

Tanner Weakley

Thorntown, Indiana

Western Boone FFA

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Tanner Weakley, 18, is currently serving as the 2023-2024 Indiana FFA Sentinel. Tanner is thrilled for the opportunity to serve the over 13,000 members of the Indiana FFA Association. Tanner is the son of Shanon and Lee Weakley.

Throughout five years of active membership in the National FFA Organization, Tanner has served in numerous leadership positions on the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Tanner has served as the Western Boone FFA Reporter as well as Vice President. He has also been awarded the Outstanding Chapter Member award twice and has received his Hoosier Degree. Tanner has served as the chair for the Day on The Farm event and the Chapter Banquet committees. On the District level, Tanner is currently serving as the 2022-2023 District IV Sentinel. Throughout his involvement at the State level, Tanner has attended Premier Leadership Training, Foundations in Reaching Excellence, and Seeking Opportunities Achieving Results conferences. These conferences have allowed him to serve as a counselor and mentor to younger FFA members. Tanner has also had the opportunity to experience the Indiana State Fair workdays and set-up days. At the National level, Tanner has been fortunate to attend National Convention for four years.

Tanner has been involved in many Career Development Events, including National Livestock Skill-a-thon, earning Overall High Team in the quality assurance division. Tanner has also competed in the State Livestock judging. At the District level, Tanner competed in Chapter Meeting placing 4th.

Tanner's Supervised Agricultural Experience is Diversified Livestock Production. His operation consists of 15 head of registered Dairy Goats and a few show lambs. His responsibilities include feeding the goats and sheep, cleaning pens, and properly breaking them for show. Tanner also works at RSG a local veterinarian offering breeding services (artificial insemination and embryo transfers), assisting vets and customers with the breeding process.

Tanner has been extremely active within his school and community as well. He is going to be a ten-year member of 4-H. Within his school, Tanner is the Treasurer of National Honor Society, Vice President of Pep Club and Treasurer of Key Club. Tanner also has been an active member of FCA. Tanner is currently serving as a class officer. Athletically, Tanner was the Captain of the Varsity Swim team and earned the Mental Attitude award.

Tanner is ranked 18th out of 137 students in his class. He will be graduating with an Academic Honors Diploma and a Technical Honors Diploma. Tanner plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Animal Science with the hope to one day become a veterinarian.