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# INDIANA FFA FOUNDATION 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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## A MESSAGE FROM KAREN NELSON HEAVIN

### Indiana FFA Foundation Board President

The National & State FFA Theme this past year was, “Go All Out.” I am so proud to be part of an organization that fully embraces that message because without a doubt, the Indiana FFA Foundation has gone all out this year!

Our Indiana FFA Association membership has grown. The number of schools who are offering Agriculture Education classes has grown. The number of customers who use the FFA Leadership has grown. The number of our sponsors has grown. The dollars that were raised this year has grown. Thank you to all of our members, teachers and sponsors who have made this year so successful.

Across the great state of Indiana, we grow a lot of products, but the one product that the Indiana FFA grows is our students. By investing in the Indiana FFA Foundation you are providing young people with leadership, communication and personal development skills. The Indiana FFA Foundation is pleased to provide such skills and opportunities to insure that our students are Going All Out.

The activities of the Indiana FFA would not be possible without the corporations, chapters and individuals that contribute each year. Thank you for those contributions! I firmly believe that there is no better opportunity in the state of Indiana to learn about agriculture, leadership, civic duty and personal responsibility than with the Indiana FFA.

As our FFA membership has grown so have our services and facilities at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center. Massive facility improvements have taken place in the last 12 months, a highlight of that list would be our new fiber optic line. This investment and the additional facility improvements have really appealed to our customers. If you have not been on a tour of the Leadership Center recently, please call to schedule a visit to inquire about how the Leadership Center might be able to meet your company’s needs.

To our current donors, thank you for supporting this amazing organization. For those of you, who are not yet donors, please consider making a gift at this time. Be a part of our growing organization and Go All Out with the Indiana FFA!

Best Wishes,



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## 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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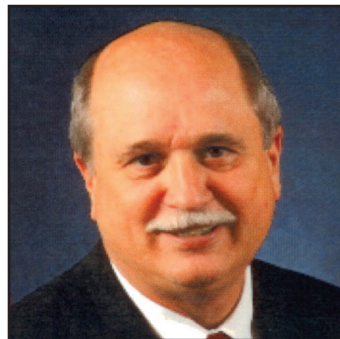
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## INDIANA FFA FOUNDATION MISSION AND VISION

**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 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.



## BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUED



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## INDIANA FFA MEMBERSHIP

The Indiana FFA Association's membership saw another record breaking year! Our membership grew from 10,084 to 11,067 members. We are very excited that the increased number members means we are able to offer our FFA programming to more students across Indiana. This will allow us continue to pursue our mission of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthen agriculture. We appreciate the hard work of our FFA advisors and agricultural educators in our 192 FFA chapters.

During the year we had 30 FFA chapters who chose to become Affiliate FFA Chapters, where every single student who was in an agriculture education class was an FFA member. This allows a chapter to have 100% membership and makes us truly intra-curricular. It increases membership and participation in those chapters, while also providing a lower cost per member. We hope to see our number of Affiliate programs grow to at least 35 in this next membership year.

For the 2015-2016 year we hope to see membership rise to 11,500. Our long term goal is to see an, all time, record high of 12,000 FFA members by 2017. With an increase in Affiliate Chapters and the continued work of our motivating FFA Advisors, we are confident we will continue to grow our membership to record levels.

**11,067**  
**INDIANA FFA**  
**MEMBERS!**



## A MESSAGE FROM BRITTANY YOUNG 2014-15 Indiana FFA State President

Life after the blue corduroy jacket—who knew it would come so soon? I blinked, and my year as the 2014-2015 Indiana FFA State President came to a close at the final session of the 86th Indiana FFA State Convention. I never knew a year could fly by so fast. Some of you may be able to relate. Maybe you wore the blue jacket just a few years ago, or maybe you never wore it all. The fact of the matter is that you believe in what the jacket represents; you believe in the organization; you believe in our members, and you believe in the future of agriculture!

Not a day passes that I do not think about my year of service with my teammates: Skylar, Kathleen, Derek, Dakota, Lindsey, and Jacob. I was beyond blessed to call these six individuals my teammates and my friends, and I honestly could not imagine traveling the state with anyone else. As we made our way to your companies, businesses, and industries there was a common theme. I witnessed your passion and your willingness to ‘Go All Out’ for the present and future of Indiana FFA.

In the opening session of the 86th Indiana FFA State Convention, each of my teammates and I recited a monologue that we had written. Jacob closed out our monologues with some words that pulled at the heart strings of every member, advisor, and guest in the audience.



State Officers L to R: Kathleen Jacobs, Treasurer; Derek Berkshire, Sentinel; Dakota Westphal, Reporter; Skylar Clingan, Secretary; Brittany Young, President; Jacob Mueller, Southern Region Vice President; and Lindsey O’Hara, Northern Region Vice President.

*“There’s so much to do. We have our own skills to enhance, and public perceptions to change. There’s technology to advance and the masses to engage. There’s a whole world out there that we have to feed, and already there’s more than a billion in need. But the problem’s getting bigger and even more holistic—9 billion by 2050—you all know the statistic. And, we need more protein for a middle class that’s growing even faster; it will take each and every one of us—every member in every chapter. It will take all out effort, commitment, and dedication to tell our side of the story and find that next big innovation. So look within yourself. You may not believe it, but it’s true. Because, as an FFA member that task falls on you. So with everything you do, from January to December, you’ve got to ‘Go All Out’ and give your best as a member. It will take all out everything from each and every one of us, because for American agriculture it’s not we can, it’s we must.”*

Every time I hear these words or if I read them, I get chills. The thought of over 11,000 Indiana FFA members taking on the future of agriculture does not worry me one bit. I have met these members; I have seen their Supervised Agricultural Experiences and I have heard of their ideas for their Career Development Events. The future of agriculture is in excellent hands. This is all thanks to YOU! As a supporter, sponsor, and alumni of Indiana FFA, we could not do what we do in FFA without you! I mean it from the bottom of my heart when I say thank you for believing in our organization, in our members, and in the future of agriculture! After meeting with many of you this past winter, my teammates and I witnessed the passion in your eyes and your pure love for the agricultural industry. Thank you for thinking of our members and thank you for changing each and every single one of our student’s lives.

With a grateful heart,  
Brittany Young, 2014-2015 Indiana FFA State President



## BRYAN WEBB



## FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The 2014-15 Outstanding Service Award recipient was Bryan Webb. He and his wife Kim live in Granger, Indiana. He has gone all out for the Indiana FFA for more than 25 years. Because of his continued belief in the mission of the FFA, he has been active on the local, district, and state levels.

Bryan Webb has been a financial advisor for a Fortune 500 company since 1984. He is a turnaround specialist and has been a part of over 24 sales and/or mergers and acquisitions through the years. He specializes in improving the system and financial health of the companies. Bryan graduated from Fairfield High School in 1989 and was elected to State FFA Treasurer two weeks after graduation. This year he celebrated his FFA State Officer Teams' 25th Anniversary. After his year serving as a state officer, he went on to attend the University of Indianapolis and graduated with a double major – a degree in Accounting and Industrial Management.

Bryan enjoys helping people, helping companies and most of all helping FFA members. Not only has he sponsored the nominating committee which elects the new state officer team, but he just completed a six year term on the Foundation Board of Directors. Through Mr. Webb's willingness not only to give monetarily, but with his time by using his talents has helped make the Indiana FFA Foundation be in a much better financial position to help the future of the Indiana FFA. His love and dedication for the organization is why Mr. Webb was selected for the Indiana FFA Foundation Outstanding Service Award.



## 2014-2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - For the year ending June 30, 2015

REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	ASSOCIATION	FOUNDATION	LEADERSHIP CENTER	TOTAL
Chapter Contributions		46,625		46,625
Corporate Contributions		374,058		374,058
Individual Contributions		45,847		45,847
Auctions, State Convention				
Special Events & Interest Income		32,391		32,391
Country Market		119,056		119,056
Give Hope		14,593		14,593
In-Kind		51,810		51,810
License Plate		32,150		32,150
Script		39,105		39,105
Grant Income		159,480		159,480
Alumni		3,664		3,664
Timber Sales			350	350
Leadership Center			388,643	388,643
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, GRANTS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>918,779</b>	<b>388,993</b>	<b>1,307,772</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
FFA Association	144,000			144,000
Programs & Projects, Professional Services	31,360	69,601	46,682	147,643
Country Market	6,733	69,693		76,426
Scholarships & Awards	41,650			41,650
Administration	1,653	33,869	40,066	75,588
Office Expense & Rent	8,112	17,835	11,990	37,937
Grant Expense	60,000	70,000		130,000
State Officer Support	15,077			15,077
Alumni	60			60
Employee Benefits	2,932	4,790		7,722
Leadership Center			186,726	186,726
Salaries and Taxes	52,054	86,827	158,062	296,943
Depreciation			79,660	79,660
Insurance, Taxes & Fees	0	4,500	29,949	34,449
Interest Expense			9,365	9,365
Reimbursable Expenses	4,082	3,121	5,737	12,940
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>367,713</b>	<b>360,236</b>	<b>568,237</b>	<b>1,296,186</b>
Change in Net Assets		\$11,586		
Net Assets Beginning of Year		\$877,058		
Net Assets at End of Year		\$888,644		



## 2014-2015

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - For the year ending June 30, 2015

ASSETS			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	243,103		
Accounts Receivable	41,877		
Prepaid Expenses	898		
Inventory	5,573		
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$291,450</b>	
<b>Property and Equipment</b>			
Land	58,805		
Equipment	369,650		
Building & Improvements	692,655		
Land Improvements	267,041		
Lilly Capital Expenditures	705,995		
Total	2,094,146		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,333,238)		
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>		<b>760,908</b>	
<b>Other Assets</b>			
Give Hope Insurance Annuity	177,771		
(Memorial Doyle K. Rulon Portion of Give Hope = \$14,573)			
Cash Surrender Value - Officer's Life Insurance	55,054		
<b>Total Other Assets</b>		<b>232,825</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$1,285,183</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	29,890		
Advanced Deposits	16,031		
Long Term Debt	193,764		
Taxes Payable	38		
Accrued Payroll Items	57,819		
Accrued Farm Bureau Expenses	(1,684)		
Other Liabilities	106,794		
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>402,651</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Unrestricted, undesignated	696,605		
Unrestricted, designated by the board	114,343		
<b>Total unrestricted net assets</b>		<b>808,906</b>	
<b>Temporarily restricted net assets</b>		<b>3,565</b>	
<b>Permanently restricted net assets</b>		<b>68,019</b>	
<b>Net assets from operations</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>880,490</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			<b>\$1,285,183</b>

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*"Let us remember that,  
 as much has been given us,  
 much will be expected  
 from us, and that true  
 homage comes from the heart  
 as well as from the lips, and  
 shows itself in deeds."*  
 — Theodore Roosevelt

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 difference for our members.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Event Category	Winner	Sponsor
Agribusiness Management	Knightstown FFA	Midwest Ag Finance
Agricultural Communications	Tri-County FFA	Amir Faghieh & Dow AgroSciences
Agriculture Education	Jessica Hayes / North Putnam FFA	IAAE & Clinton Central FFA Chapter
Agricultural Issues Forum	Tri-County FFA	GreenMark Equipment, Inc.
Agriculture and Farm Business Management Demonstration	Leah Hefty & McKenna Clifford / Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriculture Mechanics	Westview FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriculture Mechanics & Technology Demonstration	LeAnna Stout & LeAnna Shearer / Dekalb FFA	MacAllister Agriculture Division
Agriscience Fair Animal Systems Division 1	Gabe Hefty / Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Animal Systems Division 2	Taylor Luster / Northwood FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Animal Systems Division 3	Ciara Turner & Chelsea Wainscott / Beech Grove FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Animal Systems Division 4	Desiree Thomas & Jenna Yearly / Beech Grove FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Environmental Service Division 1	Dillion Sheiss / Columbia City FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Environmental Service Division 2	Emily Kilmer / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Environmental Service Division 3	Haley Stiles & Ashlea Gehring / Beech Grove FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Environmental Service Division 4	Sean Harrington & Josie Douglas / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Food Products Division 1	Micah Lehe / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Food Products Division 2	Travis Koester / North Posey FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Food Products Division 3	Elizabeth Strahla & Emily Arnold / Beech Grove FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Food Products Division 4	Renae Kramer & Madeline Schroeder / Greensburg FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Plant Systems Division 1	Ally Laker / Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Plant Systems Division 2	Jada Rance / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Plant Systems Division 3	Courtney Lehe & Savahana Williams / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Plant Systems Division 4	Chance Cochran & Emily Misch / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Power Systems Division 1	Brooke-Destinee Lockwood / Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Power Systems Division 2	Robyn Corbin / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Power Systems Division 3	Ryan Cole & Jesse Robinson / South Putnam FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS CONTINUED...

