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86th Annual Nebraska FFA Convention

Theme: Ignite

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Lincoln, Nebraska

2014 Nebraska FFA Convention Results

Attendance: 3799 members registered

Agricultural Issues Academy

Sponsors: Alliance for the Future of Agriculture, Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Pork Producers Association and Nebraska Farm Bureau

The Agricultural Issues Academy (AIA) was held for the fourth year. This is an opportunity for Nebraska FFA members to learn about the issues involving Nebraska Agriculture. Thirty-seven students were selected for the AIA to learn about issues in agriculture that most interest them. Prior to convention, the AIA participants reviewed materials and researched topics. Students took part in round-robin sessions and learned how to speak to lawmakers, share a positive message in TV and radio interviews and learned about written and online communications. Students also visited the State Capitol and interacted with State Senators.

Morgan Bathke	Allen FFA	Faith Rickertsen	Gothenburg FFA
Hannah Borg	Allen FFA	Holly Podliska.....	Humphrey FFA
Marissa Kegley	Amherst FFA	Elisabeth Loseke	Lakeview FFA
Emily Bledsoe.....	Blair FFA	Erin Gubbels.....	Laurel-Concord FFA
Amanda Lambrecht	Blair FFA	Victoria Maslonka	Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA
Dakota Lovett.....	Blue Hill FFA	Heidi Miller	Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA
Colin Fellhoelter.....	Bridgeport FFA	John Kain.....	McCook FFA
Cash Talamantez.....	Bridgeport FFA	John O'Brien.....	Newman Grove FFA
Karli Hellbusch	Cedar Rapids FFA	Caleb Ross.....	O'Neill FFA
Savannah Schafer.....	Conestoga FFA	Rachel Wieseman	Osceola FFA
Alexandria Allen.....	Crofton FFA	Victoria Talcott	Palmyra FFA
Trevor Birky.....	Fillmore Central FFA	Katlyn Likens	Tri County FFA
Cody Zumpfe.....	Friend FFA	Trevor Spath	Waverly FFA
Rebecca Anderson	Gothenburg FFA	Michael Liermann	Wisner-Pilger FFA
Amanda Kowalewski.....	Gothenburg FFA	Rebekah Turnbull.....	York FFA

National Chapter Awards

Nebraska FFA chapters devote time and energy serving their members, chapters, and communities. These chapters excel in conducting activities and events. The National Chapter Awards are sponsored by John Deere.

Receiving a certificate of recognition for being a superior chapter:

- Central City
- Diller-Odell
- Nebraska City
- Osceola
- Wisner-Pilger

Receiving superior chapter certificates and silver emblem recognition:

- Ainsworth
- Alliance
- Conestoga
- Crete
- Hartington
- Lakeview
- McCool Junction
- Palmyra
- Perce
- Sandy Creek
- Southern Valley
- Waverly
- York

Receiving a superior certificate and gold emblem recognition in the National Chapter Program:

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| • Blue Hill | • Mead |
| • Broken Bow | • Norris |
| • Franklin | • North Bend |
| • Gothenburg | • Plainview |
| • Holdrege | • Red Cloud |
| • Humphrey | • Rock County |
| • Imperial | • Schuyler |
| • Leigh | • Stuart |
| • McCook | • Verdigre |

Community Development Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

These chapters know what it means to serve and develop their communities. They spent long hours planning ways to enhance their communities and become involved in a wide array of activities to promote a sense of community pride.

Bronze emblem recognition:

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| • Humphrey | • North Bend |
| • Leigh | • Southern Valley |

Silver emblem recognition:

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| • Broken Bow | • Red Cloud |
| • Creighton | • Verdigre |
| • Ravenna | |

Gold Certificate and plaque as one of the top 13 chapters in Community Development:

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| • Alliance | • O'Neill |
| • Blue Hill | • Plainview |
| • Conestoga | • Sandy Creek |
| • Franklin | • Schuyler |
| • Holdrege | • Stuart |
| • McCool Junction | • York |
| • Mead | |

Feed Nebraska Recognition

Through the Center for Student Leadership, Nebraska FFA promotes the Feed Nebraska project with other career student organizations. There are a variety of activities that chapters conducted to help fight hunger in their communities. Chapters provided assistance to an organization that feeds the hungry, collected monetary donations, coordinated food drives for their local food banks and conducted education activities on hunger issues.

