial Scholarship

Vincent Trentkamp, North Decatur FFA



# 2024 NATIONAL FFA SCHOLARSHIPS

*Name:*

*Chapter:*

*Sponsor:*

Brooklyn Fruechte  
**Abigaile Wolfe**  
Anna Minich  
**Aubrey Lubbenhusen**  
Samantha Barnes  
**Emma Betz**  
Brent Harvey  
**Brayson Tatman**  
Christina Caldwell  
**Allison Giganti**  
Cheyenne Hawley  
**Cooper Altherr**  
C. Schweitzer  
**Charleston Slentz**  
Grant Lake  
**Shelby Griffitts**  
Sophia Huffman  
**Isaac Pohl**  
Jaylin Payne  
**Olivia Jones**  
Katlyn Betz  
**Brandon Kitch**  
Lillian Cline  
**Matthias Hefty**  
Max Maschino  
**Nick Beckner**  
Reece Wineinger  
**Sarah Heightchew**  
Shayla Crawford  
**Stephanie Berenda**  
Tatym Green  
**Zoey Parrett-Hock**

Adams Central  
**Indiana Ag and Tech**  
South Central (Union Mills)  
**Forest Park**  
Franklin  
**Northeast Dubois**  
Rensselaer  
**Eastbrook**  
Connersville  
**Hamilton Southeastern**  
Triton  
**Tipton**  
DeKalb  
**Blackford**  
Central Noble  
**West Washington**  
Fishers  
**Gibson Southern**  
Fountain Ceentral  
**Tippecanoe Valley**  
Forest Park  
**Triton**  
Clinton Central  
**DeKalb**  
Jennings County  
**Adams Central**  
Eastern  
**Salem**  
Connersville  
**South Newton**  
Hamilton Heights  
**LaPorte**

Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship  
**Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship**  
Built Ford Tough Scholarship  
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**Domino's Scholarship**  
Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship  
**National FFA Endowment**  
Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship  
**Don Hinds Ford**  
LaCrosse Footwear  
**FFA Future Leaders by TSC - Trade**  
Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship  
**Darling Ingredients Bulding the Future**  
Darling Ingredients - Trade Scholarship  
**Eddie Gilstrap Motors, Inc. Ford**  
Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship  
**Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship**  
Heartland Ford  
**Rochester Ford, Inc.**  
Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship  
**Oliver Ford - Lincoln**  
Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship  
**Built Ford Tough National Scholarship**  
FarmAid  
**Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship**  
Eddie Gilstrap Motors, Inc. Ford  
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Syngenta North America  
**Beck's Hybrids Collegiate Scholarship**  
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**Georgia M. Hellberg Memorial Scholarship**



## Planned Giving:

### Key to Supporting Future Generations of FFA Members



Gary and Jean Geswein's dedication to Indiana FFA and agricultural education is truly remarkable. From Gary's extensive career as an agriculture educator to Jean's support and involvement, their impact on students and the FFA organization is profound. Their decision to establish a planned gift in the form of a life insurance policy speaks volumes about their commitment to supporting future generations of FFA members.

Gary's 27 years of teaching agriculture education at multiple high schools, including Franklin, Crothersville, and North Harrison High Schools as well as initiating the agriculture program and FFA Chapter at Lanesville High School, demonstrate his passion for empowering students through hands-on learning experiences. His tenure as an Agriculture Education Consultant further highlights his dedication to advancing agricultural education at a broader level.

Jean's support and contributions, despite her own career as an elementary teacher, underscore the importance of teamwork and shared values within the Geswein family. Together, they have fostered a culture of leadership and success among their students, as evidenced by the numerous students who have served in leadership roles at both district and state levels.

Their children, Chris and Pam, further exemplify the family's deep-rooted connection to Indiana FFA, with Chris serving as a state officer on the 25th Anniversary Team and Pam as a District President. This multi-generational involvement reflects the enduring impact of Gary and Jean's legacy within the FFA community.

The planned gift initiated by the Gesweins will undoubtedly leave a lasting legacy, ensuring that future generations of FFA members have access to opportunities for growth, leadership development, and career readiness. Indiana FFA is immensely grateful for the Gesweins' generosity and their unwavering dedication to the organization and its members, both present and future. Their commitment serves as an inspiration to us all.

## Indiana FFA Involvement in 2023-2024



# INDIANA FFA LEADERSHIP CENTER

*Exciting things are happening in Trafalgar!*

The FFA Leadership Center has not gone without its share of grants and donations this past fiscal year and for that we are grateful. Since the purchase of the property in 1968, the Leadership Center is constantly looking to improve the facility and grounds. This cannot be done without the support of many of our FFA partners. In 2023-24 Indiana FFA was blessed with the following:

- A grant from National FFA provided by the **Lilly Endowment** made it possible for more than eight FFA Chapters to participate in overnight weekend events here at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center. Grants from this fund will continue to support FFA Chapters over the next two years as Lilly continues to support organizations with leadership development activities, outdoor events, and team-building.
- **BRP** donated not one but two of their Can-Am Defenders to the Leadership Center. This made operations run smoothly at the FFA Center for double the time they had anticipated letting us use them. We regrettably had to say goodbye to them this summer.
- **Johnson County REMC** volunteered countless days at the Leadership Center doing a variety of work including cleaning, grounds, and building maintenance.
- **Premier Companies** and **Country Mark** donated all the fuel used for mowing and grounds maintenance.
- **Irish Brothers Pest Control** for spraying all buildings.
- **Smithfield Foods, Inc.** for donation of meat for conferences.
- **Duke Energy** awarded us a grant to start putting stone down to line the lagoon for ease of maintenance.
- **Johnson County REMC** awarded us a grant to change our lights in our parade field with LEDs making them more energy efficient and able to light up center like never before!
- **East Central FFA** donated a number of wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels after helping spread mulch at the Fellowship Center.
- **T&W** was hired to manage the development of the new cabin! With ground breaking rapidly approaching keep us in your thoughts as we embark on this new venture.

In addition to all the above support, several FFA chapters volunteered their time doing work on the buildings and grounds. The Indiana FFA Foundation and Leadership Center are thankful for the outpouring of support from chapters and community partners. If you are interested in helping the [Indiana FFA Leadership Center](https://www.indianaffa.org/) with an in-kind gift or volunteer help, please email [clientrelations@inffa.org](mailto:clientrelations@inffa.org).

## *Welcome Adam Sweet as Director of the Indiana FFA Leadership Center*



We're thrilled to welcome Adam Sweet as our new Director! A former member of the Southwestern FFA Chapter and an Indiana Army National Guard veteran, Adam brings both a deep connection to FFA and a strong background in leadership. His experience leading teams and managing projects aligns perfectly with the mission of the Leadership Center. Adam is excited to bring his skills and passion for service back to the FFA community. Please join us in welcoming him to the Indiana FFA Leadership Center!