Event Category	Winner	Sponsor
Agriscience Fair Power Systems Division 4	Lauren Koester & Clarissa Simmermeyer / Greensburg FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Social Systems Division 1	Holly Lehe / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Social Systems Division 2	Emma Cole / Attica FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Social Systems Division 3	Leon Kinne & Caitlyn Staat / Switzerland County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Fair Social Systems Division 4	Sam Klemme & Cole Janssen / Benton Central FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agricultural Sales	Greensburg FFA	Reynolds Farm Equipment
Agricultural Sales Presentation	Chase Taylor / Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Animal Science Demonstration	Brooklyn Bryrer & Breanna DeYoung / Shenandoah FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Chapter Meeting	Southern Wells FFA	Purdue YDAE
Creed Speaking	Austin Berenda / South Newton FFA	Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
Crops Evaluation	Southmont FFA	Cline Grain
Dairy Evaluation	North Miami FFA	Foremost Farms USA
Dairy Foods Evaluation	Tri-County FFA	Dean Foods
Discovery Degree Agricultural Issues	South Putnam FFA	Vivayic & Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Degree Animal & Food Science Demonstration	Blayne Vandueer / Tri-County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Degree Creed Speaking	Mary Timm / North Putnam FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Degree Soil & Horticulture Environmental Science Demonstration	Baily Tomson / North Decatur FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Discovery Degree Public Speaking	Victoria Seest / Rossville FFA	2012-13 State FFA Officer Team
Discovery Degree Quizbowl	Manchester FFA	2012-13 State FFA Officer Team
Entomology	Columbia City FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Essay	Madyson Stricker / Columbia City FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Exhibit	Sheridan FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Annalee Witte / Eastern Hancock FFA	AgriGold Hybrids
Floriculture	Southmont FFA	The Chaudion Family
Food Science	Eastern Hancock FFA	SYSCO
Food Science Demonstration	Sarah Crone & Cody Swafford / Danville FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
4-H/FFA Forestry	Kankakee Valley FFA	Cole Hardwood Inc.
FFA Forestry	Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Freshman Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Austin Berenda / South Newton FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Freshman Prepared Public Speaking	Brandon Barnes / Shenandoah FFA	David & Susan Sheets
Horse and Pony Evaluation	Danville FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Horticulture	Wawasee FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Horticulture Science & Landscape Management Demonstration	Haley Bush & Megan Miller / Carroll @ Flora FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS CONTINUED...

Event Category	Winner	Sponsor
Job Interview	Kayleigh Crane / Hamilton Southeastern FFA	Castongia's Inc.
Leadership Ambassador	Brett Roberts / Columbia City FFA	Eric Steiner Family
Livestock Evaluation	Columbia City FFA	Crossbred Classic, Inc.
Livestock Skill-a-thon	Rushville FFA	Crossbred Classic, Inc.
Marketing	Tri-County FFA	ADM
Meats Evaluation	Danville FFA	Indiana Packers Corporation
Natural Resources Demonstration	Tanner Baird / McCutcheon FFA	Suburban Propane
Novice Chapter Meeting	Shenandoah FFA	Bruce & Jill Sillery Family
Nursery and Landscape	Danville FFA	Indiana Nursery & Landscape Association and Indianapolis Landscape Association
Plant & Soil Science Demonstration	Robbie Armstrong / Franklin FFA	Dan & Jennifer Maruszewski & FMC
Poultry Evaluation	North Miami FFA	Indiana State Poultry Association & Indiana Turkey Marketing Development Council
Prepared Public Speaking	Annalee Witte/ Eastern Hancock FFA	Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
Quiz Bowl	Northeastern Wayne FFA	Purdue YDAE
Scrapbook-Multimedia	Forest Park FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Scrapbook-Traditional	Jay County FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Small Engines	Union County FFA	Ohio Technical College
Soils Evaluation	Fairfield FFA	Indiana Association of SWCD
Veterinary Science	Columbia City FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Welding- Top Beginner Division Individual	Nathan Mann / Brownstown Central FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Welding- Top Advanced Division Individual	Jake Riggs / Knightstown FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Welding-Champion Beginner Team	Southern Wells FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Welding-Champion Advanced Team	Knightstown FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Welding-Top Overall Chapter	Knightstown FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Wildlife Habitat	Churubusco FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation



## 2015 PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Award Category	Winner	FFA Chapter	Sponsor
Agricultural Communications	Catherine Fisher	Madison FFA	Foremost Farms USA
Agricultural Education	Abigail McNeill	West Washington FFA	Scott County Farm Bureau
Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication	Austin Gurtner	East Noble FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement	Abigail Atkins	Columbia City FFA	Shirk's International
Agricultural Processing	Audrey Whitehead	Jennings County FFA	Cline Grain
Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship	Tyler Bluhm	Adams Central FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agricultural Sales – Placement	Samantha Klemme	Benton Central FFA	Jeff Lehman Family
Agricultural Services	Ethan Dougherty	Whiteland FFA	Reynolds Farm Equipment
Agriscience Research- Integrated Systems	Jordan Cadle	Paoli FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Agriscience Research- Plant Systems	Leah Hefty	Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	Jacob Schwab	Batesville FFA	Indiana Beef Cattle Association
Beef Production – Placement	Sara Mehringer	Northeastern Dubois FFA	District Ag Education Teachers
Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	Jordan Cadle	Paoli FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Dairy Production – Placement	Erin Will	North Posey FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Diversified Agricultural Production	Riley Lewis	Prairie Heights FFA	Ingredion
Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	Levi Speer	South Ripley FFA	ADM & Indiana FFA Foundation
Diversified Crop Production – Placement	Derek Neuhoff	Southridge FFA	CF Industries
Diversified Horticulture	Caylie Leclercq	Southmont FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Diversified Livestock Production Feeds	Kayleigh Crane	Hamilton Southeastern FFA	Brown Land & Hog & Kent
Emerging Agricultural Technology	Rene Lewis	Prairie Heights FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management	Eric Dougherty	Whiteland FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Equine Science – Entrepreneurship	Isabelle Weiler	Connersville FFA	John Bradley
Equine Science – Placement	Joel Huff	Benton Central FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Emily Dougherty	Whiteland FFA	Bunge North America
Forage Production	Mitch Perkins	Prairie Heights FFA	Retired Ag Education Teachers
Forest Management and Products	Adam Litmer	North Decatur FFA	McCarty Mulch & Indiana FFA Foundation
Fruit Production	Mitchell Kunkler	Jay County FFA	Christian Kropf
Goat Production	Jessica Hoopengardner	Eastern Hancock FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Danny Dierckman	North Decatur FFA	AgriGold Hybrids
Grain Production – Placement	Jarrold Catron	Delta FFA	Kokomo Grain
Home and/or Community Development	Sydney Susaraba	Warsaw FFA	Excel Heating & Cooling



## PROFICIENCY AWARDS CONTINUED...

Award Category	Winner	FFA Chapter	Sponsor
Landscape Management	Noah Ault	Warsaw FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Nursery Operations	Heather Goss	Cloverdale FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Outdoor Recreation	Sam Shaver	Southmont FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Poultry Production	Shelby Swartz	Wawasee FFA	Hy-Line International
Sheep Production	Grant Friesen	Eastern Hancock FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Small Animal Production and Care	Keeley Hardiman	Hoosier Hills FFA	Dean Warren
Specialty Animal Production	Morgan Booe	Clay City FFA	Anthony Heavin MD & Karen Nelson Heavin & Indiana FFA Foundation
Specialty Crop Production	Mitchell Scott	Eastern Hancock FFA	Retired Ag Education Teachers
Swine Production – Entrepreneurship	Grant Knoblock	Benton Central FFA	JBS United
Swine Production – Placement	Kenzie Kretzmeier	Benton Central FFA	JBS United
Turf Grass Management	Chad Emsweller	Batesville FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Vegetable Production	Alexis Himes	Warsaw FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Veterinary Science	Rebecca Hoffman	Hoosier Hills FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation
Wildlife Management	Leah Hefty	Dekalb FFA	Indiana FFA Foundation

## FT. WAYNE FARM SHOW



The Indiana FFA along with Indiana AgriNews and Tradexpos, Inc. hosted the annual Ft. Wayne Farm Show FFA Benefit Auction. Area businesses and tradeshow exhibitors donate items such as seed, chemicals, equipment, hotel and event packages, gift baskets and much more auctioned off with the help of Schrader Real Estate and Auction Service with all benefits going to the Indiana FFA Foundation. This Farm Show is well attended by farmers and agribusiness leaders from Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan and Northwestern Ohio. The auctions were held on January 13th and 14th at 1 pm each day. "Indiana FFA enjoys the opportunity to partner with companies in the northeast part of the state where we have a large alumni base and several FFA chapters," explained Lisa Chaudion, Executive Director of the Indiana FFA Foundation. "This auction has grown each year with this year being no exception, we raised over \$24,000. We receive donations from not only those participating as vendors at the show but supporters that want to help by donating items to the auction." Chaudion said. The dollars raised from the benefit auctions will help Indiana FFA enhance leadership development within their programs across the state as well as build more scholarships for students to be able to attend many of their statewide camps and conferences.

# STATE CONVENTION COMMUNITY SERVICE “GIVE HOPE IN MANY WAYS”

Written by: Chelsea Roberts of Ceres Solutions



The Indiana FFA Foundation has been in operation for over 50 years with the mission to support, fund, and promote the programs of the Indiana FFA Association. Recently, the Foundation developed the Give Hope Campaign in order to continue the support of the FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, Indiana. Seeing the value in such a program, Ceres Solutions has made a donation to the Give Hope Campaign.

“Because we are Indiana-based and farmer-owned, it has been a particularly good fit to partner with the Indiana FFA Foundation,” said Jeff Troike, CEO of Ceres Solutions. The Give Hope Campaign is an annuity fund which upon its maturity will roll into an endowment. “It’s designed to provide dedicated permanent funds for the Indiana FFA Leadership Center,” said Troike. Under the set guidelines, none of the donations can be spent; instead, only the interest generated from the fund can be used towards the Leadership Center.

Along with the decision to support the Give Hope Campaign, Troike said that Ceres Solutions also continues to give to the State FFA Convention Community Service Meal Packing Event held at Purdue each June. “This event shows the spirit of FFA in action; where hundreds of students provide a hands-on demonstration of how we in agriculture have the privilege, and also the obligation, to alleviate hunger in the world.”

Ceres Solutions is proud to sponsor organizations such as the FFA. “We believe investments in these groups are for the long-term,” said Troike. “Here, we see the future leaders of Indiana agriculture. It humbles me every time I get the opportunity to talk with these students; they truly understand we are all part of something greater here.”

If you are interested in contributing to the Give Hope Campaign, visit [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org) and click on Give Today. You can also mail your check to Indiana FFA Foundation, PO Box 9, Trafalgar, IN 46181 (designate your donation to Give Hope).





## 2015 INDIANA FFA STATE OFFICER PROJECT WITH LT. GOVERNOR ELLSPERMANN

### Inaugural “Go For Launch” Agricultural Education Program Informational Luncheon

The Indiana FFA State Officers believed that there were schools throughout Indiana that would benefit by adding an Agriculture Education program; therefore the Indiana FFA, in partnership with Lt. Governor Ellspermann, held an Inaugural “Go For Launch” Agricultural Education Program Informational Luncheon. The purpose of this event was to educate the participants about the benefits of agriculture education, describe the process of starting an agriculture programs, and answer questions or clarify objections to agricultural education. Our intent was to use this platform as a means of increasing the number of agriculture education programs throughout Indiana while bringing awareness to the importance of agriculture in our State. This luncheon included Lt. Governor Ellspermann and staff, National FFA Representatives, Indiana State Department of Agriculture staff members, Indiana State Department of Education staff members, Purdue University Agriculture Education Facility Representatives, Superintendents, Principals, from non-ag program schools, Superintendent, Principal, and school supporters from three established Agriculture programs, Superintendent, Principal, and one school supporter from two schools with a brand new programs, 2014-2015 Indiana FFA State Officer Team, Indiana FFA State Staff, and Indiana FFA Executive Committee Members



The event took place on February 18, 2015, from 12-2 p.m., at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center and was sponsored by Elanco Animal Health. Speakers and panel members for the Luncheon included moderator, Mr. Gerry Dick, Inside Indiana Business, Dr. Dwight Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer National FFA Staff, Dr. Allen Talbert, Professor of Agriculture Education, Purdue University, Mrs. Stefany Deckard, State Program Leader for Agriculture Education and State Perkins Specialist, Dr. Paul Kaiser, Superintendent of Beech Grove City Schools, Mrs. Kate Skirvin, Agriculture Educator at North Putnam High School, 2014-15 State Officers and Lt. Governor Ellspermann. The program was well attended and many of the schools that attended are starting or considering starting agriculture programs. The state officers felt like this was an excellent opportunity to showcase agriculture education and FFA hoping that schools in Indiana would take a strong look into the importance of agriculture education.