Receiving merit awards are:

- Alliance
- Amherst
- Chambers
- Cody-Kilgore
- Fillmore Central
- Franklin
- Freeman
- Heartland
- Hyannis
- Logan View
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- McCool Junction
- Mead
- Newman Grove
- North Bend
- Schuyler
- Scottsbluff
- Southwest
- Tri County
- Wheeler Central
- York

Chapter Safety Awards

The state awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

This award recognizes those chapters that have excelled in safety education. Chapters across Nebraska hold farm safety and ATV camps, large animal safety days, and many other activities to ensure safety in their communities.

Bronze Awards:

- Blue Hill
- Humphrey

Silver Awards:

- Creighton
- Franklin
- Holdrege
- North Bend
- Red Cloud
- Schuyler
- Stuart
- York

Receiving a Gold certificate and a plaque for being one of the top seven chapters in safety are:

- Alliance
- Broken Bow
- Leigh
- McCool Junction
- O'Neill
- Ravenna
- Verdigre

Governor's Award of Excellence

Sponsored by Nebraska investment Finance Authority (NIFA)

The Governor's Award of Excellence rewards FFA chapters who are committed to bettering their communities and improving opportunities for members in their chapter. Grants of \$1,000 and \$2,500 are available to FFA chapters across the state. Chapters use grants to increase technology use, community development projects, and increase agricultural literacy. The grants are sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority.

- Amherst
- Cody-Kilgore
- David City
- East Butler
- Freeman
- Garden County

- Humphrey
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- McCook
- McCool Junction
- Newman Grove
- O'Neill
- Ravenna

- Schuyler
- Sumner-Eddyville-Miller
- Southwest
- Stuart
- Wallace
- West Central

New Nebraska FFA Chapter Charters

Chapter Officer Symbols sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

- Arcadia
- Chadron
- Sterling

Nebraska FFA Advisors of the Year

Sponsored by Nebraska Farm Bureau

- Ken Malone, Palmyra
- Kevin Wetovick, Fullerton
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Gary Scharf Helping Hand Award

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Foundation

- Jeff Moore, Holdrege (FFA Advisor)

Premier Chapter Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska FFA Alumni

The award honors chapters whose applications will go on to compete at the National level. These chapters are being recognized for their outstanding program of activities and development of their students, chapter and community.

Fifteen Premier Nebraska Chapters:

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| • Blue Hill | • Mead |
| • Broken Bow | • Norris |
| • Franklin | • North Bend |
| • Gothenburg | • Plainview |
| • Holdrege | • Rock County |
| • Humphrey | • Schuyler |
| • Imperial | • Stuart |
| • McCook | |

AgriScience Fair Awards

Students competed in one of four divisions in each of the six categories offered: Animal Systems, Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Food Products and Processing Systems, Plant Systems, Power, Structural and Technical Systems and Social Systems. Each winning team or individual earns a \$150 cash prize and the right to forward their project on for national competition.

Animal Systems, Division I	Carley Swartzendruber, Shickley
Animal Systems, Division II	Matthew Roher, Sandy Creek
Animal Systems, Division III	Megan Hurst/Cody Camenzind, Blair
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division I	Brock Vetick, Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division II	Coleman Kneifl, Allen
Environmental and Natural Resources Systems, Division IV	Christine Cooper/Caitlin Davis, Waverly
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division I	Rachel Kneifl, Allen
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division II	Samantha Teten, Johnson County Central
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division III	Megan Erickson/Emma Teel, Rock County
Food Products and Processing Systems, Division VI	Madie Ronnfeldt/Blair Preston, Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Plant Systems, Division I	Jacob Kruse, Syracuse
Plant Systems, Division II	Brooke Pieke, Newman Grove
Plant Systems, Division III	Thomas Schwarz/Jason Line, SEM
Plant Systems, Division IV	Isaac Buss/Kaycee Bartels, Johnson County Central
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division I	Yaasir Arizmendi, Schuyler
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division II	Brent Miller, Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division III	Kelly Wakeley/Lexie Bacon, Lyons-Decatur Northeast
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, Division IV	Owen Hansen/Clint Miller, Valentine
Social Systems, Division I	John Alfs, Shickley
Social Systems, Division III	Elizabeth Johnson/Anna Bohlken, Syracuse
Social Systems, Division IV	Mickayla Petersen/Alec Anderson, Lyons-Decatur Northeast

2014 State Fair Recognition

Each year, FFA members from across the state travel to exhibit their projects at the Nebraska State Fair and showcase the hard work of their supervised agricultural experience programs. The following individuals were recognized for their support.