Pictured is the 2023-24 Indiana FFA State Officer Team at the beautiful Indiana FFA Leadership Center!

To see more of the Center or to find out how to book your stay, visit [leadershipcenter.inffa.org](https://leadershipcenter.inffa.org).



# INDIANA FFA CONFERENCES

Indiana FFA uniquely provides leadership development conferences for its members multiple times throughout the year. During conferences, students are able to network with other members across the state and develop their leadership skills through hands-on learning with curriculum developed and facilitated by the Indiana FFA State Officers.

## *2023 Top Leaders*

*Sponsored by Mark & Ann Timm & Family*

### **SOAR 1**

Natalie Carter, Franklin  
Jackson Brown, Whiteland  
Baron Riley, Crothersville  
Conner Allbritten, Rensselaer

### **SOAR 2**

Haley Stahl, Rushville  
Dakota Taulbee, Prairie Heights  
Jaylynn Goodwin, Southridge  
Ella Schneider, Tri-County

### **FIRE 1**

Landon Peterson, South Knox  
Preston Whetzel, Prairie Heights  
Ally Heidrich, Owen Valley  
Makaylah Phillips, Rushville

### **FIRE 2**

Kendrick Crowder, Hope  
Garrett Boilin, Indian Creek  
Marshall Frye, Hamilton Heights  
Calvin Meyers, Bloomfield



*Thank you to our conference sponsors!*

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT WINNERS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
<b>Agribusiness Management</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>Beacon Ag Group</b>
Agricultural Communications	Hamilton Southeastern	Purdue University, ASEC
<b>Agricultural Education</b>	<b>Whitko</b>	<b>Purdue University, ASEC</b>
Agriculture Mechanics	Dekalb	Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette
<b>Agriculture Sales</b>	<b>Columbia City</b>	<b>Reynolds Farm Equipment</b>
Crops Evaluation	Southmont	AgReliant Genetics
<b>Dairy Evaluation</b>	<b>Central Noble</b>	<b>Foremost Farms &amp; IN FFA Foundation</b>
Entomology	Mt. Vernon @ Mt. Vernon	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Floriculture</b>	<b>Southmont</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Food Science	Tri-County	Farbest Farms Inc.
<b>Forestry</b>	<b>Rossville</b>	<b>Cole Hardwood Inc.</b>
Horse and Pony Evaluation	Huntington North	Indiana Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders
<b>Horticulture</b>	<b>Carroll @ Ft. Wayne</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Livestock Evaluation	Churubusco	Indiana State Fair Foundation
<b>Livestock Skill-A-Thon</b>	<b>Riverton Parke</b>	<b>Indiana State Fair Foundation</b>
Marketing	Westfield	ADM
<b>Meats Evaluation</b>	<b>Indian Creek</b>	<b>Indiana Packers Corporation</b>
Milk Quality and Products	Whiteland	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Nursery Landcape</b>	<b>East Central</b>	<b>Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association</b>
Poultry Evaluation	North Miami	IN Turkey Marketing Development Council & Indiana State Poultry Association
<b>Pratical Forestry</b>	<b>Manchester</b>	<b>Indiana Hardwood Lumberman's Assc. Inc.</b>
Small Engines	Eastbrook	Universal Technical Institute
<b>Soils Evaluation</b>	<b>North Miami</b>	<b>Indiana Association of SWCD</b>
Unified Horticulture	Connersville	Indian Creek FFA & Connersville FFA
<b>Vet Science</b>	<b>Columbia City</b>	<b>Labcorp &amp; Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Welding - Top Advanced Team	Fountain Central	Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette
<b>Welding - Top Beginning Team</b>	<b>Fountain Central</b>	<b>Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette</b>
Wildlife Habitat	South Putnam	Indiana FFA Foundation

# AGRISCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Member(s)</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
<b>Animal Systems Division 1</b>	<b>Marcus Ricken (Mt. Vernon @Mt. Vernon)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Animal Systems Division 2	Ada Schulenburg & Rylan Cain (Tipton)	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Animal Systems Division 3</b>	<b>Jessa Wagner (North Decatur)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Animal Systems Division 4	Stiles Stauch & Garrett Hutcheson (South Putnam)	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Animal Systems Division 5</b>	<b>Lauren Pickett (Westfield)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Animal Systems Division 6	Logen Brand & Isaac Schweitzer (DeKalb)	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Environmental &amp; Natural Resources Division 3</b>	<b>Chance Keeton (Rushville)</b>	<b>Sauerheber Soil Consulting</b>
Environmental & Natural Resources Division 5	Cord Akey (DeKalb)	Sauerheber Soil Consulting
<b>Environmental &amp; Natural Resources Division 6</b>	<b>Joscelyn Pilcher &amp; Alexa Newby (South Putnam)</b>	<b>Sauerheber Soil Consulting</b>
Food Products & Processing Systems Division 1	Cora Nobbe (Connersville)	Smithfield Foods
<b>Food Products &amp; Processing Systems Division 3</b>	<b>Jenna Fox (Beech Grove)</b>	<b>Smithfield Foods</b>
Food Products & Processing Systems Division 4	Jaela Messina & Jeanin Sharp (Lanesville)	Smithfield Foods
<b>Food Products &amp; Processing Systems Division 5</b>	<b>Jenna Lawler (Rushville)</b>	<b>Smithfield Foods</b>
Food Products & Processing Systems Division 6	Abigail Lulujk & Alyssa Pazdernik (Westfield)	Smithfield Foods
<b>Plant Systems Division 1</b>	<b>Isaac Hefty (DeKalb)</b>	<b>Smithfield Foods</b>
Plant Systems Division 2	Charles Brubaker & Brady Snyder (Oak Farm Montessori)	Smithfield Foods
<b>Plant Systems Division 3</b>	<b>Luke Lopez (Beech Grove)</b>	<b>Smithfield Foods</b>
Plant Systems Division 4	Stone Stauch & Jasmine Guzman (South Putnam)	Smithfield Foods
<b>Plant Systems Division 5</b>	<b>Emma Woodall (South Putnam)</b>	<b>Smithfield Foods</b>
Plant Systems Division 6	Joslyn Bumgardner & Nevaeh Ellis (South Putnam)	Smithfield Foods
<b>Power, Structural &amp; Technical Systems Division 2</b>	<b>Lucas Hall &amp; Lane Martin (South Putnam)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Power, Structural & Technical Systems Division 4	Case Williams&Kyra Armstrong (Tri-County)	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Power, Structural &amp; Technical Systems Division 5</b>	<b>Matthias Hefty (DeKalb)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Power, Structural & Technical Systems Division 6	Caroline Hodge & Aiden Beadles (South Putnam)	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Social Systems Division 1</b>	<b>Claire Larson (Lebanon)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Social Systems Division 2	Kaylie Cooley & Ella Schneider (Tri-County)	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Social Systems Division 3</b>	<b>Derek Hale (Oak Farm Montessori)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Social Systems Division 4	Makaylah Phillips & Ashley Hubbard (Rushville)	Indiana FFA Foundation
<b>Social Systems Division 5</b>	<b>Lauren Argotte (Lebanon)</b>	<b>Indiana FFA Foundation</b>
Social Systems Division 6	Roman Hlte & Lainie McAlister (Switzerland County)	Indiana FFA Foundation