## THE INAUGURAL PSO TELETHON

The Inaugural FFA Foundation Telethon was held on the evening of December 8th. The current State Officers called approximately 250 Past State Officers in a 3 hour span of time. Each officer called their own offices (State President called all past Presidents, etc.) as a way to motivate the officers to raise as much as they can. The officers' competitive nature came through as they were able to raise nearly \$8,000 in the one evening. The officers enjoyed talking to the PSO's and the PSO's appreciated getting to hear from the current officers. Some tested their opening ceremonies while others shared stories of when they were at the FFA Center. The inaugural telethon was a success and we hope to continue the success in the future. By the way, in case you were wondering, the Secretaries lead the PSO's in donations! If you would like to receive a call from the state officers in the future, you can send your contact information to Joe Martin at [jmartin@inffa.org](mailto:jmartin@inffa.org).



## 2015 INDIANA FFA STATE STARS

### Agriscience Star - Leah Hefty, Dekalb FFA

Finding a cheaper alternative to hay to feed her goats led Leah Hefty to begin her SAE and interest in agriscience research. Her first project involved researching how to grow algae for animal food. She continued her research program in her grandfather's garden, proving, through her research, that raising green beans in raised soil bags is cheaper than purchasing them through the farmer's market.



### Agribusiness Star - Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman, South Newton FFA

Chandler has grown his lawn mowing business from mowing his neighbor's yard when he began 4 years ago, to now servicing 62 residential and commercial properties. He continues to provide more services to clients including mulching, trimming shrubs, and planting new shrubbery. He recently received his applicator's license so that he can also apply fertilizer and pesticides for his clients.



### Agriculture Placement Star - Devin DeBruhl, Shenandoah FFA

Devin DeBruhl has continued to progress in his family's construction company from a young age up through his SAE program. From his start by answering the phones to working in the truss building shop and out on the job site, he has learned about all aspects of building pole barns with his father, uncle and brother. He is excited to continue to work toward becoming a partner in the business.



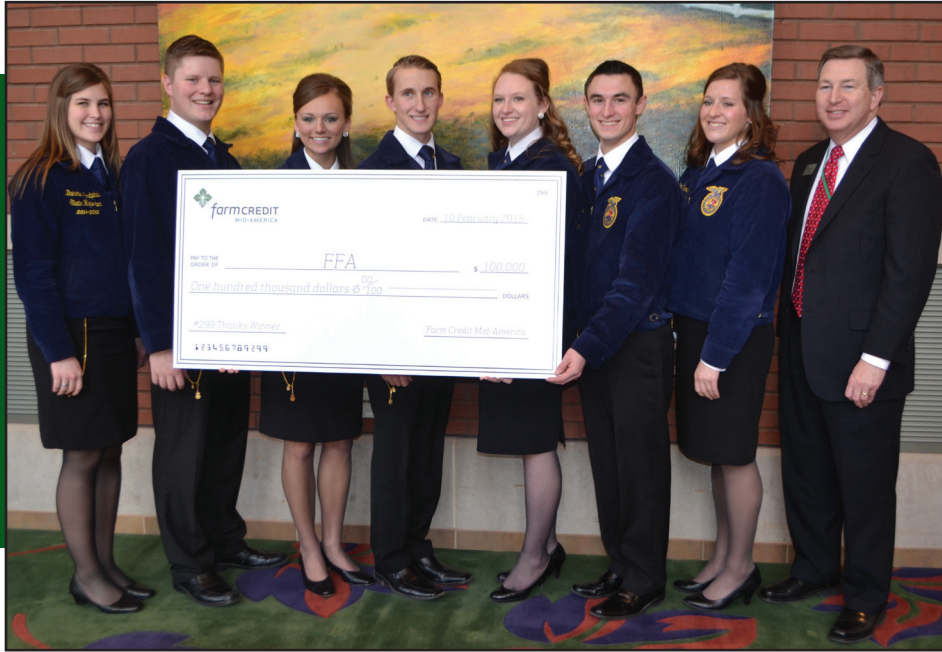
### Star Farmer - Ben Hay, Madison FFA

Travelling a weekly route selling eggs from his family's farm helped Ben Hay raise enough money to start his purebred Angus cattle herd and also his collection of Cub Cadet lawn tractors. He has found that patience can be one of his biggest challenges, as it has taken him some time to grow his cattle herd and restore each tractor. He has also seen how his patience can pay off in the end.



## FFA WINS THE FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA 299 WAYS TO SAY THANKS CAMPAIGN

*FFA Foundations in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee will split a \$100,000 funding boost to help them serve young people in agriculture.*



FFA received the highest number of online votes to win the Farm Credit Mid-America 299 Ways to Say Thanks campaign. FFA competed against 4-H and the Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers program to win the \$100,000 prize, which will be divided evenly between the four state FFA foundations in the Farm Credit association area of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The goal of the 299 Ways to Say Thanks campaign was to thank farmers, customers and community members for all they do to invest in and secure the future of agriculture and rural America by inviting them to help choose which of the three organizations should receive the special funding boost. Participants could cast their votes online for the organization of their choice from early November through December 31, 2014.

“The Indiana FFA Foundation is excited to win the 299 Ways to Say Thanks campaign,” said Karen Nelson Heavin, board chairperson, Indiana FFA Foundation. “This gift will allow us to increase scholarships, support the Indiana FFA Leadership Center, enhance agricultural education in our state and provide additional educational services to our nearly 11,000 members. We are very thankful for our long-term relationship with Farm Credit Mid-America and proud to partner with them to provide young people with leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.”

“Farm Credit is thrilled with the great response to our 299 Ways to Say Thanks campaign, and we’re pleased that thousands of people took time to vote for the organization of their choice,” said Bill Johnson, president and chief executive officer, Farm Credit Mid-America. “We offer our congratulations to FFA, and look forward to continuing our close partnership with all three of these organizations that are so dedicated to preparing young people for careers in agriculture.”

## INDIANA FFA ALUMNI

The Indiana FFA Alumni plays a very important part in keeping agricultural education and FFA programs in our local schools. FFA relies on its alumni to garner support for FFA from their local communities, raise funds for chapter activities and scholarships, assist at FFA leadership camps and conferences, and much more. The Indiana FFA Alumni is committed to grow its membership to empower past FFA members, supporters, and family members to be advocates for their local agricultural education programs and the State FFA Association.

During the annual business meeting at the 2015 PSO Return to the Center Day, the following individuals were elected to the 2015-2016 Indiana FFA Alumni Council:

**President:** Marty Matlock

**President-Elect:** TBD

**Past-President:** Travis Olinske

**Section I Representative:** Laney Kratz

**Section II Representative:** Melissa Keown

**Section III Representative:** Casie Conley

**Section IV Representative:** Ethan McNeely

**Agricultural Higher Education Representative:** Amy Conrad, Purdue University

**Agricultural Policy, Producer, or Leadership Organization Representative:** TBD

**Agricultural Business and Industry Representative:** TBD

**Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators Representative:** TBD

**Immediate Past State Officer Representative:** Dakota Westphal, 2014-2015 State Reporter



The Indiana FFA Alumni has seen a tremendous amount of growth in the past couple of years. Membership has grown in the past year to nearly 675 members. Indiana now has 19 active Alumni Affiliates with many more FFA chapters interested in activating their Alumni Affiliates.

The Indiana FFA Alumni is also pleased to announce that Rob Hays, the new Assistant Executive Director of Indiana FFA, will be taking on the role of Alumni State Staff representative. The future is bright for the Indiana FFA Alumni and we encourage anyone interested in the Indiana FFA Alumni to contact Rob Hays at [rhays1@isda.in.gov](mailto:rhays1@isda.in.gov) for more information.

## COLLEGIATE FFA

The purpose of the Collegiate FFA is to enhance the collegiate experience through service and engagement to create premier leaders, enable personal growth, and ensure career success. Collegiate FFA provides a number of professional development opportunities to help students get an edge in today's job market. Whether students are looking for a career in education or industry, Collegiate FFA has what they need to jump start their career. Indiana FFA is proud to be able to offer this opportunity to students in our state's agricultural post secondary education institutions.

The Collegiate FFA chapters in Indiana have been busy serving their local communities, High School FFA programs and advocating for the agriculture industry. The Wabash Valley Ivy Tech Collegiate FFA hosts an invitational livestock competition for High School FFA members, giving them an opportunity to polish their skills before the area and state livestock CDE's. Purdue Collegiate FFA celebrates SWAG (See What Agriculture Gives) week with a booth showcasing the importance of agriculture in people's lives. Vincennes Collegiate FFA makes and sells Christmas wreaths to raise funds to help pay for their many other activities.

If you would like more information about Collegiate FFA, please contact Rob Hays at [rhays1@isda.in.gov](mailto:rhays1@isda.in.gov).



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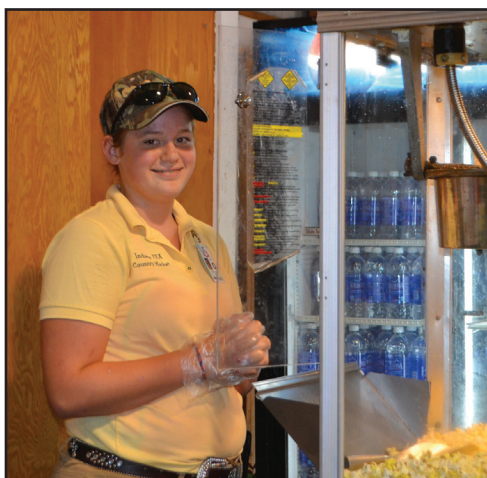
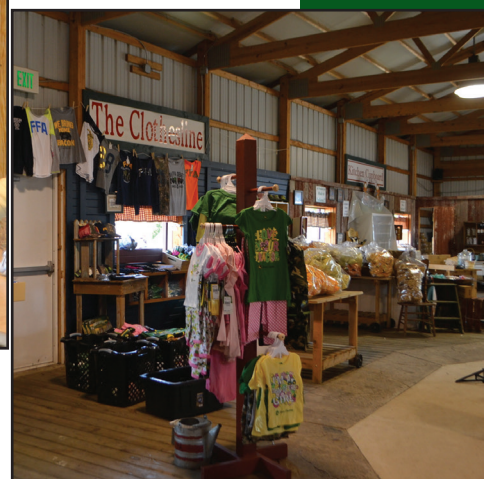
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## INDIANA FFA COUNTRY MARKET



Annual fundraising event held at the Indiana FFA Pavilion at the Indiana State Fair. Over 50 vendors with Indiana based agricultural products are available for sale in the market. This is a great place for individuals and companies to test market their line of value added products, whether it be cider from Indiana grown apples or our companies with delicious fudge, nuts or caramels, the Country Market is a place to launch new products. Jarden Home Brands is one of the market's sponsors and donates Ball canning items to be sold. This is a member driven activity where students learn how to market products, work with the public and manage volunteer schedules. FFA members receive sales training by employees from Elanco as well as a Certificate of Completion in Sales Training issued by a team member from Elanco. Additionally the dollars generated at the Country Market go towards scholarships and supports Indiana FFA leadership programs. This is a great stop while you are visiting the Indiana State Fair! Learn about Indiana agriculture, get a great snack and purchase some FFA merchandise all in one stop! Approximately 260,000 fair-goers enjoy the market every year.