Name	City	Support
Marylyn Barnett	Kearney	NTV – Good Morning Nebraska and NTV News at Noon
Farmers Cooperative	Dorchester	Represented by Dennis Kenning. Provides agricultural products and services and 12 State Fair livestock trophies.
Rick and Pat Crosier	DeWitt	Multiple year trophy sponsor
Nebraska Cattlemen	Kearney	Represented by Troy and Megan Anderson. The Nebraska Cattlemen’s Beef Pit provides complimentary meals to FFA and 4H members.
Jennifer Nixon	Harrison	Coordinates the 4H enrollment database and manages the Nebraska State Fair software for 4H.
Krynn Pekny	Bennington	Serves in the FFA office coordinating T-shirt distribution, answers questions, organizes livestock affidavits and rate of gain data and helping judge herdsmanship.
Shane Pekny	Bennington	Serves at the FFA technology superintendent and helps coordinate the FFA and 4H youth database.
Southeast Community College	Beatrice	Represented by Annie Erichsen. SCC sponsors champion clothing awards for swine showmen and several crop and floral trophies.
Twin Valley Expo	Red Cloud, Blue Hill and Franklin FFA Chapters	Represented by Darlene Overleese and accepted by Dave Rocker. Sponsors of sweatshirts for champion beef showmanship exhibitor in each grade level.
Don Wallace	Tekamah	Don served on the FFA State Fair Advisory Board and currently serves as the FFA sheep superintendent.
Steve White	Grand Island	Lead reporter for NTV coverage of the Nebraska State Fair.

2014 VIP Award

Donelle Wolters, Atwood, Kansas

Donelle Wolters served the Nebraska FFA for 13 years as the Nebraska FFA Executive Director. Prior to her service at the state level, she taught agricultural education at Blair and worked for the National FFA as the national convention and WLC coordinator.

2014 Distinguished Service Award

NTV

Represented by Marylyn Barnett and Steve White

NTV is central and western Nebraska’s news leader. NTV believes telling the story of agriculture through daily news updates and market reports. With an understanding of how farmers and ranchers drive our economy, last year NTV launched a weekly news program dedicated to agriculture. NTV’s “Grow” features interviews with newsmakers like the Farm Youth of the Month. NTV also broadcasts live each day of the Nebraska State Fair going beyond the funnel cakes to meet the farm families who raise our food, fuel and fiber.

Honorary State FFA Degrees

2014 Nebraska Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients:

(FFA Advisors)

Jordan Brabec, Howells-Dodge-Clarkson

Amber Endres, Hartington

Dana Hall, McCool Junction

Brian Miller, Falls City

Tony Sigler, Aurora

Gene Wray, Elba

(Friends and Supporters)

Bernard Burenheide (posthumously)

Vanessa Cumming, St. Edward

John Doran, Lincoln

Ed George, Lincoln

Dean and Sharon Klute, Hampton

Mike Kucera

Lower Loup Natural Resources District, Ord

Nebraska Society of Range Management, North Platte

Ken Smedra, Loup City

Brandy VanDeWalle, Geneva

Natural Resources Awards

Sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Every year, FFA chapters and members perform many activities that help preserve our environment. Roadside pickups, water testing, and recycling are among some of the events that chapters are “doing to learn”. The following chapters are dedicated to maintaining and preserving our natural resources.

Bronze emblem certificates:

- Alliance
- Arcadia
- Crete

Silver emblem certificates:

- Blue Hill
- McCool Junction
- Ord
- Red Cloud

Receiving gold emblem certificates and plaques for being the top four chapters in the state in natural resources educational activities:

- North Bend
- Osceola
- Schuyler
- Verdigre

Cornerstone Awards

Awards sponsored by Cornerstone Bank

Our school administrators are individuals important to the success of FFA members. For the past eight years, an award has been provided to a very elite group of people. The Nebraska FFA Cornerstone Award is presented to school administrators who support their local agricultural education programs and FFA chapters. The strength and growth of our organization would not be possible without the hard work and dedication that these administrators give to their communities and schools.