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT WINNERS

Event	Chapter	Sponsor
Agricultural Issues Forum	Shenandoah	GreenMark Equipment, Inc.
Agriculture Sales	Jenna Bushong (Southmont)	Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette
Ag & Farm Business Mgmt Demo	Amy & Ally Brown (Whitko)	CF Industries
Ag Mechanics & Technology Demo	Sydney Williams & Willie Almeda (North Putnam)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Animal Science Demonstration	Aubrey Rothenbuhler (Central Noble)	Indiana Pork
Novice Chapter Meeting	Indian Creek	CHS Foundation
Chapter Meeting	Caston	The Ag Lime Council of IN & IN FFA Foundation
Discovery Agricultural Issues Forum	Lebanon	Vivayic & Ingredion
Discovery Animal Science Demo	Jayden Patton & Maggie Williamson (Hagerstown)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Degree Creed Speaking	Natalia Gajewski (North Putnam)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Degree Quiz Bowl	Manchester	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Extemp. Public Speaking	Trimm Anderson (Rushville)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Food Science Demo	Brielle Fruechte & Bree Kohlhagen (Adams Central)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Horticulture Demo	Marysa Stroud & Ella Peden (Manchester)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Plant, Soil & Enviromental Demonstration	Lily Hopf & Makaila Koontz (Central Noble)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Prepared Public Speaking	Madilynn Martin (Adams Central)	Syngenta
Employment Skills	Brock Hurley (Rensselaer)	Bane-Welker Equipment
Exhibit	Eastside	Indiana FFA Foundation
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Jenna Lawler (Rushville)	AgReliant Genetics & Indiana FFA Foundation
Food Science Demonstration	Cameron Gibson & Lilly Werner (Danville)	Indiana Packers Corporation
Freshman Creed Speaking	Jack Kelsay (Whiteland)	Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
Freshman Extemp. Public Speaking	Cash Rumple (Adams Central)	Nutrien Ag Solutions
Freshman Public Speaking	Keegan Naragon (DeKalb)	CHS Foundation
Horticulture & Landscape Management Demonstration	Janellyn Fisher & Jamieson Roberts (Tri-West)	Indiana FFA Foundation

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT WINNERS

Event	Chapter	Sponsor
Multimedia Scrapbook	Hamilton Southeastern	Indiana FFA Foundation
Traditional Scrapbook	Manchester	Indiana FFA Foundation
Natural Resources Demonstration	Emma Brown (Eastside)	Suburban Propane
Persuasive Essay	Seirra Kelly (Cloverdale)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Plant & Soil Science Demonstration	Kohen Schripper & Carle Sroufe (Whitko)	Dan and Jennifer Maruszewski & Indiana FFA Foundation
Premier Leadership	Stephanie Berenda (South Newton)	Eric and Jennifer Steiner Family
Prepared Public Speaking	Kaitlyn Maruszewski (Tri-Central)	Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. & IN FFA Foundation
Quiz Bowl	Morristown	Indiana FFA Foundation



PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

Category	Member/Chapter	Sponsor
Agricultural Communications	Emily Grant (Eastern Hancock)	Walton Webcasting & Indiana FFA Foundation
Agricultural Education	Cian Cribbs (Whiteland)	Scott County Farm Bureau
Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication	Jonathon Terhaar (Hagerstown)	Redline Equipment
Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance - Entrepreneurship	Grant Lake (Central Noble)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance - Placement	Collin Sutton (Shenandoah)	Shirk's International
Agricultural Processing	Luke Schilling (Eastern Hancock)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship	Alexa Newby (South Putnam)	CF Industries
Agricultural Sales - Placement	Ronni Kate Gibson (Owen Valley)	Jeff Lehman Family
Ag Services	Isaac Schaller (Culver)	Reynolds Farm Equipment
Agriscience Research - Animal Systems	Keira Lortie (Wawasee)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems	Blaine Wagner (North Decatur)	Indiana Crop Improvement Association
Agriscience Research - Plant Systems	Olivia Rigby (DeKalb)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Kori Craig (Hagerstown)	Red Gate Farms
Beef Production - Placement	Chase Harker (Hope)	Red Gate Farms
Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship	Logen Brand (DeKalb)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Dairy Production - Placement	Kimberly Dirksen (Randolph Central)	American Dairy Association Indiana Inc.
Diversified Agricultural Production	Calvin Wildermuth (North Miami)	Ingredion & Mark and Wyatt Law
Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship	Joe Widmer (Benton Central)	ADM
Diversified Crop Production Placement	Jacob Wattenbarger (Shenandoah)	CF Industries
Diversified Horticulture	Cale Collier (Switzerland County)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Diversified Livestock Production	Brody Polesel (Whiteland)	KENT
Environmental Science and Natural Resources	Alec Bossaer (Attica)	Sauerheber Soil Consulting
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Anna Minich (South Central)	Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association & Indiana FFA Foundation
Equine Science - Placement	Jenna Bushong (Southmont)	Indiana FFA Foundation

Category	Member/Chapter	Sponsor
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Riley Kling (North Miami)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Forage Production	Ethan Bright (Argos)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Forest Management and Products	Isaac Schweitzer (DeKalb)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Fruit Production	Cortney Huffman (Rossville)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Goat Production	Mitchel Lemon (Central Noble)	Lowe's Pellets & Grain, Inc.
Grain Production	Micah Rhoads (Shenandoah)	Kokomo Grain & Indiana FFA Foundation
Landscape Management	Kylee Reeves (Southmont)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Nursery Operations	Kaitlyn Maruszewski (Tri-Central)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Outdoor Recreation	Josie Kelsay (Whiteland)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Poultry Production	Taylor Blackgrove (Northeast Dubois)	Hy-Line International
Service-Learning	Lauryn Merritt (Maconaquah)	Indiana Electric Cooperatives
Sheep Production	Raynie Schnell (Northeast Dubois)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Small Animal Production & Care	Chaynee Tennant (Manchester)	Dean Warren
Specialty Animal Production	Cassidy Riddle (Plymouth)	Anthony Heavin MD and Karen Nelson & Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette
Speciality Crop Production	Cailey Markley (Argos)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Swine Production - Entrepreneurship	Cale Williams (Terre Haute South)	United Animal Health
Swine Production - Placement	Shayla Sander (Northeaste Dubois)	United Animal Health
Turf Grass Management	Miller Garrett (Rossville)	Reynolds Farm Equipment
Vegetable Production	Whitney Smith (Cascade)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Veterinary Science	Sydney Pryor (Whiteland)	Indiana FFA Foundation
Wildlife Production and Management	Logan Strauser (White River Valley)	Halderman Farm Management