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## STATE CONVENTION

### ARMY ROTC CHAPTER FUN NIGHT

There is more to Indiana FFA State Convention than receiving awards and competing in career development events, it is also a time to meet other FFA members in a laid back fun environment! Monday evening is just simply FUN! Chapter Fun Night which was sponsored by Army ROTC, where FFA members from all over the state gathered to eat delicious homemade ice cream donated by Indiana FFA Leadership Center Director, Joe Park, as well as enjoy some sweet treats like cotton candy, they had the opportunity to dunk state officers, FFA Alumni and advisors in the dunk tank donated by Delphi FFA, enjoy the 4-man wrecking ball moon walk, navigate the obstacle course, play some corn hole or shoot some hoops. Purdue IAAE hosted a booth to encourage students to think about teaching Agriculture Education.

This is the third year for this exciting event and the number of members doubled from last year. The Indiana FFA Foundation through the generous support of Army ROTC was able to enjoy these fun activities available to convention attendees. FFA members and advisors alike greatly enjoyed their time even though it was hot in the Armory.





## 2014-15 CHAPTER DONOR RECOGNITION

# BIG TEN DONORS

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| 2. Clinton Central    | 7. Southern Wells |
| 3. Northeastern Wayne | 8. Tri-County     |
| 4. Tipton             | 9. North Newton   |
| 5. Delphi             | 10. South Newton  |

### Gold Chapter Donors

Woodlan	Jennings County	Clay City
North Decatur	Benton Central	Indian Creek
Rossville	Greensburg	Knightstown
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Madison	North Harrison	
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### Silver Chapter Donors

Prairie Heights	Lebanon Community	Adams Central	Boonville
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Hoosier Hills	Caston	Hamilton Southeastern	Hope
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# 2015 INDIANA STATE DEGREES

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 Kurt Vissering ..... South Newton  
 Lucas Kiifner ..... South Newton  
 Chandlor Weiss-Brinkman .....  
 ..... South Newton  
 Cory Wang ..... Tri County  
 Joseph Eldridge ..... Tri County  
 Mitch Michal ..... Tri County  
 J. T. Sipkema ..... Tri County  
 Shane Frey ..... Tri County  
 Kaitlin Waibel ..... Tri County  
 Emily Misch ..... Tri County  
 Nolan DuVall ..... Twin Lakes

## DISTRICT 2

Trey Downhour ..... Rochester  
 Hannah Harrell ..... Argos  
 Sarah Hawkins ..... Bremen  
 Evan Davenport ..... Bremen  
 Nicolas Richter ..... Caston  
 Winston Weller ..... Caston  
 Andrew Smith ..... Caston  
 Alex Howdeshell ..... Caston  
 Dalton Daily ..... Caston  
 Madison Riley ..... Fairfield  
 Samuel Burtsfield ..... Fairfield  
 Bailee Cook ..... John Glenn

Jodi Williams ..... John Glenn  
 Kristin Kubacki ..... John Glenn  
 Jacob Farrer ..... La Ville  
 Bevan Holmgren ..... La Ville  
 Lillian Bottorff ..... Plymouth  
 Brooklyn Bitting ..... Triton  
 Cole Troutner ..... Warsaw  
 Coltin Brumfield ..... Warsaw  
 Bryan Thompson ..... Warsaw  
 Haley Lytle ..... Warsaw  
 Dakota Koontz ..... Warsaw  
 Sarah Harden ..... Wawasee  
 Shelby Swartz ..... Wawasee  
 Elizabeth Reeser ..... Whitko

## DISTRICT 3

Emily Barge ..... Angola  
 Austin Smith ..... Angola  
 Danyle Reith ..... Carroll @ Ft. Wayne  
 Audrianna Moore ..... Central Noble  
 Tyler Meroney ..... Central Noble  
 Zach VanEvery ..... Churubusco  
 Alissa Edsall ..... Churubusco  
 Kari Riehle ..... Churubusco  
 Jennifer Hosier ..... Columbia City  
 Rebecca Lilly ..... Columbia City  
 Drew Lamie ..... Columbia City  
 Amber Ferrell ..... Columbia City  
 Abigail Atkins ..... Columbia City  
 Loren Decker ..... Columbia City  
 Mary Carteaux ..... Columbia City  
 Leah Hefty ..... Dekalb  
 Austin Gurtner ..... East Noble  
 Jarrett Lortie ..... Heritage  
 Taryn Van Horn ..... Heritage  
 Noah Van Horn ..... Heritage  
 Sarah Kleine ..... Heritage  
 Victoria Miramonti ..... Lakeland  
 Cole McCann ..... Lakeland  
 Josiah Yoder ..... Lakeland  
 Jordan Ehret ..... Lakeland  
 Nichoas Byler ..... Lakeland  
 Mitch Perkins ..... Prairie Heights  
 Stone Groosbeck ..... Prairie Heights  
 Josh Perkins ..... Prairie Heights

Maekenzie Sheetz ..... Prairie Heights  
 Rene Lewis ..... Prairie Heights  
 Tailor Van Wagner ..... Prairie Heights  
 Keagan McGraw ..... Prairie Heights  
 Paige Stutzman ..... Woodlan

## DISTRICT 4

Haylie Armstrong ..... Benton Central  
 Lane Zink ..... Benton Central  
 Samantha Klemme ..... Benton Central  
 Phillip Voglewede ..... Benton Central  
 Kendra Budreau ..... Benton Central  
 Cole Janssen ..... Benton Central  
 Abigail Moore ..... Fountain Central  
 Alyssa Hankins ..... Lebanon  
 Ashley Syferd ..... Lebanon  
 Jessica Mars ..... Lebanon  
 John Plunkett ..... Lebanon  
 Kyle Williams ..... Lebanon  
 Makayla Lee ..... Lebanon  
 Molly Bull ..... McCutcheon  
 Samantha Evens ..... McCutcheon  
 Elizabeth Hobbs ..... McCutcheon  
 Faith White ..... North Montgomery  
 Makhalea Young ..... North Montgomery  
 Clayton Fugate ..... North Montgomery  
 Patrick Hegg ..... Seeger  
 Drake Davis ..... Southmont  
 Caylie Leclercq ..... Southmont  
 Natalee Brann ..... Southmont  
 Melissa Alspaugh ..... Southmont  
 Julie Redding ..... Wm Henry Harrison

## DISTRICT 5

Adriana Hernandez ..... Carroll @ Flora  
 Karlee Kitchel ..... Carroll @ Flora  
 Madison Rinehart ..... Carroll @ Flora  
 Zak Prater ..... Carroll @ Flora  
 Jared Forgey ..... Carroll @ Flora  
 Jared Goltz ..... Carroll @ Flora  
 Mackenzie Padgett ..... Clinton Central  
 Shelby Sparks ..... Clinton Central  
 Megan Ferrel ..... Clinton Central  
 Kade Patton ..... Clinton Central  
 Daniel Wyrick ..... Clinton Central  
 Hannah Padgett ..... Clinton Prairie

## INDIANA STATE DEGREES CONTINUED...

Paul Marvell ..... Delphi  
 Lauren Schreck.....Hamilton Southeastern  
 Sneha Jogi.....Hamilton Southeastern  
 Sarah Congress.....Hamilton Southeastern  
 Kyle DeHaven ..... Lewis Cass  
 Patrisha Hartley..... Lewis Cass  
 Samantha Seward..... Lewis Cass  
 Isaac Shaffer ..... Lewis Cass  
 Ross Helms ..... Lewis Cass  
 Megan Greer ..... Lewis Cass  
 Karli DeHaven..... Lewis Cass  
 Joshua Kincaid ..... Lewis Cass  
 Tiffany Cortrecht ..... Pendleton Heights  
 James Young..... Pendleton Heights  
 Alex Michael ..... Rossville  
 Jessie Blackwell ..... Rossville  
 Jon Friend ..... Rossville  
 Kraig Tumey..... Rossville  
 Jacob DeHaven..... Rossville  
 Garrett Jacoby ..... Rossville  
 Jeremy Wiegand ..... Rossville  
 John Murphy ..... Rossville  
 Kyle Davis..... Rossville  
 Taylor Zink..... Rossville  
 Megan Hadinger ..... Rossville  
 Kennedy Garriott ..... Rossville  
 Lauren Bright..... Rossville  
 Jayden Rosen..... Rossville  
 Katie Muir ..... Sheridan  
 Shelby Hite ..... Tipton  
 Colton Burton..... Tipton  
 Braden Kendall..... Tipton  
 Thomas Letsinger..... Tipton

### DISTRICT 6

Samuel Stiener.....Adams Cenral  
 Paige LeMaster.....Bellmont  
 Carissa Schultz.....Bellmont  
 Rachel Girod .....Bellmont  
 Carrie Meeks ..... Eastbrook  
 Holly Felver ..... Eastbrook  
 Kay Morgan ..... Jay County  
 McKensie Muhlenkamp ..... Jay County  
 Ava Kunkler..... Jay County  
 Conner Campbell ..... Jay County

Kellie Fortkamp ..... Jay County  
 Kendra Forkamp..... Jay County  
 Michael Vanover ..... Jay County  
 Andrew Williams..... Jay County  
 Theodore Davis ..... Jay County  
 Sidney Pitman ..... Jay County  
 Mitchell Wellman..... Jay County  
 Stephanie Dirksen..... Jay County  
 Lyla Muhlenkamp ..... Jay County  
 Mason Cochran..... Jay County  
 Mitchell Bruggeman ..... Jay County  
 Braden Muhlenkamp..... Jay County  
 Abigail Reier..... Jay County  
 Dylan Rose..... Jay County  
 Jeb Roberts ..... Jay County  
 Spencer Reinhart ..... Jay County  
 Andrew Bryan ..... Jay County  
 Preston Bemis ..... Jay County  
 Kevin Frye ..... Maconaquah  
 Alexis Hall ..... Maconaquah  
 Laura Frye..... Maconaquah  
 Liza Airgood ..... Manchester  
 Janzin Cripe ..... Manchester  
 Jackie McConnell ..... Manchester  
 Jordan Michel..... Manchester  
 Troy Michel..... Manchester  
 Cory Duff ..... North Miami  
 Jocelyn Ricket ..... North Miami  
 Brenlyn Hoover ..... North Miami  
 Jon Neff..... North Miami  
 Kortney Stroud ..... North Miami  
 Lane Eckrote..... North Miami  
 Jacob Hanaway ..... North Miami  
 Heidi Jones ..... North Miami  
 Jonathan Heckber ..... Norwell  
 Brandt Couch ..... Southern Wells  
 Damion Watters..... Southern Wells  
 Kyle Pinkerton ..... Southern Wells  
 Lorine Pluimer ..... Southern Wells  
 Benjamin Shaffer ..... Southern Wells  
 Zane Herr..... Southern Wells

### DISTRICT 7

Blaise Mattox .....Bloomfield  
 Evan Fuller .....Bloomfield

Morgan Booe ..... Clay City  
 Chaela Minor..... Clay City  
 Sadie McKinney ..... Cloverdale  
 Robert Mann..... Cloverdale  
 Mariah Huge ..... Cloverdale  
 Brandon Wunderlich .....North Putnam  
 Sierra Graham ..... North Putnam  
 Chelsey Kiger ..... North Putnam  
 Noah Poynter ..... North Putnam  
 Trae Straziscar ..... North Putnam  
 Olivia Lake..... North Putnam  
 Lauren Johnston..... North Putnam  
 Caitlin Myers ..... Owen Valley  
 Katie Grigsby ..... Owen Valley  
 Ryan Scully..... Owen Valley  
 Megan Marion ..... Riverton Parke  
 Emmaee Mahan ..... Shakamak  
 Megan Rogers ..... South Putnam  
 Megan Arnold ..... South Putnam  
 Madison Boston..... Sullivan  
 Ryan Haag..... Sullivan

### DISTRICT 8

Cody Swafford ..... Danville  
 Sarah Crone ..... Danville  
 Haley Mood..... Danville  
 Emily Furlong..... Danville  
 Max Eells..... Eastern Hancock  
 Megan Mench..... Eastern Hancock  
 Shelby Wright..... Eastern Hancock  
 Grant Friesen..... Eastern Hancock  
 Conner Cross ..... Eastern Hancock  
 Wyatt Stierwalt ..... Eminence  
 Sydney Ponsler ..... Franklin  
 Logan Elsbury ..... Greenfield Central  
 Allison Abel..... Greenfield Central  
 A.J. Sorrell ..... Greenfield Central  
 James Colter ..... Greenfield Central  
 Parker Mohr ..... Greenfield Central  
 Wile Overman ..... Greenfield Central  
 Danielle Hunt ..... Greenfield Central  
 Jacob H. Shoufler ..... Greenfield Central  
 Chelsea Mack ..... Triton Central  
 Emily Dougherty ..... Whiteland  
 Ashley Corn ..... Whiteland



