

Madalyn Denton

Mooreland, Indiana

Blue River Valley FFA

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Madalyn Denton, 18, is currently serving as the 2023-2024 Indiana FFA Secretary. Madalyn, or Maddie, is thrilled for the opportunity to serve the over 13,000 members of the Indiana FFA Association. Maddie is the daughter of Emily and Jason Denton.

Throughout five years of active membership in the National FFA Organization, Maddie has served in numerous leadership positions on the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Maddie has served one year as the Blue River Valley FFA's President, one year as the Vice President, as well as one year as Treasurer. She has also been awarded Star Greenhand and a Top Ten Member her sophomore, junior, and senior year. Maddie has served as the chair for the Elementary Ag Club Committee. On the District level, Maddie is currently stationed by the plow as the District IX Vice President. Throughout her involvement at the State level, Maddie has attended Premier Leadership Training, Foundations in Reaching Excellence, and Seeking Opportunities Achieving Results conferences. Maddie has served as a Counselor for most of these Conferences. These conferences have allowed her to serve as a counselor and mentor to younger FFA members. Maddie has also had the opportunity to experience the Indiana State Fair workdays and set-up days, as well as work within the Country Market in the FFA Pavilion. At the National level, Maddie has been fortunate to be a finalist for the Culver's Essay Contest, and attend National Convention for two years.

Maddie has been involved in many Career Development Events. At state she has competed in Vet Science in which her team placed 5th and Poultry Judging in which her team placed 6th in 2022. At the District level, Maddie has competed in Entomology in which her team placed 1st in 2021 and 2019. She has also competed in many LDE's; such as Leadership Ambassador in 2023 where she earned 2nd and Prepared Public Speaking, where she earned 4th in 2022. Her Chapter Meeting team placed 5th in 2023. At district both her proficiencies placed 1st; Poultry Production in 2021 and Veterinary Science in 2023.

Maddie's Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs are in Veterinary Science, placement, Poultry Production, entrepreneurship, and Agricultural Education, placement. Her Veterinary Science Proficiency consists of working at a veterinary clinic part time. She works in both appointment and surgery environments. Her Poultry Production Proficiency consists of hens she raises specifically for egg production. She sells the eggs for profit. This consists of her caring for her hens daily. Her Agricultural Education SAE consists of running the Elementary Ag Club and Committee. She communicates to other committee members then organizes meetings once or twice a month to educate elementary students on agriculture in a fun way through activities and stations.

Maddie has been extremely active within her school and community as well. She is going to be a eight-year member of 4-H, while being a 4-H Junior Leader along the way. Maddie has also been very involved in National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Forever Friends, Band, French Club, and Cooking Club. Within her school, Maddie has held the position of class secretary. Athletically, Maddie was a member of the cross country team. Her team has been Regional Qualifiers for two years, and County Champions for three years. She also earned the Mental Attitude, Most Improved, and MEC Academic Award. In Cheerleading and Track and Field, Maddie has mentored others, and earned the MEC Academic Award.

Maddie has a weighted GPA of 3.98 and is ranked 8st out of 40 students in her class. She will be graduating with an Academic and Technical Honors Diploma. Maddie plans to attend Purdue University to obtain a double major degree in Animal Science and Agribusiness, then attend veterinary school with the hope to one day become a large and small animal veterinarian.