# LIVING TO SERVE

## Safety

Sponsored by: Corteva  
Agriscience

- 1. Whiteland FFA
- 2. North Montgomery FFA
- 3. Connersville FFA
- 4. Owen Valley FFA

## Community

Sponsored by: CHS  
Foundation and Keystone  
Cooperative

- 1. Seymour FFA
- 2. Tri-County FFA
- 3. North Montgomery FFA
- 4. Tipton FFA

## Lifestyle

Sponsored by: CHS  
Foundation and Keystone  
Cooperative

- 1. Indian Creek FFA
- 2. Tipton FFA
- 3. Tri-County FFA
- 4. Owen Valley FFA

# BRIDGING HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

Bridging Horizons provides a community-oriented service experience that gives groups the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have gained and make a positive impact by helping community members overcome physical barriers.

Congratulations to the East Central FFA Chapter who will receive a \$500 cash prize and a certificate for constructing four accessible raised garden beds for the Southeast Indiana Community Gardens. The raised garden beds will be placed at assisted living centers, Community Mental Health Center, Central Elementary School, Batesville Intermediate School and the YES Home for abused, neglected and abandoned youth. The FFA Chapter will be applying for additional grants to continue construction of accessible raised garden beds for distribution to organizations in the county. Congratulations!



# MODELS OF INNOVATION

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## Building Communities

- 1. Lewis Cass FFA
- 2. Whiteland FFA
- 3. Eastside FFA
- 4. Southmont FFA

## Strengthening Agriculture

- 1. Lewis Cass FFA
- 2. Shenandoah FFA
- 3. Southmont FFA
- 4. Owen Valley FFA

## Growing Leaders

- 1. Shenandoah FFA
- 2. Prairie Heights FFA
- 3. Owen Valley FFA
- 4. South Putnam FFA



# 2023 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

## CDE RESULTS

### Gold Ranked

**Agricultural Sales**  
Westfield FFA  
**Conduct of Chapter Meetings**  
North Putnam FFA  
**Dairy Cattle Handlers' Activity**  
Madison Engleking - Eastern Hancock FFA  
**Employment Skills**  
Aaliyah Carlisle - Lebanon FFA  
**Farm and Agribusiness Management**  
DeKalb FFA\*

\*National Winner

### Silver Ranked

**Agricultural Communications**  
Lebanon FFA  
**Agronomy**  
Fountain Central FFA  
**Creed Speaking**  
Karaline Schuman - Columbia City FFA  
**Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management**  
John Glenn FFA  
**Food Science and Technology**  
DeKalb FFA  
**Marketing Plan**  
Hamilton Southeastern FFA  
**Milk Quality and Products**  
Argos FFA  
**Parliamentary Procedure**  
Rushville FFA  
**Poultry Evaluation**  
Bellmont FFA

### Bronze Ranked

**Agricultural Issues Forum**  
Shenandoah FFA  
**Agricultural Tech & Mech Systems**  
Blue River Valley FFA  
**Environmental and Natural Resources**  
East Central FFA  
**Extemporaneous Public Speaking**  
Sarah Francis - Sullivan FFA  
**Forestry**  
DeKalb FFA  
**Horse Evaluation**  
Rossville FFA  
**Meats Evaluation and Technology**  
Whitko FFA  
**Nursery/Landscape**  
East Central FFA  
**Prepared Public Speaking**  
Lindsey Gilbert - Adams Central FFA  
**Veterinary Science**  
Blue River Valley FFA



# 2023 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

## PROFICIENCY RESULTS

### *National Finalists*

**Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication**  
Hunter Hendricks - Indiana Ag & Tech FFA

**Beef Production - Entrepreneurship**  
Jayden Simpson - North Putnam FFA

**Equine Science - Placement**  
Audrey Hostrawster - Hamilton Southeastern FFA

**Outdoor Recreation**  
Kat Walker - Prairie Heights FFA

**Agriscience Research - Animal Systems**  
Stella Dearing - Blue River Valley FFA

**Diversified Crop Production - Placement**  
James Searcy - Cascade FFA

**Nursery Operations**  
Isaac Pohl - Gibson Southern FFA

**Turf Grass Management**  
Dawson Woerner - Shenandoah FFA



## PROFICIENCY RESULTS

### *Gold Ranked*

**Agricultural Communications**  
Olivia Rigby - Dekalb FFA  
**Agricultural Education**  
Gabbi Simonson - North Putnam FFA  
**Agricultura Mechanics Repair & Maintenance - Placement**  
Micah Rhoads - Shenandoah FFA  
**Agricultural Services**  
Abigaile Wolfe - Indiana Ag & Tech FFA  
**Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems**  
Reagan Koester - North Posey FFA  
**Diversified Horticulture**  
Blake Belter - Batesville FFA  
**Equine Science - Entrepreneurship**  
Sidnee Mason - Indiana Ag & Tech FFA  
**Grain Production**  
Jacob Wattenbarger - Shenandoah FFA  
**Landscape Management**  
Madison Newby - South Putnam FFA  
**Sheep Production**  
Seth Ariens - North Putnam FFA  
**Specialty Crop Production**  
Layke Bannwart - LaPorte FFA  
**Veterinary Science**  
Caylee James - Prairie Heights FFA

### *Silver Ranked*

**Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance - Entrepreneurship**  
Cole McCloskey - Lewis Cass FFA  
**Agricultural Processing**  
Vann Rose - Gibson Southern FFA  
**Beef Production - Placement**  
Josey Day - Shenandoah FFA  
**Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship**  
Sophia Bollenbacher - Argos FFA  
**Diversified Livestock**  
Kenzie Slough - Shakamak FFA  
**Fiber and Oil Crop Production**  
Logan Kollman - Tri-County FFA  
**Forest Management and Products**  
Conner Keeslar - Prairie Heights FFA  
**Fruit Production**  
Cecelia Dawn - Seeger FFA  
**Goat Production**  
Bailey Blacker - Rossville FFA  
**Poultry Production**  
Delaney Farmer - South Newton FFA  
**Service Learning**  
Jackson Qualkenbush - Blue River Valley FFA  
**Small Animal Production and Care**  
Christina Caldwell - Connersville FFA  
**Goat Production**  
Bailey Blacker - Rossville FFA  
**Specialty Animal Production**  
Brynn Pershing - Sullivan FFA  
**Swine Production - Entrepreneurship**  
Libby Haab - Wawasee FFA  
**Swine Production - Placement**  
Gracie Green - Hope FFA  
**Wildlife Production**  
Courtney Higgins - Switzerland County FFA