- Jon Davis, Superintendent, Alma Schools
- Chris Kuncl, Principal, Cedar Rapids Public School
- Michael Sorensen, Principal, Chase County Schools
- Dale Rawson, Superintendent, Mead Public Schools
- Matt Springer, Principal, Southwest High School

Nutrients for Life Awards

The Nutrients for Life Foundation is an educational non-profit that provides information and resources to educators and the public about the vital role fertilizers play in feeding our world. Through donations, they offer free educational materials on soil science to educators. All resources are science-based, user-friendly and utilized by educators across the country.

We thank our partners at the Nutrients for Life Foundation and those chapters who partnered with their foundation. These chapters helped their communities become better informed about the positive role of plant nutrients, fertilizers and related agricultural issues through education, community building and experiential activities.

Chapter	Amount Awarded	Placing
Conestoga	\$1,000	Third
McCool Junction	\$3,000	Second
Freeman	\$5,000	First

Hall of Chapters

The purpose of the Hall of Chapters is for students to promote their local chapter with a creative, educational and appealing display. The winning chapter will have the opportunity to design Nebraska's display for the Hall of States at the National FFA convention.

First: Wisner-Pilger

Second: Newman Grove

UNL FFA Alumni Awards Scholarships

An active campus organization, the UNL FFA Alumni provides opportunities for past FFA members to stay involved and give back through selfless service. Each year, the UNL FFA Alumni awards scholarships to assist FFA chapters in taking their officer teams to COLT conference.

Scholarship recipients:

- Anselmo-Merna
- Blair
- Conestoga
- Holdrege

State Stars

The state awards are sponsored by Syngenta.

2014 Nebraska Star in Agribusiness:

Kayla Bouska, Stuart

Kayla Bouska, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Scott and Denice Bouska. Her FFA advisors are Patty Hanzlik and Monty Larsen. Kayla's SAE involves growing ornamental corn and birdhouse gourds used for year-round decorations. She also grows different types of vegetables for family and community members. Kayla plans to attend Northeast Community College and major in Radiology Technology.

2014 Nebraska Star in Placement:

Ben Rice, Norris

Ben Rice, a member of the Norris FFA Chapter, is the son of Dan and Brenda Rice. His FFA Advisors are Kristyn Harms and Doug Malone. Ben's SAE includes managing the family's dairy compost operation. Ben developed skills in dairy herd management, balancing feed rations, and creating nutrient-rich soil amendments. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Mechanized Systems Management.

2014 Nebraska Star in Agriscience

Brooke Pieke, Newman Grove

Brooke Pieke, a member of the Newman Grove FFA Chapter, is the daughter of David and Cindy Pieke. Her FFA Advisor is Kylie Sweeter. Brooke's SAE included studying till and no-till farming practices and expanded into water quality conservation research. Brooke used duckweed to extract nitrates out of water to lower nitrate levels safe for human consumption and utilized a colorimeter and dissolved oxygen probe. She plans to attend Drexel University as a pre-medicine major.

2014 Nebraska Star in Production:

Alyssa Hambleton

Alyssa Hambleton, a member of the Fullerton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kent and Kathy Hambleton. Alyssa's FFA Advisor is Kevin Wetovick. Alyssa's SAE includes 103 dairy goats, 40 bred ewes, and 39 cow calf pairs. Alyssa provides a complete and balanced feed ration for her cattle, sheep, and goats along with basic veterinary practices. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Agribusiness and minor in Animal Science.

Leadership Skills Events

Creed Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Emma Good	Ainsworth	Gold
Derek Monie	Arapahoe	Bronze
Amber Bruegman	Bloomfield	Gold
Ann Hunhoff	Bloomfield	Third
Alexis Corman	Bridgeport	First
Trey Bahler	Chase County	Silver
Slim Lincoln	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Jarod Aerts	East Butler	Silver
Sydney Brewer	Falls City	Bronze
Megan Eickhoff	Falls City	Bronze
Trent Christiancy	Franklin	Gold
Ebony Anderson	Gothenbug	Silver
Josee Hotz	Gothenburg	Bronze
Addie Swartzendruber	Heartland	Bronze
Hailey Coufal	Howells-Dodge-Clarkson	Silver
Brock Vetick	Lyons-Decatur N.E	Gold
Tracy Wamsley	Ord	Silver
Clara Thede	Palmer	Silver
Rebecca Nozicka	Ravenna	Silver
Katrina Anderson	Sandy Creek	Bronze
Kane Aegerter	Seward	Gold
Jake Judge	West Holt	Bronze
Seth Pierce	West Point	Silver
Sam Redford	York	Second

