

# Erianna Vela

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Orland, IN  
FFA Stats

- Prairie Heights FFA Chapter
- SAE: Leading G.R.O.W.T.H. program at Prairie Heights Elementary School, working as a farm hand on the Prairie Heights School Farm

Erianna Vela became involved in the National FFA Organization her freshman year as she was searching for a place to belong. Her agriculture teacher, Mrs. Koeppe, encouraged her to participate in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE and the rest is history. Through the organization, she developed a passion for agriculture and confidence within herself that would've been unimaginable to her freshman self.

"Due to the impact my FFA advisors, Ben Leu, Ron Noll, Laney Koeppe, and Caitlin Tracey, have had on me, I now know that I want to be an Ag teacher and encourage my students in the influential way they have encouraged me." Vela shared.

Throughout her FFA journey, Erianna has had the opportunity to make genuine connections with people who accept her for who she is and push her to grow to her full potential. "If Mrs. Koeppe never would have encouraged me to participate in Freshman Prepared Public Speaking, then I would still be that quiet and shy girl I was my freshman year. I would not be in the position I am today," she says. Her experiences in FFA such as working on her school farm and her Agricultural Education SAE have allowed her to discover her passion for agriculture and advocacy.

As a State Officer, Erianna hopes to serve as a role model for those FFA members who did not grow up around the wonderful ideals and values of an agricultural life but have found their footing in FFA. It is her goal to foster a welcoming and encouraging environment for members to flourish.

"Although a bit of a cliché, stepping out of your comfort zone is critical to your personal and professional growth," Erianna said. "Additionally, it's important to remember that failure is a part of every successful person's journey so don't let it define you!"