



Indiana FFA recognizes Honorary Degree Recipients

Four members of the agriculture education community tabbed for exceptional service to Indiana FFA.

West Lafayette, IN (June 19, 2024) – Indiana FFA recognized four people for their dedication to agriculture education and FFA at the 95th Indiana FFA State Convention on Wednesday. Karen Nelson-Heavin, Amanda Line, John Nagle, and Cassie Wallpe were recognized.

Karen Nelson Heavin served as the Indiana FFA State President from 1991-1992 and as Chair of the Indiana FFA Foundation Board from 2013-2014. But her dedication to our association does not stop there, she volunteered hours of her time to coordinate the State Officer Program Review Process last year. Outside of her support of Indiana FFA, she owns and operates a consulting agency, Heavin College and Career Readiness Services, that helps prepare students all over Indiana and Ohio for their future academics or careers.

Amanda Line is a current agriculture instructor at South Putnam High School and is finishing up her role of secretary on the Indiana FFA Board of Trustees. She has helped to take the South Putnam FFA chapter from a one teacher program to a three teacher program as well as introduced dual credit classes to the school's curriculum. She has a passion for agriscience and served on National FFA's Agri-Science Committee to develop new guidelines and awareness for the program.

John Nagle is a Farm Training Specialist with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. John served as the Indiana FFA State Reporter in 1990-1991 and on the foundation board secretary from 2013-2020. He used his expertise to help the Indiana FFA Leadership Center develop an emergency safety plan for the facilities.

Cassie Wallpe is a current agriculture instructor at Batesville High School and finishing up her service to the Indiana FFA Board of Trustees as the District XII representative. Since she started teaching at Batesville in 2009, she has taken the chapter to the next level by helping her students grow their SAE programs and involvement in Career and leadership development events. Mrs. Wallpe has also helped at local and state levels providing livestock, and judging experience.



The Honorary Degree is to recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to Indiana agriculture, agricultural education, and/or the Indiana FFA.

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