

Caden W. Sixberry

Crawfordsville, Indiana

Southmont FFA

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Caden Sixberry, 18, is currently serving as the 2023-2024 Indiana FFA Treasurer. Caden is excited about this opportunity to serve the over 13,000 Members of the Indiana FFA Association. Caden is the son of M. Troy and Sondra Sixberry.

Throughout the four years as a member of the National FFA Organization, Caden has obtained numerous opportunities to serve as a leader at the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Caden has served as the Southmont FFA Vice President and President. He has received the Outstanding Chapter Member Award, the Chapter Star Farmer Award, and the Chapter's Outstanding Service Award. Caden has served as the chair of the Community Service, Chapters Activities, and Banquet Planning committees. He also has assisted with the numerous events that Southmont FFA puts on over the summer including the County Fair breakfast and children's tractor pedal pull, greenhouse work days, and the Ladoga Fish Fry. On the District level, Caden is currently serving as the District IV President. Caden has also had the opportunity to serve on the State level as an Executive Committee member. During his time serving at the state level, he has attended numerous events including Executive meetings and trainings, Premiere Leadership Training, Foundations in Reaching Excellence, and the Leadership Development Workshop. His attendance at these conferences has helped him develop as a leader by providing him with information and by allowing him to serve as a camp counselor and a mentor to other members. Caden was an active member when it came to assisting with State Fair workdays and experience days at the FFA Pavilion. At the National level, Caden has been provided with the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention twice and participate in the national soils judging contest.

Caden has kept busy participating in numerous Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events. Caden's most recent awards in these events are the following, District Plant and Soil Science Demonstration 2022 - 2nd place individual, District Food Science Demonstration - 1st place team, State Floriculture 2022 - 4th place individual - 1st place team, District Chapter Meeting - 3rd place team, State Crops Evaluation 2022 - 3rd place individual - 1st place team, State Soils Evaluation 2022 - 3rd place individual - 1st place team.

Caden, while in high school, had two Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE), one in Small Animal Production and one in Outdoor Recreation. In his Small Animal SAE, Caden bred and raised his own German Shepherd puppies. Caden also worked for a zipline company where he instructed participants on safety and served as a tour guide. During the tour, he took the opportunity to educate others about the various forms of wildlife found in the local ecosystem.

Caden is a very active member of his school, community, and church. He has been a member of the Burning Hearts Emmaus Chrysalis community for the past four years, and has served on the Emmaus board for the past two years as the Chrysalis community lay director. Caden also fills the role as a 5th-8th grade Sunday school teacher. Caden has assisted with multiple food drives, and community service projects. He is an assistant teacher in his school's FCA club. Caden is also a member of Key Club, an organization aimed at community service.

Caden is in the top 20% of his class with a GPA of 3.9. He will be graduating with a Technical Honors Diploma. Caden plans to attend Kentucky Mountain Bible College in order to one day become a youth pastor. He desires to serve others, and his community through his future endeavors.