Third Place: Ann Hunhoff, Bloomfield

Second Place: Sam Redford, York

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Creed Speaking Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: Alexis Corman, Bridgeport

Junior Public Speaking

State awards are sponsored by CoBank

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Clair Trenhaile	Bloomfield	Silver
Claire Vanness	Bloomfield	Bronze
Hannah Smith	Broken Bow	Gold
McKayla Mogensen	Cedar Rapids	Silver
Kane Wellnitz	Chadron	First
Dawn Klabenes	Chambers	Bronze
Grace Ford	Cody-Kilgore	Silver
Rebecca Meusch	David City	Silver
Alois Warner	Elgin	Gold
Emily Klein	Freeman	Silver
Katie Reed	Holdrege	Silver
Vanessa Hegemann	Howells-Dodge-Clarkson	Silver
Brent Miller	Lyons Decatur N.E.	Silver
Hannah Hosick	Medicine Valley	Gold
Sydni Lienemann	Norris	Second Plate
Joel Schroeder	Paxton	Gold
Carli Shuck	Sandy Creek	Bronze
Haley Ehrke	Southern Valley	Gold
Sara Baustert	St. Edward	Bronze
Alexis Sock	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Bronze
Michael Borgelt	Wisner Pilger	Bronze
Allee Maronde	York	Third
Alli Riley	York	Bronze

Third Place: Alee Maronde, York

Second Place: Sydni Lienemann, Norris

First Place: Kane Wellnitz, Chadron

Cooperative Speaking Awards

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska Cooperative Council

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Cheryl Aby	Alliance	Bronze
Caitlin Collins	Aurora	Gold
Hannah Jones	Cody-Kilgore	Silver
Dominique Cook	Creighton	Silver
Nathan Derr	Friend	Bronze
Jennifer Knopik	Fullerton	Silver
Corissa Brown	Hayes Center	Bronze
Jill Rocheford	Howells-Dodge-Clarkson	Silver
Hanna Hake	Leigh	Silver
Haley Zabel	Norris	Gold
Alex Stocker	Northwest	Bronze
Miles Stagemeyer	O'Neill	First
Isabelle Ritz	Ord	Silver
Victoria Talcott	Palmyra	Gold
Taylor Walter	Perkins County	Silver
Stephanie Sorensen	Plainview	Bronze
Kora Schott	Ravenna	Third
Eric Bohoty	Seward	Bronze
Nathan Hendrickson	Shickley	Bronze
Sarah Forbes	Southern Valley	Bronze
Brittany Hanzlik	Stuart	Second
Bailey Brown	West Central	Silver
Tessa Hughes	West Point	Gold
Erica Lewis	Wisner Pilger	Gold

Third: Kora Schott, Ravenna

Second: Brittany Hanzlik, Stuart

First: Miles Stagemeyer, O'Neill

Natural Resources Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Farmers Ranchers Cooperative

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Madeline Epp	Aurora	First
Lydia Cantu	Bridgeport	Bronze
Eva Oliver	Cody-Kilgore	Bronze
Cami Larson	Conestoga	Silver
Amber Wissenburg	Crete	Gold
Kelsey Safarik	Elba	Silver
Karissa Dicke	Elgin	Gold
Conrad Schelkopf	Fillmore Cenral	Third
Kyann LeViner	Gothenburg	Bronze
Janessa Maurer	Holdrege	Silver
Morgan Baumert	Howells-Dodge-Clarkson	Second
Ben Kuhr	Leigh	Silver
Kylie Peter	McCook	Bronze
Grayce Jorgensen	Medicine Valley	Gold
Breanna Attema	Pierce	Bronze
Nathan Choat	Plainview	Silver
Catherine Mick	Shickley	Silver
Alexis Wolford	South Platte	Bronze
Emily Cumming	St. Edward	Bronze
Kayla Bouska	Stuart	Gold
Dasie Nichols	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Bronze
Abbie Applebee	Waverly	Gold
Taylor Streeter	West Point	Silver
Colin Wooldrik	West Point	Silver

Third: Conrad Schelkopf, Fillmore Central

Second: Morgan Baumert, Howells-Dodge-Clarkson

First: Madeline Epp, Aurora

Extemporaneous Speaking

State awards are sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank.

