

Garrett Bolin  
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Indian Creek FFA  
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Garrett Bolin, 18, is currently serving as the 2024-2025 Indiana FFA State Sentinel. Garrett is ecstatic for the opportunity to serve this great organization and make an impact. Garrett is the son of Eric and Rebecca Bolin and the brother of Ava and Erica Bolin.

Throughout his four years in ICFFA, Garrett has served in multiple leadership positions. He served as Chaplain his Junior year and Vice President this past year. Garrett's outlook in FFA has always been to find the leader within each member. He has helped members of his own chapter find their leader within, as well as those around the state by serving as a counselor for the Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results conference. Many members that were in his group have reached out to Garrett on various occasions telling him about what they have done with FFA. One of these students thanked Garrett for helping them with the entomology practice contest held at the camp, as it made her want to do it as an actual contest. Garrett remembers how proud she was when she told him about how the contest went and even though she didn't get the result she wanted, she knew she found her place in FFA. After this experience of being a counselor, Garrett applied to be a counselor at the Fundamentals In Reaching Excellence conference, however, when he did not get selected as a counselor he still attended this conference where he was given the top leader award.

Garrett has also worked tirelessly on multiple Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events. Garrett has been on the chapter's Parliamentary Procedure team from his freshman year to his senior year, where they placed 5th place in the state after winning the district and section contest. Garrett has also competed in Quiz Bowl where he competed at the state contest in his sophomore year. Garrett also has done the forestry contest the past two years, where he helped this new team for Indian Creek build a sense of community that is so vital to success. Garrett also did a demonstration this year over shop safety, and competed in the district Premier Leadership LDE. Through these contests, Garrett has learned the importance of teamwork and also improvisation, especially during Parliamentary Procedure and demonstrations when things go awry.

Garrett's largest SAE is McDonald's Food Safety. With this SAE, Garrett has had the opportunity to assist in the overseeing of food safety in the restaurant. In doing this, Garrett was preventing time and temperature abuse, among other things, in the restaurant. To do this, Garrett had to make sure that things were properly labeled and also make sure that the food contact surfaces were cleaned off. Garrett recently was able to expand his horizons in the food safety world by passing his ServSafe test.

Garrett is also heavily involved in the community with his involvement in Providence Christian Church, being a manager at McDonald's, and assisting the FFA chapter in multiple community service activities. He was also an all-conference athlete in swimming before he made the decision to step away from the sport to focus on his health and FFA.

Garrett graduated from Indian Creek High School in June with an Academic Honors diploma. He has been accepted into Purdue University, and plans to major in Integrated Business and Engineering with the hopes of becoming an entrepreneur.