## INDIANA STATE DEGREES CONTINUED...

### DISTRICT 9

Kasey Reeves ..... Connersville  
 Katelyn Risch ..... Connersville  
 Garrett Beaty ..... Connersville  
 Jarrod Catron ..... Delta  
 Alexis Dae Madison ..... Knightstown  
 Erick Skinner ..... Knightstown  
 Olivia Goodman ..... Knightstown  
 Cierra Gronning ..... Liberty  
 Cody Volz ..... Liberty  
 Tyler Pinkerton ..... Liberty  
 Katlynn Steveson ..... Monroe Central  
 Krisann Tha Hittle ..... Northeastern Wayne  
 Heather Smith ..... Northeastern Wayne  
 Sarah Innis ..... Rushville  
 Laura Smith ..... Rushville  
 Katy Newbold ..... Rushville  
 Elizabeth Field ..... Rushville  
 Jordan Linville ..... Rushville  
 Emma Harping ..... Rushville  
 Ashley Meyer ..... Rushville  
 Devin Lux ..... Rushville  
 Tessa Hoeing ..... Rushville  
 Taylor Yager ..... Rushville  
 Monica Dougherty ..... Rushville  
 Michaela Kemerly ..... Shenandoah  
 Jessica Ballenger ..... Shenandoah  
 Gage New ..... Shenandoah  
 Cadence Harter ..... Shenandoah  
 Chase Earlywine ..... Shenandoah  
 Shelby Lockhart ..... Shenandoah  
 Camren Massengale ..... Shenandoah  
 Reagan Reese ..... Shenandoah  
 Morgan Tapscott ..... Shenandoah  
 Cole Martin ..... Shenandoah  
 Mark Pierce ..... Shenandoah  
 Allyson Bowman ..... Western Wayne

### DISTRICT 10

Haley Hoffman ..... Forest Park  
 Madison Giesler ..... Forest Park  
 Jennifer Nelson ..... Boonville  
 Travis Fortune ..... Boonville  
 Ian Rudolph ..... Boonville  
 Alexis Greer ..... Boonville

Ryan Hines ..... Heritage Hills  
 Isaac Steckler ..... Heritage Hills  
 Riley Spencer ..... Heritage Hills  
 Katlyn Marshall .....  
 ..... Mt. Vernon @ Mt. Vernon  
 Carrie Winklepleck ..... North Daviess  
 Jessa Newby ..... North Daviess  
 Travis Koester ..... North Posey  
 Kari Hoenert ..... North Posey  
 Matt Seib ..... North Posey  
 Parker Sturgell ..... North Posey  
 Kobi Knies ..... Northeast Dubois  
 Kelcie Hassfurth ..... Northeast Dubois  
 Jared Wagner ..... Northeast Dubois  
 Gregory Vonderheide ..... Northeast Dubois  
 Kayla Kippenbrock ..... Southridge  
 Allison Ash ..... Southridge  
 Jessie Hoagland ..... Southridge

### DISTRICT 11

Reece Waggoner .....  
 ..... Bedford North Lawrence  
 Meghan Mann ..... Brownstown Central  
 Heidi Martin ..... Brownstown Central  
 Amanda Stuckwisch .....  
 ..... Brownstown Central  
 Christina Claycamp ..... Columbus  
 Rhegan Keller ..... Columbus  
 Kylie Arnholt ..... Columbus  
 Sydney Morey ..... Columbus  
 Jozef Clendening ..... Hoosier Hills  
 Emily Greenwald ..... Hoosier Hills  
 Keeley Hardiman ..... Hoosier Hills  
 Chance Wimmer ..... Hoosier Hills  
 Jefferson Wilson ..... Hoosier Hills  
 Joshua Jachim ..... Hoosier Hills  
 Rebecca Hoffman ..... Hoosier Hills  
 Kortney Wallace ..... Hope  
 Caleb Calhoun ..... Hope  
 Elizabeth Trotter ..... Hope  
 Frances Shoaf ..... Hope  
 Clayton Stumler ..... North Harrison  
 Cheyenne Sieberns ..... North Harrison  
 Kailey Barrett ..... Scottsburg  
 Kevin Hardin ..... Scottsburg

Isaiah Bromm ..... Scottsburg  
 Emily Pfaffenbach ..... Scottsburg  
 Jessica Richey ..... Scottsburg  
 Parker Armstrong ..... West Washington  
 Konnor Wallace ..... West Washington  
 Catherine Cardwell ..... West Washington

### DISTRICT 12

Renae Kramer ..... Greensburg  
 Willard Dashiell ..... Greensburg  
 Stephanie Bruns ..... Greensburg  
 Connor Cuskaden ..... Greensburg  
 Jessika Russ ..... Jennings County  
 Mikayla Applegate ..... Jennings County  
 Baileigh Bentz ..... Jennings County  
 Luke Burbrink ..... Jennings County  
 Jacob Maschino ..... Jennings County  
 Audrey Whitehead ..... Jennings County  
 Kyle Wehner ..... Madison  
 Sheridan Elswick ..... Madison  
 Emily Cart ..... Madison  
 Megan Hoover ..... North Decatur  
 Jaelyn Matthews ..... North Decatur  
 Kayleigh Krieger ..... North Decatur  
 Addison Tomson ..... North Decatur  
 JoBeth Martin ..... North Decatur  
 Zachary Johnson ..... North Decatur  
 Casey Baugh ..... North Decatur  
 Megan Vanderbur ..... South Decatur  
 Carly Buchanan ..... South Ripley  
 Keith Bowman ..... South Ripley  
 Caleb Cumberworth ..... South Ripley  
 Kendra Franklin ..... South Ripley  
 Wyatt Elston ..... South Ripley  
 Garret Bradley ..... South Ripley  
 Brian Bradley ..... South Ripley  
 Parker Jahnigen ..... South Ripley  
 Cheyanne Walston ..... South Ripley  
 David Andrew Hewitt ..... Switzerland Co

## INDIANA SOYBEAN, CORN FARMERS TEAM UP WITH INDIANA FFA AND THE COLTS TO PACK MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY



Members of the Indiana FFA joined Indiana corn and soybean farmers, Indianapolis Colts players and thousands of volunteers November 18 to pack a million meals for food banks across Indiana. Chapter members also brought home meals to be distributed in the local community. As part of their "Community Tuesday" program, the Indianapolis Colts teamed up with the Indiana Corn Marketing Council (ICMC) and Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA) to help stop to hunger by supporting Indianapolis' fourth annual Kids Against Hunger of Central Indiana "Million Meal Marathon."



The event took place at Lucas Oil Stadium and brought more than 4,200 volunteers together to pack nutritious meals that will be distributed through Gleaners, Midwest Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Indiana to help end hunger for the one in four Hoosier children who are food insecure. The meal packets consist of rice, soy, vitamins and dehydrated vegetables.

Colts Cory Redding, spokesperson for the Colts and Indiana Corn and Soybean's "Hoosier Horsepower" program, helped kick off the event by packing meals with FFA students from across the state and the Indiana FFA State Officer Team. "I'm proud to partner with Indiana's corn and soybean farmers to feed hungry kids," said Redding. "I don't think any kid should go to bed hungry. Events like the Million Meal Marathon help us get closer to the goal."

During the two-hour shift, the 200 FFA members helped pack more than 300,000 meals. In addition to supporting the Million Meal Marathon, the goal of the "Hoosier Horsepower" program is to feed enough Indiana children to fill Lucas Oil Stadium (65,000). For every tackle the Colts' defense made during the 2014 season, \$10 was donated to Kids Against Hunger. In addition to packing meals, close to 300 FFA members had the great experience to attend the Indianapolis Colts football game that following Sunday.





## HONORARY HOOSIER DEGREES



### Mrs. Cari Butcher

While this inspirational teacher has been involved in the Indiana FFA since high school, she took her involvement to a new level by becoming an agricultural educator. After graduating from Joliet Junior College and Purdue University, she went on to earn her Master's Degree in Youth Development in Agricultural Education. After a year of teaching at Milan High School, she went on to teach in her current position as the agricultural instructor at Caston High School where she has been teaching for thirteen years.

Mrs. Butcher has been blessed to have students achieve many FFA honors including: National CDE finalists in Prepared Public Speaking and Agricultural Communications as well as state winning proficiencies in the areas of Swine Production, Fruit Production, and Grain Production. Under her guidance, the Caston FFA Chapter has been named a 2 Star Chapter in the nation for three years in a row with a 3 Star Chapter title this past year. Growing the chapter from thirteen members to its current sixty-eight members has provided her with her own successes as well.

Mrs. Butcher has proudly served on the Indiana FFA Board of Trustees as its current chairman and in the position of secretary several times. She has also earned recognition by being named the IAAE District II Young Teacher of the Year.



### Mr. Gale Cunningham

Gale Cunningham is an exceptional individual that has been advancing the FFA and agriculture in the Midwest for years. For 6 years now Gale has organized an event through WYXY Classic called the 20 FFA All-stars. This event highlights the accomplishments of outstanding FFA members from Indiana and Illinois. The all-star night is held at the Beef House in Covington Indiana and Gale also invites the state officers from Indiana and Illinois.

Mr. Cunningham is also a familiar face at several conventions across the country. He attends the state convention in Indiana every summer, and interviews newly elected officers. He also travels to the National FFA Convention, and reports on FFA members' accomplishments live from the national convention.

Whether it was while he was farming, working for Farm-Credit, or while he is broadcasts; Gale Cunningham carries the National FFA's message and gives 100% to spreading the good word of agriculture and agricultural education. He has an impact that crosses over multiple state lines while still leaving a lasting impact on his home, community and family.



### Mrs. Lynette Markley

Mrs. Lynette Markley has been teaching for 20 years, 19 of those years at Warsaw Community High School. In those 19 years she has had many national, state, and district winners. Some highlights include: National Horse Judging in 2004, 16 State Proficiency Winners, 3 National Final Four Proficiency Winners, State Star Farmer, 2 State Agribusiness Star Finalist, multiple State Winning Demonstrations in various areas, 3 years of State Winning Quiz Bowl Teams and State Winning Leadership Ambassador. Mrs. Markley's passion for students has led to having a total of five state officers and six candidates. Mrs. Markley was named 2014 Indiana ACTE Teacher of the Year for her commitment and involvement to Agriculture Education. She is an active member of Career and Technical Education organization and Indiana Ag Educators.



### Mr. Ted McKinney

Ted McKinney is an outstanding advocate and supporter of Indiana FFA. He served first as the Indiana FFA Northern Region Vice President, before going on to pursue ever more influential roles. Mr. McKinney spent nearly 20 years working for Dow AgroSciences in a variety of corporate affairs roles, before moving to Elanco Animal Health to serve as the Director of Global Corporate Affairs. He was instrumental in moving the National FFA headquarters and the National FFA Convention to Indianapolis.

Ted is co-chair of the National FFA Conventions Local Organizing Committee for Indianapolis, and a member of the Indiana State Fair Commission. He served on the boards & executive committees for the Washington, D.C.-based International Food Information Council and Denver-based U.S. Meat Export Federation, as well as the lead team for the International Federation of Animal Health. In Indianapolis, he serves on the Mayor's Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, and at Purdue on the Dean of



## HONORARY HOOSIER DEGREES CONTINUED...

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Agriculture Advisory Committee. From 2009 until 2010, he served as chair of the Indiana Agriculture Regulatory Structure Task Force, a working group commissioned by the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana. He now serves as the Director of Agribusiness Development for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and as the Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, where he has had an integral role in securing grant dollars for Indiana FFA, and he has been an invaluable advocate in State Government and across the State of Indiana.

### **Mrs. Kate Skirvin**

After starting an exceptional middle school FFA program at Cloverdale, this incredible teacher accepted a position at North Putnam High School. Throughout her 15 years of teaching at North Putnam she has been integral in maintaining the nature trails and is currently helping to get a pond on the school property in coming years. Just this past year, there was a 1,800 square foot greenhouse built for the ag program for their plant sales and for hands-on class experiences. Not only has Mrs. Kate Skirvin helped build the education within her program, but has helped educate the public as well. In the classroom, Mrs. Skirvin has helped implement CASE Curriculum into the high school as well as dual credit classes. She truly is caring for our future in the agriculture industry. She currently is the District VII Representative on the Board of Trustees, a position she has held for many years, and served on the State Proficiency Evaluation Task Force in 2009.



