

Kelby Roberts

Falmouth, Indiana

Rushville FFA Chapter

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Kelby Roberts, 18, is currently serving as the 2023-2024 Indiana FFA State President. She is the daughter of Ryan and Jessica Roberts and is ecstatic for the opportunity to serve the Indiana FFA Association.

Through her five years of membership in the National FFA Organization, Kelby has served in numerous leadership positions on the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Kelby has served as the Rushville FFA Reporter as well as President. On the District level, Kelby has served as the 2021-2022 District IX Reporter and is currently stationed by the rising sun as the District IX President. Throughout her involvement at the State level, Kelby is a member of the Executive Committee and has thoroughly enjoyed her attendance at nine Indiana FFA State Conferences. These conferences have allowed her to serve as a counselor and mentor to younger FFA members. At the National level, Kelby has been fortunate to compete and enjoy the many opportunities set forth.

Kelby has been involved in several Career and Leadership Development Events. She began her FFA career by winning two state Discovery Degree LDEs in 2019, and continued to see success through 2020 as a National Finalist in the AgriScience Fair. Kelby now looks forward to once again competing at the 2023 National FFA Convention as the chair of her chapter's Parliamentary Procedure team. Additionally, she has placed 1st in District Creed Speaking, Animal Science Demo, Prepared Public Speaking, and Leadership Ambassador.

Kelby's Supervised Agricultural Experiences are Beef Production Placement and Sheep Production Entrepreneurship and Placement. Through her SAEs, she has enjoyed caring for her family's purebred Hereford cattle herd and devoting many hours to show lambs.

Kelby has been extremely active within her school and community. She is currently the City of Rushville intern and will be a 10-year member of 4-H. Within her school, Kelby has been an active member of RCHS Student Council, Varsity Scholars, Principal's Advisory Committee, Cheer Block, and National Honor Society. Athletically, Kelby played three years on the Lady Lions Soccer Team where she was named a two time Academic All-Conference recipient and EIAC All-Conference Defensive Player. Kelby was named a Lilly Endowment Scholarship recipient as well as a Purdue Presidential Scholarship recipient.

Kelby is ranked 10th out of 138 students in her class and will be graduating with Academic Honors in June. Kelby plans to attend Purdue University and dual-major in Political Science and Agricultural Economics with a Pre-Law and Policy Concentration.