### *Bronze Ranked*

**Ag Sales Placement**  
Mylie Rexing - Gibson Southern FFA  
**Agricultural Tech & Mech Systems**  
Blue River Valley FFA  
**Diversified Agricultural Production**  
Keenan Appleton - Lewis Cass FFA  
**Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship**  
Lucas Lyons - Jay County FFA  
**Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management**  
Caidence Melver - Shelbyville Central FFA  
**Vegetable Production**  
Levi Brush - Southmont FFA

# 2023 AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Daniel Adams**  
Fountain Central FFA  
**Luke Adams**  
Fountain Central FFA  
**Amber Allyn**  
Mount Vernon FFA  
**Seth Ariens**  
North Putnam FFA  
**Mason Armstrong**  
West Washington FFA  
**Nathan Baima**  
LaPorte FFA  
**Levi Austin Baker**  
Switzerland County FFA  
**Lindi Barksdale**  
West Washington FFA  
**Emma Bayless**  
North Putnam FFA  
**Myra Berning**  
Heritage FFA  
**Sam Bieghler**  
Delphi FFA  
**Maggie Bluhm**  
Adams Central FFA  
**Emma Brames**  
Heritage FFA  
**Kelsey Braun**  
Jay County FFA  
**Elizabeth Brown**  
Manchester FFA  
**Carly Buckley**  
Rushville FFA  
**Larissa Butler**  
Clinton Prairie FFA  
**Jackson Cathey**  
North Decatur FFA  
**Emma Chenoweth**  
Jay County FFA  
**Schelby Clothier**  
Frontier FFA  
**Isabelle Jo Clouse**  
Danville FFA  
**Lane Cochran**  
Tri-County FFA  
**Grant Comer**  
Scottsburg FFA  
**Jason Cooper**  
Eastbrook FFA

**Shayla Crawford**  
Connersville FFA  
**Verania Del Real**  
Tri-County FFA  
**Kimberly Dirksen**  
Randolph Central FFA  
**Elizabeth Dollar**  
Jay County FFA  
**Anna Douglas**  
Tri-County FFA  
**Olivia Durcholz**  
Southridge FFA  
**Cameron Eckstein**  
Jasper FFA  
**Jason Emsweller**  
Batesville FFA  
**Handley Everman**  
North Putnam FFA  
**Kylie Farris**  
Pioneer FFA  
**Logan Faussett**  
South Newton FFA  
**Gracie Fisher**  
Hamilton Southeastern FFA  
**Lauren Fry**  
Danville FFA  
**Christopher Gauck**  
North Decatur FFA  
**Avery Gibson**  
Blue River Valley FFA  
**Olivia Giesecking**  
Whiteland FFA  
**Bryan Girod**  
Adams Central FFA  
**Jacie Graber**  
North Daviess FFA  
**Cassandra Guffey**  
Jay County FFA  
**Abigail Hantz**  
Prairie Heights FFA  
**Will Harman**  
Benton Central FFA  
**Lauren Harris**  
Randolph Central FFA  
**Lillian Haywood**  
Warsaw FFA  
**Jorja Hazelwood**  
Madison FFA

**Katelyn Hedge**  
South Knox FFA  
**Alex Hokey**  
Western Wayne FFA  
**Joshua Honnert**  
Batesville FFA  
**Amelia Johnson**  
Prairie Heights FFA  
**Caleb Johnson**  
Carroll FFA  
**Mary Jones**  
Adams Central FFA  
**Morgan Justice**  
Carroll @ Flora FFA  
**Jaydon Kauffman**  
Frontier FFA  
**Collin Keeslar**  
Prairie Heights FFA  
**Garrett Keller**  
Heritage Hills FFA  
**Jenna Kelsay**  
Whiteland FFA  
**Ryan Kihlstrum**  
Eastern Hancock FFA  
**Noah Kincaid**  
Sullivan FFA  
**Alex Kindig**  
South Newton FFA  
**Jolie Klimczak**  
South Central FFA  
**Kelsey Kohlhagen**  
Rensselaer FFA  
**Eli Kuhlmeier**  
Danville FFA  
**Brant Kunz**  
Whiteland FFA  
**Bailey Kyle**  
Tri-County FFA  
**Kelsey Lang**  
Mount Vernon FFA  
**Micah Lawless**  
Delphi FFA  
**Gracie Lee**  
Monroe Central FFA  
**Zoe Mann**  
Rushville FFA  
**Colton Marlin**  
Whiteland FFA

**Kylee Marlin**  
Whiteland FFA  
**Logan Maurer**  
Gibson Southern FFA  
**Jaden Maze**  
Western Boone FFA  
**Christian Mehne**  
Jasper FFA  
**Lindy Mercer**  
Jay County FFA  
**Alexandra Merritt**  
Maconaquah FFA  
**Jackson Metz**  
North Harrison FFA  
**Skyler Michel**  
Manchester FFA  
**Alexus Morris**  
Seymour FFA  
**Shayna Morris**  
Western Wayne FFA  
**Jacqueline Mudd**  
Adams Central FFA  
**Hannah Muhlenkamp**  
Jay County FFA  
**Carlee Musser**  
Benton Central FFA  
**Adam Newkirk**  
Seymour FFA  
**James Nichols**  
Southmont FFA  
**Rebecca Notestine**  
Prairie Heights FFA  
**Whitley O'Neal**  
Owen Valley FFA  
**Ashlynn Oliger**  
Hagerstown FFA  
**Kassidy Oliger**  
Hagerstown FFA  
**Austin Orem**  
Clinton Central FFA  
**Angelina Ostermyer**  
Greenfield Central FFA  
**Derek Overman**  
Greenfield Central FFA  
**Cale Parson**  
Manchester FFA  
**Anna Phillips**  
Heritage Hills FFA