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

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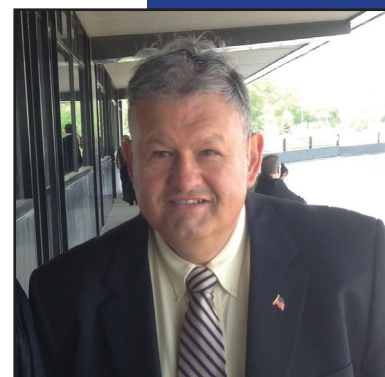
### **Mr. Bob Bowker**

Mr. Bob Bowker has invested his life in the pursuit of developing the youth through agricultural education. Mr. Bowker taught at Huntington North for 40 years. Mr. Bowker was able to help mentor many students to numerous state wins as well as over 80 top four state finishes. His students also had the honor of attending 11 national soils trips and upwards of 3 national livestock trips. Mr. Bowker helped create a community garden which the members of the chapter planted and help take care of with the harvest available for community consumption. Outside of the classroom and FFA, Mr. Bowker was heavily involved in programs such as serving on the state Advanced Plant and Soil Science committee. If you ask Mr. Bowker what his biggest accomplishment is, he will give you a small smile and tell his family. The current project occupying his time is helping build up Huntington University's new founded Agriculture Program. Mr. Bowker realizes the importance of agriculture and continually puts that at the forefront of his efforts.



### **Mr. Don Sturgeon**

Mr. Don Sturgeon has dedicated his entire life to serving. Throughout his 40 years of teaching, he has had over 4,000 students and over 3,000 FFA students in his classroom. He has achieved many awards and recognition throughout his time as an Ag teacher, but in his eyes, one of his biggest achievements is instilling into others that hard work and dedication can produce success. Throughout his career, he has had two state officers, three students became Ag teachers, and four students became very successful in the food science field, not to forget many students who have excelled in various fields of agriculture. When considering his time outside of the classroom, some of his personal passions are rooted in mission work in Guatemala and working with the Kids against Hunger initiative. He constantly poured into his students and there are so many thankful students that are better individuals simply because they had the honor of being mentored by "The Sturg."





### VIP & THE GOVERNOR'S SAGAMORE OF THE WABASH RECIPIENT

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Mr. Steve Hickey is the retiring Executive Director of Leadership Programs at the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. Mr. Hickey has always been involved within the agricultural industry. His experiences in the industry began at an early age. He was raised on his family's purebred hog farm and eventually went to Purdue University to study biochemistry. His plans quickly changed after he took a summer job working at the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home just south of Knightstown. Over the course of two summers, Mr. Hickey fell completely in love with working with young people. It was then that he changed his major to Agricultural Education. Mr. Steve Hickey taught at Shenandoah High School for 33 years as the agricultural teacher and FFA advisor. In those 33 years, he was responsible for transforming the FFA program and cultivating their agricultural curriculum. As the FFA Advisor, the Shenandoah chapter earned numerous state and national accolades and awards in leadership, CDE's, SAE's, and community service efforts. Following his retirement from teaching, Hickey was selected to serve as the Director of Leadership Programs at the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Executive Director of Indiana FFA.

Under his leadership and guidance, Indiana FFA has grown to more than 11,000 members, the highest enrollment in more than 35 years. He has served as the Director of Leadership Programs at ISDA for the past 5 years. Mr. Hickey received the Indiana FFA Honorary and Distinguished Awards, and the Beck's Agricultural Education Outreach Award in 2014.

After retirement, Mr. Hickey will continue to work, spend more time with his wife of 38 years, Deborah and his children and grandchildren, and hopefully even make it up to his family's lake house. He has done a phenomenal job as the Director of Leadership Programs at the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and Indiana FFA will forever be thankful for his service in the classroom and on a state level.

## FFA PAGE DAY AT THE INDIANA STATE HOUSE



Once again, this year, FFA members descended on the State House to serve as pages for the Indiana Senate and the Indiana House of Representatives. Ninety-three FFA members participated in this year's page day.

The purpose of page day at the State House is two-fold. First, it gives FFA members the opportunity to witness state government in action. Second, it gives them the opportunity to share the FFA and agriculture education story and their own personal stories to their state legislators.

The state officers spoke in the House and were recognized in the Senate after receiving a House/Senate Concurrent Resolution declaring February 23-28, 2015, FFA Week in Indiana. Many legislators spoke highly of the organization and the Lieutenant Governor commended the officers on their hard work during their officer year.

Additionally Ted McKinney, Director of the State Department of Agriculture spoke with FFA members about his valuable experiences he received while he was a member and he encouraged them to get involved and be advocates for agriculture. All FFA members were also treated to lunch sponsored by Indiana Soybean Alliance.



## MEMORIALS

### GIVER

Jim & Lois Cummings  
John & Shelia Heidenreich  
Jim & Lois Cummings  
Eugene Wint  
Barbara Purkhiser  
E & J Oyler Farms, Inc  
Alan & Linda Eller

### IN MEMORY OF

Ray Esteb  
Carrie Clayburn  
Ken Fox  
Jim Wint  
Don Purkhiser  
Darin Oyler  
Jeff Eller

### GIVER

Leon & Becky Crowe  
Helen Witte  
Ruthie Just  
James and Sandra Shaw  
Robert & Crystal Leu

### IN MEMORY OF

Dennis Crowe  
Hilbert Witte  
James Wray  
Melvin Clodfelter  
Ned Stump



## 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### STATE OFFICER SCHOLARSHIPS

Partners contribute to show their appreciation for the officers' year of service to the Indiana FFA. Sponsors include: IAAE Fruit Sales, Bob & Francene Juncker, Boone County Farm Bureau and Gary & Jean Geswein, and Indiana FFA Foundation.

Brittany Young-State President-Hope FFA  
Skylar Clingan -State Secretary-Prairie Heights FFA  
Lindsey O'Hara-State Northern Region Vice President-Warsaw FFA  
Jacob Mueller-State Southern Region Vice President-Eastern Hancock FFA  
Kathleen Jacobs-State Treasurer-Huntington North FFA  
Dakota Westphal-State Reporter-Tri-County FFA  
Derek Berkshire -State Sentinel-Caston FFA



### STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

To reward 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 awarded at State FFA Convention. Application information can come from a culmination of FFA years of involvement with the FFA Pavilion. The Country Market proceeds help support this scholarship area.

Leah Jacobs, Eastern Hancock FFA  
Josephine Douglas, Tri-County FFA  
Emily Stern, Southwestern Shelby FFA  
Jake Wicker, Tri High FFA





## 2014-15 CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following FFA members received conference scholarships.

Hannah Maggiore .....	Hamilton Southeastern	Nathan Deatrack .....	North Harrison
Noah Berning.....	Heritage	Lucy Watts .....	North Harrison
Cady Greenwald .....	Hoosier Hills	Elizabeth Powell .....	Scottsburg
Paige Chitwood.....	Hoosier Hills	Audrey Kinne .....	Switzerland County
Hannah Allen.....	Hoosier Hills	Leon Kinne.....	Switzerland County
Skylar Coburn .....	Mt. Vernon FFA @ Mt. Vernon		



## INDIANA FFA LICENSE PLATE SCHOLARSHIPS

This plate is available online through <http://www.in.gov/bmv/2785.htm> , at license branches, and at other customer service locations. The cost of the FFA license plate includes vehicle registration fees and taxes, a group fee of \$25, and an administrative fee of \$15. You may display this plate on passenger cars, trucks up to 11,000 pounds, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles.

This is an excellent way to support Indiana FFA students by purchasing an Indiana FFA License Plate, dollars generated from this activity goes to the License Plate Scholarship Fund! These scholarships are given out annually during the Indiana FFA State Convention.

Lindsey Bluhm .....	Adams Central	Chelsey Kiger .....	North Putnam
Dana Crowl .....	Angola	Delaney Shively .....	Oregon-Davis
Kimber Gillespie .....	Angola	Eric Kong.....	Owen Valley
Catlin Brinkman .....	Attica	Ryan Scully.....	Owen Valley
Blaise Mattox.....	Bloomfield	Tess Wise .....	Randolph Southern
Jarin Bush .....	Carroll @ Flora	Alexandra Burkle .....	Rossville
Conner Dame .....	Carroll @ Ft Wayne	Mason Gordon .....	Rushville
Tricia Van Gessel.....	Central Noble	Patrick Hegg.....	Seeger
Megan Ferrel .....	Clinton Central	Allacyn Arnold .....	South Putnam
Dylan Stambaugh .....	Clinton Prairie	Daniel Schriver .....	Southern Wells
Brett Roberts .....	Columbia City	Kaitlyn Tricker .....	Southmont
Adam Zink.....	Delphi	Adeli Kinne .....	Switzerland
Kolt Kinsler .....	Delphi	Josephine Douglas.....	Tri County
Nathan McClain.....	Gibson Southern	Sean Harrington .....	Tri County
Aaron Krueger .....	Gibson Southern	Kaitlin Waibel .....	Tri County
Emily Simpson .....	Gibson Southern	Brooke Langley .....	Tri County
Jessica Stoten .....	Knightstown	Emily Misch .....	Tri County
Kaitlyn Haisley .....	La Ville	Jada Rance.....	Tri County
Mikayla Tate .....	Lewis Cass	Koleten Marker.....	Union County
Emily Cart .....	Madison	Alisha Burkhead.....	Union County
Trisha Hassfurther.....	Madison	Sydney Susaraba.....	Warsaw
Cole Mize.....	Manchester	Sophia Nyce.....	Wawasee
Jade Hoffman .....	Northeast Dubois	Shelby Swartz .....	Wawasee
Kortney Stroud .....	North Miami	Cody Maudlin .....	West Washington
Parker Sturgell .....	North Posey	Kathleen Miller .....	Western Boone



## INDIANA FFA CONFERENCES

The Indiana FFA is unique in that it is able to provide leadership development conferences for its members multiple times throughout the year. During the conferences, students are able to network with other members from across the state and develop their leadership skills through hands on learning with curriculum developed and presented by the Indiana FFA State Officers.

### LDW - Leadership Development Workshop – Sponsored by CSX Transportation and Indiana Farm Bureau

This is a workshop of chapter officers/leaders to help them plan their year and learn about being a leader in their chapter. The conference curriculum is on a three year rotation: Chapter Development (focus on recruitment, retention, and chapter activities/ POA), Community Development (focus on community service activities, fundraising, and developing a community image of your chapter), and Student Development (focus on development of the officers in their personal growth and as a team). LDW is a 3 day workshop held in September for those chapters who elect officers by school year and January for chapters who elect by calendar year, though any chapter can come to either conference.



### SOAR - Seek Opportunities and Achieving Results – Sponsored by The Anderson's and Helena

This is a conference for students who are beginning their FFA careers (9-10 grade, middle school if they are mature enough) SOAR Curriculum is on a three year rotation: FFA Focus (Opportunities in FFA, CDE's, Defining Success, etc.), SAE Focus (developing strong SAE's, Work ethic, Goal Setting, etc.), and Ag Industry Focus (Opportunities in the agriculture industry, Personal Vision, Beliefs and Values, etc.) SOAR is a 3 day conference held on two separate weekends in October.



### FIRE - Foundations In Reaching Excellence – Sponsored by Crop Production Services, MacAllister Agriculture Division and FarmWorld

This conference is for older FFA members (11-12, 10th if they are mature enough). The curriculum is on a two year rotation: Present Excellence Focus (Being a mentor, Setting Goals, Taking leadership to the next step, etc.) and Future Excellence Focus (Life after High School, Advocating for agriculture, Creating a personal vision, etc.). FIRE is a 3 day conference held on two separate weekends in November.

### PLT - Premier Leadership Training – Sponsored by CSX Transportation

This workshop is for district officers, section directors and band and chorus officers. PLT is facilitated by the National Officer Candidate and the curriculum is based on their preference, but generally focuses on leadership training, team development and personal growth. PLT is a 2 day conference held at the beginning of September.

### Jr. High FFA Day

A one day workshop that gives Jr. High FFA members the opportunity to learn about FFA and experience the FFA Center. Jr. High FFA Day is held in April.





