

Christina Caldwell  
Connersville, Indiana  
Connersville FFA  
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Christina Caldwell, 17, is currently serving as the 2024-2025 Indiana FFA State Secretary. Christina is thrilled for the opportunity to serve the over 14,000 members of the Indiana FFA Association. Christina is the daughter of Scott and Jennifer Caldwell.

Throughout four years of membership in the National FFA Organization, Christina has served in numerous leadership positions on the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Christina has also been awarded Star Greenhand, Star Farmer and Star in Ag Placement plus being a Top Ten Member each year (including Most Active Member two years in a row). On the District level, she attended District IX kickoff all four years and participated in many district contests and events, along with visiting kickoffs in District VI, VII, and VIII. At the State level, Christina has attended Executive Committee meetings and trainings, Premier Leadership Training, FIRE (camper and counselor), and SOAR (camper and counselor) conferences. Christina has also had the opportunity to experience the Indiana State Fair workdays and set-up days. At the National level, Christina has attended the National Convention for three years where she has competed in Agriscience Fair, submitted a proficiency to nationals, and spoken on the Student Showcase Stage.

Christina has competed in Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Ag and Farm Business Management Demo, Food Science Demo, Ag Education Proficiency and Premier Leadership at the district level. She has participated in Crops Judging, Livestock Judging, Livestock Skillathon, Veterinary Science, Ag Education, Parliamentary Procedure, Agriscience, Small Animal Production and Care Proficiency, and Ag Issues at the Section and State Levels. At the national level she was ranked Silver with her Small Animal Proficiency and was a National Finalist with her Social Science Division 5 Agriscience Fair project, where was invited to speak on the National Student Showcase Stage. Christina has served as the chapter Historian and Vice President, State Chorus President (twice), State Band and Chorus Reporter, District IX Secretary, and is the current District IX President. The positions of State Chorus President and District IX President have allowed Christina to serve on the State Executive Committee for three years, making her the youngest member elected to this committee (13yo) and one of the longest serving student members on the committee.

Christina has several SAE's. Her favorites are Small Animal Production Entrepreneurship (state winner, ranked silver nationally), and Agriculture Communications Placement. Her Small Animal operation consists of purebred Rex and English Lop rabbits that are raised for meat, pelt, pets, and show. Her responsibilities include feeding, cleaning cages, and showmanship training along with preparing 4-H members for showmanship. Her Ag Comm SAE has grown into running the Beyond the Jacket social media page where she educates the public about FFA and the agricultural industry.

Christina has been extremely active within her school and community as well. She is going to be a ten-year member of 4-H and has held multiple offices. She will have exhibited every non-livestock project available plus shown five livestock species. She has also been an active member of the Fayette County Junior Leaders, serving as the club President twice. At school, Christina has been the Reporter of Student Council and President of the Speech Team. With the speech team, Christina has gone to state in two events for both years of her participation.

Christina was ranked 57<sup>th</sup> out of 232 students in her class. She graduated with an Academic Honors and Technical Honors Diploma and has previously earned a certificate in Animal Science from Ivy Tech Community College. Christina plans to attend North Carolina State University and major in Agriculture Education with a concentration in Poultry Science. She plans to one day become an agricultural educator and FFA advisor in the great state of Indiana.