**Audrey Piel**  
Norht Miami FFA  
**Ivy Powell**  
Triton FFA  
**Lilly Pryor**  
Whiteland FFA  
**Beau Rasche**  
Forest Park FFA  
**Jordan Remsburg**  
North Daviess FFA  
**Faith Resler**  
Churubusco FFA  
**Connor Roberson**  
Delphi FFA  
**Jordan Rocke**  
South Central FFA  
**Michelle Rodkey**  
Rossville FFA  
**Delanie Russell**  
Western Wayne FFA  
**Eli Sammons**  
South Newton FFA  
**Jessie Saunders**  
Corydon Central FFA  
**Lucas Scherer**  
Tri-County FFA  
**Leah Schneider**  
Tri-County FFA  
**Corbyn Schnell**  
Northeast Dubois FFA  
**Adrian Schouten**  
Culver FFA  
**Gracen Schwabe**  
North Montgomery FFA  
**Hannah Schwenk**  
Jasper FFA  
**Erin Scott**  
Delphi FFA  
**Logan Shanley**  
South Newton FFA  
**Brant Sheldon**  
North Putnam FFA  
**Jayden Simpson**  
North Putnam FFA  
**Ameya Sims**  
Cascade FFA  
**Ruby Slentz**  
Blackford FFA

**Kody Slough**  
Shakamak FFA  
**Harm Smith**  
Clinton Central FFA  
**Brent Sorrell**  
Greenfield Central FFA  
**Gabriel Spear**  
Rossville FFA  
**Jonathon Starke**  
Rushville FFA  
**Jason Steiner**  
Southern Wells FFA  
**Guy Thomas Stephan**  
Manchester FFA  
**Wyatt Street**  
Jasper FFA  
**Abigail Stuckwisch**  
Brownstown Central FFA  
**Anthony Taylor**  
Warsaw FFA  
**Karie Taylor**  
Rossville FFA  
**Katie Taylor**  
Rossville FFA  
**Jessika Thomas**  
South Ripley FFA  
**Wyleigh Thomas**  
North Putnam FFA  
**Rowan Isabel Tinker**  
Eastside FFA  
**Hailey Uerkwitz**  
Rossville FFA  
**Noah Vanderwall**  
Rossville FFA  
**Abbey Walker**  
Rossville FFA  
**Taylor Walker**  
Jay County FFA  
**Willa Wamsley**  
Tri-County FFA  
**Alania Weaver**  
North Miami FFA  
**Trace Weidenbenner**  
Jasper FFA  
**Owen Weisman**  
Jasper FFA  
**Jason Welp**  
Forest Park FFA

**Adam Weyer**  
Forest Park FFA  
**Dylan Weyer**  
Forest Park FFA  
**Harrison Wicker**  
Rushville FFA  
**Erin Williams**  
Southmont FFA  
**Keegan Williams**  
Indiana Ag & Tech FFA  
**Kathryn Willoughby**  
McCutcheon FFA  
**Colton Winberg**  
Delphi FFA  
**Sheila Winger**  
Manchester FFA  
**Grant Woodruff**  
North Daviess FFA  
**Emma Wright**  
Northeastern-Wayne FFA  
**Braden Young**  
Hope FFA  
**Colin Young**  
Frontier FFA  
**Jacob Zeigler**  
Pioneer FFA



# Premier Companies Elevates Support for Indiana FFA with Grants and Scholarships

Premier Companies is making a significant impact on the Indiana FFA community through its chapter grant opportunity, designed to support FFA programs within its trade territories. With 62 out of 228 FFA chapters located in the Premier Companies footprint, the grants will directly address local needs, including funding for conference and convention costs, chapter banquet expenses, career and leadership development events, and assistance with dues and official FFA apparel for students who may face financial barriers. This initiative not only strengthens local chapters but also fosters the growth of agricultural education throughout the region.

In addition to the grant program, Premier Companies is actively engaged in supporting the Indiana FFA Convention, which features six general sessions, state career and leadership development events, and various workshops that benefit over 3,000 FFA members each year. As a Diamond-level partner, Premier supported opportunities for visibility and engagement through support of the 3rd General Session. Moreover, Premier is proud to sponsor the FIRE Conference, a rigorous program focused on equipping FFA members with essential leadership skills and encouraging self-evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses. Through these efforts, Premier Companies demonstrates its commitment to empowering the next generation of agricultural leaders and supporting the mission of Indiana FFA.



*The 2023-2024 Officer Team during their visit with Premier Companies.*

# NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD

*Sponsored by: ADM and Purdue University College of Agriculture*

## *Big 10*

Carroll @ Flora  
Connersville  
Eastside  
Lewis Cass  
Owen Valley  
Prairie Heights  
Randolph Central  
Shenandoah  
Southmont  
Whiteland

## *Gold Emblem*

Central Noble  
Crothersville  
Eastern Hancock  
Gibson Southern  
Hamilton Heights  
Hamilton Southeastern  
Hope  
Manchester  
North Montgomery  
Rensselaer Central  
Rossville  
South Putnam  
Sullivan

## *Silver Emblem*

Cascade  
DeKalb  
Delphi  
Forest Park  
Madison  
Oak Farm Montessori  
Scottsburg  
South Central  
South Knox  
South Newton  
Southern Wells  
Tipton  
Tri- County

## *Superior Chapters*

Argos  
Blue River Valley  
Carroll @ Flora  
Cascade  
Central Noble  
Columbus  
Connersville  
Crothersville  
DeKalb  
Delphi  
Eastern Hancock  
Eastside  
Fairfield  
Forest Park

Gibson Southern  
Hamilton Heights  
Hamilton Southeastern  
Hoosier Hills Career Center  
Hope  
Indian Creek  
Jasper  
Lanesville  
Lewis Case  
Maconaquah  
Madison  
Manchester  
Monrovia  
North Daviess



*Indiana FFA is*  
**LIVING TO SERVE**

# 2023-24 INDIANA FFA EVENTS

## *Indiana and Illinois FFA Partner with Titan Tire at the 2023 Farm Progress Show*

The Indiana and Illinois FFA organizations partnered with Titan Tire at the 2023 Farm Progress Show, held from August 29-31 in Decatur, Illinois, in a joint effort to raise support for FFA programs in both states. This collaboration highlighted the shared commitment to fostering agricultural education and leadership among young people while strengthening relationships with key industry partners.

One of the standout attractions at the Titan Tire exhibit was the Big Bud tractor, a popular photo opportunity for attendees. The massive tractor drew crowds eager to capture memories at the show, with FFA members helping to create an engaging and interactive experience.

In addition to the photo area, Indiana and Illinois FFA state officers were actively involved at the Titan Tire tents, distributing commemorative Big Bud t-shirts to show-goers in exchange for donations. The funds raised supported FFA programs and allowed the officers to engage directly with visitors, sharing the mission of FFA and the importance of agricultural education.

The officers also spent time interacting with families and young attendees, handing out coloring books and other giveaways. Their involvement helped make the event family-friendly and introduced younger generations to the world of agriculture in a fun and accessible way.

Beyond their fundraising efforts, FFA officers also assisted the Farm Fit Training Team, which led youth fitness challenges throughout the event. By participating in these activities, children were able to learn about the importance of fitness while gaining a deeper understanding of how health and agriculture are interconnected.