## INDIANA FFA CONFERENCES CONTINUED...

### Summer Challenge – Sponsored by Dow Agrosiences

Summer Challenge is truly the only “Camp” offered by the FFA. It is an opportunity for FFA members to have fun with other members around the state enjoying the FFA Center and the outdoor activities that are provided here. Students also learn about personal growth and team building by utilizing the low ropes course, enjoying speakers during the banquet and vespers, and also team sports events. It is a 4 day camp held in July.

### Top Leader Award – Sponsored by Mark & Ann Timm Family

During SOAR and FIRE, the FFA members in attendance have the opportunity to be selected by their peers to become the Top Leaders for the conference. Students are selected based on their growth throughout the weekend and their abilities to serve as leaders within their peer groups.

### 2014 TOP LEADERS

#### SOAR #1 –

Jake Murphy, Scottsburg  
Pete Trotter, Hope  
Austin Berenda, South Newton  
R.W. Locker, Eastern Hancock

#### SOAR #2 –

Nick Hadley, Knightstown  
Wyatt Law, Hoosier Hills  
Taylor Purkey, North Newton  
Jakob Harsin, Lebanon

#### FIRE #1 –

Nikki Wynne, Lebanon  
Corey Edwards, Lebanon  
Konner Blake, Owen Valley  
Hope Baker, Frontier

#### FIRE #2 –

Shelby Wright, Eastern Hancock  
Sami Deley, Shenandoah  
Evan Witte, Eastern Hancock  
Lexi Kingin, Northwood



## INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ISDA) GRANT FOR AG ED & FFA



Indiana State Department of Agriculture grants \$50,000 to support Agriculture Education and the Indiana FFA. The first part of the funding provided seed money to start the Coaching for Beginning Agriculture Teachers or CBAT as we call it, Indiana is very appreciative of the funding of this program that ultimately impacts Indiana's agriculture students. This proved beneficial as we kicked off the program and reached out to veteran agricultural educators across the state to mentor 30 new agriculture teachers throughout Indiana. Our veteran teachers are working with these new teachers on their professional endeavors while, observing them in their classrooms and supporting them through first year issues. This has pushed the support of a new agriculture teacher to a higher level, with hopes of greater teacher retention and better services to our youth in agricultural classes.

Two regional coordinators, Beth Theobald and Charity Keffaber are working to motivate and support both the new teachers and their coaches, especially when half of our new teachers have entered into teaching through non-traditional means. We hope that both will gain experiences that will build them into better agricultural educators. During the coordinators visits, they detect concerns that they can work to solve and thus help the new teacher to transition more easily into the profession. The efforts to facilitate the CBAT program, support agriculture teachers and their programs, and train them as they prepare the next generation of agriculturalists are proving invaluable.

The next area of funding was to help support the 49 Career Development Events (CDE) which cover job skills in everything from communications to mechanics, Indiana FFA members are prepared for the future in a competitive format that motivates members to greater personal growth and leadership development. The value of CDE's to Indiana's future agriculture workforce cannot be overemphasized. The cost involved in facilitating quality CDE events for our members has risen year by year as the Indiana FFA Association has strove to give our members the finest educational experience possible for each CDE, these dollars certainly helped do that.

Our last area of funding was to help support state officer training. These trainings helped them build the confidence in their abilities to deliver a better agriculture message and help them be better leaders within Indiana's youth. Their success translates in more advisors who want their students to be a part of the experiences the state officers provide through conferences, workshops, chapter visits and banquet speeches.

Indiana FFA Association is housed out of ISDA and the Indiana FFA Foundation is very appreciative of the support they provide, this grant is certainly no exception, their leadership and support is greatly valued and we thank them for their continued efforts in our cause to build better leaders and students through FFA and agriculture education.



## LILLY ENDOWMENT AWARDS

### INDIANA FFA FOUNDATION \$25,000



Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded \$25,000 to the Indiana FFA Foundation to explore the creation of an outdoor learning experience and updating technology at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center. In addition, the funding will also explore the options for creating a new curriculum with a stronger focus on leadership integration into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) learning. These improvements will be used to assist Indiana FFA programs aimed at leadership development, college preparation and career planning, with the ultimate goal of increasing the number of students continuing their education beyond high school.

Through this grant, the Indiana FFA Foundation will conduct a needs assessment of its members, alumni, school and community partners to determine how to best use the Leadership Center's vast natural resources to provide quality educational experiences with a focus on STEM learning. The Indiana FFA Foundation will also seek recommendations on how to improve technology to extend its reach in educating and empowering Indiana youth.

"Indiana FFA has a strong history of creating leaders and impacting communities," said Lisa Chaudion, Executive Director, Indiana FFA Foundation. "With the funding from Lilly Endowment, we will be able to gather the input from our stakeholders and ensure we providing the quality of educational programs that will make Indiana youth, both FFA and non-FFA, more willing to continue their education and seek meaningful careers."

The Indiana FFA Foundation was established in 1961 to support the programs of the Indiana FFA Association. The mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Any high school student who is enrolled in an agriculture education course can be an FFA member. Indiana FFA currently has more than 11,000 members. In addition, the Indiana FFA Leadership Center provides educational opportunities to thousands of non-FFA youth through field trips, camps, and other activities.





## HAPPENINGS AT THE FFA LEADERSHIP CENTER



We had a great beginning and ending to our year at the Center. We began our year with a \$50,000 grant from Farm Credit Mid-America. This grant was used to purchase new mattresses for the lodge and four of the six cabins. All the windows in the lodge were replaced with new energy efficient windows. A security gate was installed and we purchased new desks and book shelves for each of the lodge rooms. The final use of the grant was to purchase a new commercial carpet cleaner. We stretched the money as far as possible to complete many projects for the Center.

In late winter we initiated the "Piece of the Rock" project to fund a new entry sign at the front of the property. We had over 50 chapters and advisors participate in this project. The end result is a lighted sign with changeable letters erected in a beautiful brick flower bed base. Our clients are very pleased to see their name on the entry sign whenever they arrive for their visit.

This year we expanded our fundraising dinners to every Thursday night. Each dinner features a different main dish. Everyone enjoys the live entertainment as they are dining.

Through the help of grant dollars from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the Indiana FFA Foundation put a deposit on getting a fiber-optic line. This new amenity allows us to offer unlimited internet service to any size client. The speed and capacity of our internet has greatly increased our technology offerings. Additional contributions were secured from the Indiana FFA Foundation, Johnson County REMC, NineStar Communications and the financial help of 2-3 anonymous contributors.

The progress at the Center has only been possible with the support of many FFA Advisors, the Center steering committee, FFA Alumni, a dedicated staff and area agribusinesses.





## PAST STATE & DISTRICT OFFICERS RETURN TO THE LEADERSHIP CENTER

In 2014, the Indiana FFA Foundation and the Indiana FFA Leadership Center invited the past state officers and district officers back to the FFA Center to reminisce about their experiences at the Center and also see the updates that have been happening recently during three different events. This was a great way for PSO's to have the opportunity to show their family members where they lived for a year while in service to the Indiana FFA. Many had not been back to the FFA Center since their state officer year. These events were such a success with over 175 past state and district officers and family members visiting during the summer, fall and winter months.

The summer PSO Day at the Center was held on July 26th, past state officers and their families were able to come back to the FFA Center and step back into their FFA days as they swam in the lake, strolled down one of the trails and enjoyed lunch with their fellow past state officers. Many stories were shared about the history of the Indiana FFA.

The fall of 2014, Joe Park, Lisa Chaudion and the state officers hosted a special group of past state and district officers from the 1950's. They make a point of getting together every year for over 50 years. They meet in each other's homes and this year they came to the Leadership Center. It was again the traditional pitch-in with some of Indiana's finest cooks. Many stories were shared and they even keep minutes, these leaders are still making a positive difference in their local communities, churches and homes, Indiana FFA continues to be blessed with heartwarming smiles and their love for each other.

Once again, the FFA Foundation hosted a Christmas party, which was at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center on December 18, 2014. Members from the last 5 state officer teams were invited to come back to the Center to fellowship with the current officer team, reminisce about their time at the FFA Center and see some of the renovations happening at the state officer house. This year, the Foundation invited numerous retired agriculture teachers to participate in the holiday festivities.

After enjoying the delicious meal including the "Famous FFA Pork Chops", the retired teachers all had a chance to reminisce about their time in the classroom and at the FFA Center with students. The day was filled with many good stories, lots of laughs and a lot of new memories for all who attended.

We look forward to celebrating the end of another successful year for the Indiana FFA with this new annual tradition!

Any PSO who would like more information about next year's PSO events at the FFA Center, can contact Joe Martin at [jmartin@inffa.org](mailto:jmartin@inffa.org).





## A LIVING LEGACY

By Paul R Tingley, CFP®/ChFC®

Pictured Left: Paul Tingley –President/CEO and Joanna Tingley-Habegger – COO of Financial Resource Advisors, LLC, Greenwood, Indiana

It is hard to find anyone who likes to give their hard earned dollars away. And most people question the return on their investment, when it ends up in the hands of the tax man! When you have worked your entire life to pay for a farm operation or to grow a business, it is easy to become frustrated and discouraged, when you realize that taxes may be owed for a lifetime of work - either when you sell it or face end of life issues. It is a dilemma faced by many hard working people. The solutions often seem complicated and quite frankly, not something most people even want to tackle. Believe it or not, planning for life transitions can lead to a rewarding experience with the application of prudent tactics and strategies. You can utilize concepts like charitable giving to leave a real imprint on future generations. Often you are able to contribute assets that would have otherwise been lost to taxes. This can create a legacy that may last for multiple generations.

You may think this is a complicated, expensive and time consuming process; however, with the right advice, it need not be. Many families benefit from a diversified strategy that provides for the efficient transfer of the business and property, including assets to charitable trusts and other instruments to support outstanding organizations like the Indiana FFA Foundation.

There are several types of charitable trusts that can provide tax savings and/or asset protection to an estate. An example would be a charitable lead trust that would allow the charity to receive income from the gift for a set period of time, typically 10-20 years. At the end of the trust, whatever assets remain would go to a non-charitable beneficiary, such as your children or yourself. Or, a charitable remainder trust allows you to receive an income stream from an asset and transfer the remaining value to the charity at the end of the trust. This would allow your trustee to sell appreciated assets sheltered in the vehicle without paying capital gains tax. And, if you have several charities that you would like to support, a private family foundation can be established. Advantages of a foundation include retaining family control through multiple generations.

There are many estate planning strategies that can empower your family, impact your community, and perpetuate your values. Prime candidates for these strategies can be anyone who has or will soon have assets that may be subject to capital gains, transfer (estate) taxes, or assets that need long-term preservation or specific use goals. Like any financial planning, proper advice is key to the successful implementation of these planning tools. Consult with a qualified financial planner, CPA, and attorney before making these important decisions.

There are people from all walks of life who are known as legends. Most of them never set out to be one, they just ended up that way. With proper planning, you and your loved ones can leave a living legacy far beyond your lifetime. If you are like me, you believe there are some things that are worth promoting, preserving and protecting. Proper planning can help you achieve it.

