

Ethan Wolhete
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Prairie Heights FFA
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Ethan Wolhete, 18, is currently serving as the 2024-2025 Indiana FFA State President. Ethan is exhilarated to have the opportunity to serve the over 14,000 members of the Indiana FFA Association. Ethan is the son of Jeff and Andrea Wolhete.

Throughout four years of active membership in the National FFA Organization, Ethan has served in numerous leadership positions on the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Ethan has served as the Prairie Heights FFA Chaplain as well as President. He attended the Prairie Heights FFA achievement trip all 4 years, which requires members to be in the top 15 of the chapter. Ethan has served as the chair for the officer Christmas exchange committee, and has been a big part of running both Elementary Ag Day and Heritage Festival. On the District level, Ethan has served as the 2022-2023 District III Treasurer and is currently serving as the District III President. Throughout his involvement at the State level, Ethan has attended Executive Committee meetings and trainings, Premier Leadership Training, Leadership Development Workshop, Foundations in Reaching Excellence, and Seeking Opportunities Achieving Results conferences. These conferences have allowed him to serve as both a member and a counselor to learn and mentor to younger FFA members. Ethan has also had the opportunity to experience the Indiana State Fair workdays and set-up days, with both District III and the Executive Committee. At the National level, Ethan has been blessed to attend the FFA National Convention for three years.

Ethan has been involved in many Career and Leadership Development Events, competing in Practical Forestry—earning a 5th place award, Agricultural Communications—receiving 3rd and 4th place awards and the Food Science Contest at the State level. At the District level, Ethan placed 4th and 5th in Extemporaneous Public Speaking, and 2nd in Freshmen Extemporaneous Public Speaking. In the Chapter Meeting Contest, Ethan was on the Chapter's team placing 2nd at District, 1st at Section, and 3rd at the State level.

Ethan's Supervised Agricultural Experience is Vegetable Production Unpaid Placement. His operation consists of helping with his family's garden. His responsibilities include tilling the soil, planting rows and hills of plants, pulling weeds, spreading fertilizer, spreading pesticides, harvesting plants, processing and preserving harvested vegetables. Ethan also worked at a local dairy farm, assisting in milking cows and feeding calves.

Ethan has been extremely active within his school and community as well. He is going to be a ten-year member of 4-H, earning the office of Secretary and being a Tops 4-H member along the way. Ethan has also been very involved in the National Honor Society within his school, where he held the office of President. Athletically, Ethan was the Captain of the Varsity Soccer team his senior year and played varsity all 4 years of high school; he earned the Mental Attitude and Most Improved award throughout his time in soccer. Ethan has helped to mentor others as a Captain and has also earned the Academic All State recognition his junior and senior year. Ethan was named to the North East Corner Conference all-academic team.

Ethan was ranked 3rd out of 105 students in his class. Ethan plans to attend Purdue University and major in Agriculture Education with the hope to one day become an agricultural educator and FFA advisor in Indiana to inspire the next generation of agriculturalists.