Another key component of the Farm Progress Show was the daily 30-minute FFA spotlight panel, hosted by Rod Stoll of Farm Credit Illinois. These panels featured two FFA state officers from Indiana or Illinois, who shared their experiences in leadership, agricultural education, and service. The panels gave attendees insight into the personal journeys of these young leaders and underscored the vital role that FFA plays in their development.

In addition to the panels, Farm Credit Illinois organized daily 30-minute FFA member huddles. During these sessions, Indiana and Illinois state officers answered questions about their time in office, leadership development, career planning, and current agricultural issues. These discussions provided a platform for FFA members to reflect on their experiences while inspiring younger members to consider future careers in agriculture.

The 2023 Farm Progress Show was a success for the Indiana and Illinois FFA organizations. Through their collaboration with Titan Tire, FFA officers were able to raise funds, build valuable partnerships, and engage with attendees.



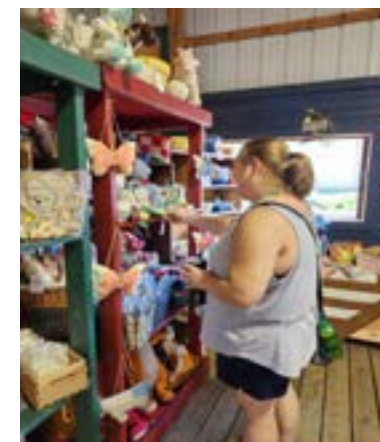
## *2023 Indiana FFA Country Market achieves Record-Breaking Gross Sales of \$175,359.56*

Our 23rd annual Country Market took place at the Indiana FFA Pavilion during the Indiana State Fair. With over 50 vendors showcasing agricultural products from Indiana, fair attendees had the opportunity to explore a diverse market. **Thanks to the generous support of Bane-Welker Equipment**, we featured a selection of Case IH toys for purchase, delighting customers seeking collectibles.

Associates from the Indiana FFA Country Market engaged with consumers, highlighting products made from corn-based materials in our milkshake area, fostering awareness of the contributions of Indiana corn farmers. This successful collaboration with the Indiana Corn Marketing Council underscored the market's role in promoting local products. Vendors seized the chance to showcase their handcrafted items and culinary delights, leveraging the market as a launchpad for new ventures. The involvement of FFA students not only enriched their skills in marketing, public engagement, and volunteer management but also contributed to the market's success. This year, FFA volunteers received sales training from Jennifer Maruszewski of FMC, earning a Certificate in Sales upon completion.

Proceeds from the market not only fund scholarships but also support Indiana FFA leadership programs that occur year round. With the assistance of 30 FFA members and numerous alumni volunteers, including staff from National FFA, the County Market operated seamlessly, offering visitors a memorable experience at the Indiana State Fair. From learning about Indiana agriculture to enjoying a snack and purchasing FFA merchandise, the market provided a one-stop destination for fair attendees.

**The 2023 market achieved record-breaking gross sales of over \$175,359.56, reflecting its growing popularity and impact.**



## *Past State Officer Telethon raises \$22,726.06*

Thank you to the Past State Officers who pledged funds to the Indiana FFA Foundation! A total of \$22,726.06 was raised during the Past State Officer Telethon. Your service to our organization did not end with your officer year, and we appreciate your commitment to Indiana FFA!

# 2023-24 INDIANA FFA EVENTS

## *Retired Ag Teacher Luncheon*

The Indiana FFA Foundation, Leadership Center and Association is always ecstatic to welcome back a great group of leaders during the holidays to say thank you for their years of service. We celebrate their dedication to agricultural education by providing a lunch and entertainment. This year, we hosted teachers, spouses, officers, staff and guests. This group has a combined 719 years of experience.

Indiana FFA is blessed with their legacy and foundation of educators.



# 719

## COMBINED YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

*of this year's retired ag teacher luncheon  
attendees.*

## *Fort Wayne Farm Show Benefit Auction raises* **\$21,758**

The annual Ft. Wayne Farm Show Benefit Auction, **supported by Indiana AgriNews and Tradexpos, Inc.**, is a cornerstone event for the Indiana FFA. This year, the auction raised an impressive \$21,758, thanks to the generosity of area businesses and trade show exhibitors who donated items such as seed, feed, chemicals, and equipment. **Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company** facilitated the auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Indiana FFA Foundation. This Farm Show draws a large crowd of farmers and agribusiness leaders from Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan, and Northwestern Ohio, underscoring the broad support for agricultural education and youth development. We extend our gratitude to all our partners for their contributions to these highly successful events.

In addition to supporting the Indiana FFA, the auction featured a special item benefiting **The Travis Burkhardt Foundation**, which helps individuals in need, inspired by the Burkhardt family's own experiences following Travis' recovery from a life-changing auto accident. The event's success highlights the generosity and unity of the agricultural community in supporting both FFA initiatives and families in need.



*Special thanks to the support of Indiana  
AgriNews, Schrader Real Estate and Auction  
Company and Tradeexpos, Inc.*



# 2023-24 INDIANA FFA EVENTS

## *2024 Indiana FFA Advocacy Day*

As part of their 2024 National Ag Day celebration, 103 FFA members representing 14 different FFA Chapters across the state convened in Indianapolis for Advocacy Day. Each year, Indiana FFA, in partnership with Indiana Farm Bureau, hosts an advocacy day for student members to not only visit our state's capital, but to also learn the vital skills to be a lifelong agricultural advocate.

Following a morning of training and education, members put their skills into action during small group meetings with their state legislators. This year, the group was excited to hear remarks from Representative Michael Aylesworth, Indiana Farm Bureau Executive Director of Education and Engagement Chelsea Poe, US Industry Affairs leader for Corteva Agriscience Matthew Rekoweg, Tony Harl of the Commission of Higher Education and staff of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.



## *2024 Golden Owl Award Winner - Ron Noll!*

The Golden Owl Award recognizes outstanding agricultural educators. Students, fellow teachers and other supporters can nominate teachers. **Presented by Nationwide, Farm Credit Mid-America and Indiana FFA**, agricultural educators across Indiana are celebrated for their contributions in growing the next generation of agricultural leaders.

2023-2024 Finalists:

Hank Carson, Orleans High School  
ZoeAnn Chernowsky, Blue River Valley High School  
Erin Gilley, Southmont High School  
Brianna Lammers, Jasper High School  
Amanda Line, South Putnam High School  
Ron Noll, Prairie Heights High School  
McCord Snider, East Central Middle School  
Shelby Wolford, Owen Valley High School

**Congratulations to Ron Noll, 2024 Golden Owl Recipient!**



## *2024 State Convention Day of Service*

The 2024 Indiana FFA State Day of Service event brought together over 300 FFA members to combat food insecurity through meal packing with Million Meal Movement and volunteering at Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. With funding from the National FFA Day of Service Grant and support from sponsors including Corteva Agriscience, Keystone Cooperative, City Barbeque and Cargill, members packed 40,000 meals, with participating chapters distributing many of the meals back to their local communities. Additionally, students assisted with sorting and distributing food at Food Finders, contributing to hunger relief efforts across Indiana. This initiative reflects Indiana FFA's commitment to "Living to Serve" by fostering leadership through meaningful community service.