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## 2014 FFA AMERICAN DEGREE

Allie Abney ..... Franklin Community  
 Annie Rose Achen ..... Benton Central  
 Lucas Adams ..... South Ripley Community  
 Alisha Christine Bahler ..... Tri County  
 Zed Bickett ..... Tri County  
 Cody Blessinger ..... Southridge  
 Andrew Bolinger ..... Manchester Community  
 Levi R. Bolser ..... Liberty  
 Thomas Borgerding ..... Jay County  
 Jennifer Braun ..... Jay County  
 Sara Breitwieser ..... Northeast Dubois  
 Samantha Danielle Brown ..... Rossville  
 Sarah Bruce ..... Tri County  
 Andrea Bruggeman ..... Jay County  
 Jessyca Byers ..... Jay County  
 Skylar Campbell ..... West Noble  
 Erik Carpenter ..... Delphi Community  
 Braden Clawson ..... Delphi Community  
 Cameron Coghill ..... Delphi Community  
 Haylee Cooper ..... Liberty  
 Laura Crosby ..... Southwestern  
 Makayla Marie Crossley ..... Hagerstown  
 Joanne Lee Curran ..... South Ripley Community  
 Lindsay Davis ..... Clinton Central  
 Evan T. Derry ..... Eastbrook  
 Jill Dirksen ..... Jay County  
 Logan Scot Endicott ..... North Montgomery  
 Brett Farrell ..... Delphi Community  
 Robin Foutch ..... Tri County  
 Cameron Frazier ..... Riverton Parke  
 Rebekah Frey ..... Prairie Heights  
 Colton Geiger ..... Churubusco  
 Lucas Wayne Gilbert ..... West Washington  
 Brandi Goldsby ..... North Montgomery  
 Kelli Grimm ..... West Noble  
 Austin Gross ..... Danville  
 Olivia Hewitt ..... Switzerland County  
 Carl D. Hobson ..... Hagerstown  
 Kayla Hoenert ..... North Posey  
 Samantha Homan ..... Jay County  
 Cory Hopper ..... Lakeland  
 Mallory Huffer ..... Rossville  
 Sean P. Huss ..... Owen Valley  
 Nila Johnson ..... Switzerland County

Kaitlyn Kanis ..... Churubusco  
 Ashley Kincaid ..... Southmont  
 Cassie Klaus ..... Tri County  
 Wyatt Krom ..... Liberty  
 Caroline Kuhn ..... Rushville  
 Heather Lehe ..... Tri County  
 Ashley Lewis ..... Carroll @ Fort Wayne  
 Larry A. Lodge III ..... Hagerstown  
 Michaela Pearl Long ..... Turkey Run  
 Marissa Lorenz ..... Fairfield Jr/Sr  
 Adam Marvell ..... Delphi Community  
 Ethan McNeely ..... Scottsburg  
 Emily Miller ..... North Harrison  
 Anna Muhlenkamp ..... Jay County  
 Rachel Need ..... Rossville  
 Dylan Marie Nicholson ..... West Washington  
 Dexter Jacob Odle ..... North Montgomery  
 Tyler Osborne ..... Jay County  
 Cree James Overmyer ..... Turkey Run  
 Brianna Perry ..... North Posey  
 Lucinda Rose Phares ..... Mount Vernon@Fortville  
 Ross Phillips ..... Danville  
 Logan Pike ..... Switzerland County  
 Katie Reier ..... Jay County  
 Michela Rothenberger ..... Rossville  
 Ben Sheldon ..... Martinsville  
 Micaela Jo Sheldon ..... Tri County  
 Kyle Siegrist ..... Jay County  
 Shelby Kay Sigman ..... Benton Central  
 Joseph T. Silver ..... Benton Central  
 Desiree Steinkamp ..... Seymour  
 Ethan Stevenson ..... Northview  
 Matt Strimple ..... South Ripley Community  
 Brooke Sturgell ..... North Posey  
 Neil Underwood ..... Manchester Community  
 Lana Van Auken ..... Angola  
 David Veach ..... Delphi Community  
 Emily Webster ..... South Ripley Community  
 Hayden D. Wilder ..... Tri County  
 Anna Will ..... North Posey  
 Zach Young ..... Lakeland  
 Shelby Zink ..... Benton Central

## 2015 NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS - TOP 30 INDIANA CHAPTERS



### Top 10 Chapters

Carroll @ Flora  
Clinton Central  
DeKalb  
Lewis Cass  
North Montgomery  
Owen Valley  
Prairie Heights  
Shenandoah  
Southmont  
Woodlan

**TOP  
10  
CHAPTERS**

### Gold Chapters

Carroll@ Ft. Wayne  
Caston  
Churubusco  
Cloverdale  
Columbia City  
Jay County  
Rossville  
Switzerland County  
Tri-County  
West Washington

### Silver Chapters

Benton Central  
Delphi  
Forest Park  
Lakeland  
Lebanon  
Liberty  
Manchester  
McCutcheon  
Mt. Vernon @ Mt. Vernon  
Tippecanoe Valley  
Tipton

### Bronze Chapters

Crothersville  
Knightstown  
Madison  
Warsaw

### Superior Chapters

*All Gold, Silver, and  
Bronze Chapters plus:*

Connersville  
Eastbrook  
Indian Creek  
Southern Wells

## 2015 Living to Serve Initiatives

### Safety Initiative

*Sponsored by DuPont Pioneer*

1. North Montgomery
2. Woodlan
3. Tri-County
4. West Washington
5. Crothersville

### Service Initiative

*Sponsored by: Indiana Electric  
Cooperatives & CHS Foundation*

1. Carroll @ Fort Wayne
2. Columbia City
3. South Putnam
4. North Montgomery
5. Woodlan

### Food Security Initiative

*Sponsored by: Indiana Electric  
Cooperatives & CHS Foundation*

1. North Montgomery
2. Liberty
3. Caston
4. Crothersville

## 2015 Models of Innovation

### Student Development

Carroll @ Flora  
Lewis Cass  
Owen Valley  
Prairie Heights

### Chapter Development

Dekalb  
Lewis Cass  
North Montgomery  
Southmont

### Community Development

Dekalb  
Prairie Heights  
Shenandoah  
Southmont

# 2014 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

The 87th National FFA Convention was held in Louisville Kentucky October 29th through November 1. The Indiana FFA Association had one of its best conventions in sometime with many FFA members and chapters being singled out for their efforts in a variety of Career Development Events. Below is a comprehensive listing of Indiana's successes.

## National Chapter Community Service Award

Shenandoah FFA Chapter

*Model of Innovation in Community  
National Winner (top ranked  
community service program in America)*

## Proficiency Results

### National Winners

Jordan Cadle of Paoli

*Agriscience Plant Research*

Ethan McNeely of Scottsburg

*Forage Production*

Katy McFarland of Madison

*Specialty Animal Prod*

## Proficiency Results

### National Finalist

Nathan DeYoung of Shenandoah

*Ag Communications*

Jason Masters of Shenandoah

*Ag Mech. Repair and Maintenance*

Abigail Cohagan of Argos

*Small Animal Production*

Lauren Evans of Jay County

*Diversified Horticulture*

## National Three Star Chapters

Carroll@Flora

Caston

Churubusco

Clinton Central

Cloverdale

Columbia City

Dekalb

Jay County

North Montgomery

Owen Valley

Prairie Heights

Scottsburg

Shenandoah

Southmont

Switzerland County

Tri County

TOP  
NATIONAL  
**1%**  
CHAPTERS

## National Two Star Chapters

Rossville

Tippecanoe Valley

West Washington

## National Officer Candidate

Cameron Mann

2012-2013 Indiana FFA President

Cloverdale FFA

## Career Development Event - Gold Winners

Caston

*Ag Communications*

Kathleen Jacobs, Huntington North,  
4<sup>th</sup> in Nation

*Extemporaneous Speaking*

Southern Wells

*Livestock Evaluation*

Eastern Hancock

*Meats Evaluation*

Columbia City

*Veterinary Science*

Caston

*Ag Communications*

## Career Development Event - Silver Winners

Shenandoah

*Ag Issues Forum*

Greensburg

*Ag Sales*

Rossville

*Dairy Evaluation*

John Glenn

*Dairy Cattle Handler Activity*

Heritage

*Farm Business Management*

Danville

*Floriculture*

Eastern Hancock

*Food Science*

Orleans

*Forestry*

East Central

*Horse Evaluation*

Katy McFarland, Madison

*Job Interview*

Tri County

*Marketing Plan*

Southwestern Shelby

*Milk Quality*

Heritage

*Nursery/Landscape*

Shenandoah

*Novice Chapter Meeting Invitational*

North Miami

*Poultry Evaluation*



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## 2014 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION CONTINUED...

### Career Development Event - Bronze Winners

Heritage  
*Ag Technology and Mechanical*  
 Bailey Meyer, Columbus  
*Creed Speaking*  
 Churubusco  
*Environmental and Natural Resources*  
 Eastern Hancock  
*Parliamentary Procedure*  
 Skylar Clingan, Prairie Heights  
*Prepared Public Speaking*

### Agriscience Fair Results - Gold Winners

Div. 1 - Switzerland County  
*Power Systems*  
 Div. 2 - North Posey  
*Food Products*  
 Div. 2 - Paoli  
*Plant Systems*  
 Div. 3 - Dekalb  
*Food Products*  
 Div. 3 - Tri County  
*Power Systems*  
 Div. 4 - Greensburg  
*Food Products*

### Agriscience Fair Results - Silver Winners

Div. 2 - Dekalb  
*Animal Systems*  
 Div. 2 - Paoli  
*Environmental Services*  
 Div. 2 - Tri County  
*Social Systems*

Div. 3 - Beech Grove  
*Animal System*  
 Div. 4 - Tri County  
*Animal Systems*  
 Div. 4 - Tri County  
*Environmental Services*  
 Div. 4 - Tri County  
*Power Systems*

### Agriscience Fair Results - Bronze Winner

Div. 3 - Lebanon  
*Plant Systems*

### National Band and Choir Participants

Courtney Gulick - Chorus  
 McCutcheon  
 Brooklyn Meadows - Band  
 Kankakee Valley

### State Membership Award

Indiana FFA  
*Third consecutive year recognized for  
 significant increase in state membership*



### MEET YOUR 2015-2016 STATE OFFICERS

(Back Row, L to R)  
 Sean Harrington, State Treasurer  
 Brett Roberts, Northern Region  
 State Vice President  
 Josh Calhoun, State Sentinel  
 (Front Row, L to R)  
 Courtney Adams, State Reporter  
 Annalee Witte, State Secretary  
 Kenzie Kretzmeir, State President  
 Mason Gordon, Southern Region  
 State Vice President





## GOODWILL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PARTNER VISITS



The Indiana FFA State Officers toured the state meeting with business and industry leaders to say thank you for supporting Indiana agriculture and also learned about different aspects of the various companies.

The Indiana FFA State Officers annually travel the state to spread goodwill to those who generously give to the Indiana FFA while having their eyes opened to the many opportunities the agriculture industry has to offer them as young leaders. With Lisa Chaudion, Indiana FFA Foundation Executive Director, the officers toured the facilities of over 20 different organizations in many areas of the agricultural field. They had the opportunity to see many aspects of the industry from crop genetics and production to plant and animal health and from agriculture processing to agricultural sales.

Not only did they learn about the industry, they also met with industry leaders and potential future employers to learn about opportunities available to them as they begin on their career paths. Indiana is one of few states that have full time FFA state officers. The state officers serve as ambassadors for the organization to business and industry leaders, government officials and community members throughout the entire state. You can follow the Indiana FFA state officers' journey by liking the Indiana FFA Facebook page, following @IndianaFFA on Twitter or visiting the Indiana FFA website at [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org). They frequently post pictures and comments about the companies and individuals they meet during their visits and other experiences throughout their year of service.



## WAYS TO GIVE

These are just some of the ways you can contribute to insure a bright future for the Indiana FFA.

- Give as an Individual or Corporate Partner
- Participate in your Corporate Employee Matching program
- Make a monthly pledge and have the payment automatically deducted from your bank account. Please email [lchaudion@inffa.org](mailto:lchaudion@inffa.org) for further details on this simple, easy and safe way to give.
- Consider a planned gift. One of the simplest ways to provide an enduring gift of support to the Indiana FFA is through your Will or Revocable Living Trust. By including the Indiana FFA in your estate plans, you can specify that some or all of your assets benefit the Indiana FFA after your lifetime.
- Honorariums or Memorials
- Buy an Indiana FFA License Plate featuring the FFA Emblem
- Purchases at the Indiana FFA State Fair Country Market supports our leadership and scholarship programs
- Advertise in the Indiana FFA Impact Magazine or State Convention Corduroy Connection.
- Donate or purchase auction Items during the Farm Progress Show or Ft. Wayne Farm Show
- Participate in the Scrips Program by purchasing the various gift cards that are available.
- Contribution to Give Hope-a program designed for a future endowment for the Indiana FFA Leadership Center.
- Purchase or donate items to the Ft. Wayne Farm Show or the Indiana Illinois Farm Progress Show Titan Tire Auctions.
- Volunteer needed professional services as an alternate way to giving.
- If participating in the United Way Campaign, you may ask for the dollars to be directed to the Indiana FFA Foundation.
- When thinking about your gift buying options, think about ordering Scrip Cards from the foundation.
- When ordering from Amazon do it through AmazonSmile.com and designate Indiana FFA Foundation as your charitable organization of choice. This is Amazon's giving program and your items will not cost you more and a percent is given back to FFA.
- Volunteer for various Indiana FFA activities.
- Join Indiana FFA Alumni or Collegiate FFA

Send your contribution to:  
Indiana FFA Foundation  
P.O. Box 9  
Trafalgar, IN 46181

Or

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, please contact Lisa Chaudion at 317-878-4178 or [lchaudion@inffa.org](mailto:lchaudion@inffa.org).

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