



## INDIANA FFA ASSOCIATION

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### **Indiana FFA recognizes Honorary Degree Recipients**

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (June 15, 2022) – Indiana FFA recognized four people for their dedication to agriculture education and FFA at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Indiana FFA State Convention on Wednesday. Jeanna Eppley, Marty Matlock, Amanda Mullins, and Melissa Wolters were recognized.

During her sixteen years at Seymour High School, Eppley has left her mark on the school’s FFA program through her work in differentiating curriculum to be more inclusive for English language learning students. She has served on the Indiana FFA Board of Trustees and is always ready to say “yes” when it comes to lending a helping hand to others.

After serving as the 1971-71 Indiana FFA State Vice President, Matlock has continued to give back to the Indiana FFA Association and Foundation. Matlock serves on the Indiana FFA Foundation Board and hosts an interview workshop every year to prepare each group of Indiana FFA State Officer Candidates.

Mullins has used her talents and experience to further her impact as an Agricultural Educator. Teaching for five years at Tecumseh and ten years at Benton Central, Mullins has had countless state and national proficiency finalists. Mullins has served as the Indiana FFA Board of Trustees President for the past three years and was recently certified as a Lead Teacher and Lab Specialist for the national CASE curriculum.

With 15 years of teaching at Jay County, Wolters has led this chapter to a National 3 Star ranking for 6 years. Her work on the Indiana Agriculture Educators Board of Control and desire to fight against burnout led to her creation of a Comprehensive POA that over 1,000 teachers across the nation have downloaded. She has an impressive list of students with state winning proficiencies and countless members serving as District and State Officers.

The Honorary Degree is to recognize teachers who have created high-quality agricultural education programs which inspire and motivate their students to strive for success and individuals who have provided exceptional service on a national level to agriculture, agricultural education, or FFA.

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