**300 +**  
*members participated*  
**40,000**  
*meals packed*



*Thanks to Corteva Agriscience, Keystone Cooperative,  
City Barbeque and Cargill*



# 2023 BLUE & GOLD GALA

*\$78,000 raised for the Indiana FFA Foundation*

We are grateful for everyone who supported the Indiana FFA Foundation through this year's Blue & Gold Gala. Whether you attended in-person, participated in the auction through the live, silent or buy it now format, or pledged to the Gift of the Heart, each effort will help make a difference in the lives of FFA members across the state.

We raised over \$78,000. These funds will provide state officer and leadership conference scholarships, support member programming statewide and so much more. We can't wait to share how your support is impacting FFA members!

Thank you to the individuals who purchased items in our live auction! A big thank you to our auctioneers and ag teachers, Andy Howell and Drew Reed and our ringmen, Past State President, Seth Ariens and current state officer parent, Ryan Roberts.

## *Live Auction Results:*

- Pacers Night Out: Tim and Julie Hoberty
- 5 cu. Ft. Freezer with 50 pounds of pork: 2023-24 State Officer Parents
- Outdoor Power Package: Mark and Brenda Canary
- Purdue Football Package for Four: Doug Qear
- Traeger Pro Series Grill & Smoker: Mike and Samantha Perry
- Handmade Quilted Throw: Matt and Cheryl Likens
- Grant County Basket: Tyler and Katie Wilson
- Brickyard Crossing Golf OUTing: Dan and Jenn Maruszewski
- Great Smoky Mountain Retreat, 4-night star: Bob and Emily Hoel



# 2023 BLUE & GOLD GALA SPONSORS

*Thank you for making the gala a success!*

*Platinum: \$8,000 and up*



*Gold: \$7,999-\$5,000*



*Silver: \$4,999-\$2,500*

AgReliant Genetics  
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Co-Alliance Cooperative  
Corteva Agriscience - Illiana  
Crop Protection

CountryMark  
FMC  
Helena Agri-Enterprises  
Indiana Farm Bureau  
Premier 1 Companies  
Syngenta

*Bronze: \$2,499-\$1,500*

Cowpokes Work & Western  
Huntington University  
IAAE

*Join the Indiana FFA Foundation at The Edge Barn in Noblesville, Indiana on February 22, 2025.  
Cocktail reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m., with a seated dinner and live auction at 7 p.m.*

# NATIONAL FFA WEEK

Across Indiana, FFA chapters celebrated National FFA Week through a variety of events, community service activities and fellowship opportunities. Each chapter celebrates in their own unique way as they work to engage their chapters, schools and communities with knowledge about FFA and agriculture. Our state officer team also traveled the state, allowing them to visit chapters and participate in their events throughout the week.



# BUSINESS & INDUSTRY PARTNER VISITS

In December and a few visits in early spring, the Indiana FFA State Officers and staff had the privilege of visiting numerous sponsors and partners who play a vital role in supporting our organization throughout the year. These visits provided an opportunity to personally thank them for their ongoing contributions and commitment to advancing the mission of Indiana FFA. By fostering these relationships, we strengthen the bond between our organization and the individuals and companies that help fund our programs, scholarships, and events, ensuring we can continue offering valuable opportunities to FFA members across the state. In addition to expressing gratitude, the visits allowed State Officers to gain a deeper understanding of the diverse sectors within Indiana agriculture and agribusiness. Engaging directly with industry leaders and professionals provided officers with firsthand insights into the challenges and innovations shaping the future of the agricultural industry. These interactions also gave our partners the opportunity to connect with the young leaders of Indiana FFA, ensuring that their support translates into a direct impact on the next generation of agricultural professionals.

Partners visited were: AgReliant, Bane-Welker Equipment, Becks Hybrids, Ceres Solutions Cooperative, Co-Alliance Indian Trails, CountryMark, CISCO Companies, FMC, Corteva Agriscience, Farm Credit Mid-America, Gutwein Popcorn, Helena Enterprises, LLC., Indiana Electric Cooperatives, Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Packers, Indianapolis Zoo, Keystone Cooperative, Pioneer/Corteva, Homestead Dairy, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Premier Companies, Purdue University, United Animal Health, and Wabash Valley Power Alliance.

These visits were sponsored by **Farm Credit Mid-America**.



# Continue the Legacy

*Contribute to the next generation of Indiana agriculture by:*

- Give as an Individual or Corporate Partner.
- Participate in your Employee Matching program, benefiting Indiana FFA.
- Make a monthly gift and have the payment automatically charged to your credit card account Visit [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org) and click on Give Today to set-up your gift.
- Consider a planned gift. One of the simplest ways to provide an enduring gift of support to Indiana FFA is through your will or revocable living trust. By including Indiana FFA in your estate plans, you can specify that some or all of your assets benefit Indiana FFA after your lifetime.
- Honorariums or Memorials through [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org) and click on Give Today or mail a check.
- Buy an Indiana FFA License Plate featuring the FFA Emblem.
- Visit the Indiana FFA State Fair Country Market and make a purchase to support leadership and scholarship programs.
- Donate or purchase auction items during the Gala, Fort Wayne Farm Show or Farm Progress Show.
- Volunteer needed professional services.
- Donate items needed at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center.
- If participating in the United Way Campaign, you may ask for the dollars to be directed to the Indiana FFA Foundation.
- Kroger/Payless Card: register at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com), click on enroll and type in the number YP454 and Indiana FFA will receive donations every quarter.
- Volunteer for various Indiana FFA activities.
- Join Indiana FFA Alumni and support our local programs.

*Give today:*

- Send your contribution to:  
Indiana FFA Foundation PO Box 9 Trafalgar, IN 46181
- Give online at [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org) and click on Give Today.
- If you would like to further discuss how you could be involved in Indiana FFA opportunities mentioned above, please contact Lisa Chaudion at 317-878-4178



# Meet the 24-25 Indiana State Officers



From Left to Right: Garrett Bolin - Sentinel (Indian Creek), Stephanie Berenda - Northern Region Vice President (South Newton), Cale Williams - Southern Region Vice President (Terre Haute South), Sienna Alexander - Reporter (Monrovia), Christina Caldwell - Secretary (Connersville), Ethan Wolhuter - President (Prairie Heights), Kyatalin Baker - Treasurer (Switzerland County)