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Rob Maxwell	Ainsworth	Silver
Cole Retchless	Bridgeport	Gold
Krissa Gulbrandson	Central City	Silver
Mindy Castle	Chase County	Bronze
Nash Leef	Creek Valley	Gold
Daniel Gutzman	Emerson-Hubbard	Bronze
Everet Bloom	Freeman	Bronze
Carson Messersmith	Gothenburg	First
Roman Schmidt	Gothenburg	Second
Becca Laub	Northwest	Silver
Rodger Farr	Medicine Valley	Silver
Samantha Vaverka	Milford	Silver
Billy O'Brien	Newman Grove	Bronze
Ben Rice	Norris	Third
Morgan Polenske	Randolph	Gold
Delaney Behrendt	Ravenna	Gold
Kellan Heavican	Schuyler-Central	Gold
Alex Cumming	St. Edward	Silver
Aaron Ammon	Stuart	Silver
Angie Miller	Superior	Bronze
Tom Waldo	Tri-County	Silver
Paige Meier	West Point	Bronze

Third: Ben Rice, Norris

Second: Roman Schmidt, Gothenburg

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Extemporaneous Speaking Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: Carson Messersmith, Gothenburg

Job Interview Event

State awards are sponsored by Central Valley Ag

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Dalle Rutledge	Banner County	Bronze
Haley Curry	Burwell	Silver
Jocelyn Kuncel	Cedar Rapids	Gold
Paige Dexter	Chambers	Third
Sarah Morton	Conestoga	Bronze
Amy Mueller	Crofton	Silver
Brittany Hilfiker	David City	Second
Jessica Benton	Freeman	Bronze
Rebecca Anderson	Gothenburg	Gold
Tyler Hoffman	High Plains	Silver
Grant Uehling	Logan View	Silver
McKenzie Crowe	McCook	First
Kandace Ward	McPherson County	Bronze
Madison Clark	Medicine Valley	Silver
Chance McAllister	Minatare	Bronze
Brooke Pieke	Newman Grove	Gold
Carlie Bartlett	Pender	Silver
Sarah Teichmeier	Ravenna	Bronze
Emmet Caldwell	Sandy Creek	Silver
Shelby Blechs	Seward	Gold
Jennifer Mick	Shickley	Bronze
Miranda Pierce	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Silver
Cathryn Hanzlik	Verdigre	Gold
Callie Rathjen	York	Bronze

Third Place: Paige Dexter, Chambers

Second Place: Brittany Hilfiker, David City

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Job Interview Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: McKenzie Crowe, McCook

Senior Public Speaking Event

State awards are sponsored by Channel

Full Name	Chapter	Placing
Maikayla Weiss	Ainsworth	Silver
Marissa Kegley	Amherst	Silver
Tori Ryan	Ansley	Bronze
Sydney Wergin	Aurora	Silver
Kristen Fellhoelter	Bridgeport	Silver
Jessica Hartman	Chase County	Gold
Savannah Schafer	Conestoga	Bronze
Renaë Sieck	Crete	Third
Alyssa Hambleton	Fullerton	Silver
Jessica Bragg	Gordon Rushville	Bronze
Amanda Kowalewski	Gothenburg	Second
Kselsey Kuhlman	Gothenburg	Gold
Andrea Wach	Hayes Center	Bronze
Casey Smith	Howells-Dodge-Clarkson	Silver
Liz Loseke	Lakeview	Gold
Grace Harmon	Logan View	Bronze
Leo Haselhorst	Randolph	Silver
Mackenzie Lemmons	Randolph	First
Ciana Long	Ravenna	Bronze
Megan Swartzendruber	Shickley	Bronze
Samantha Sattler	Stuart	Gold
Caitlin Davis	Waverly	Bronze
Morgan Tranmer	Wilber-Clatonia	Silver
Makenzie Kalkowski	Wisner-Pilger	Gold

Third: Renaë Sieck, Crete

Second: Amanda Kowalewski, Gothenburg

Earning the right to represent the Nebraska FFA Association at the National Senior Public Speaking Event in Louisville, Kentucky, this October: MacKenzie Lemmons, Randolph

Junior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Nebraska FFA Alumni Association

Chapter	Placing
Amherst	Silver
Bloomfield	Gold
Creek Valley	Bronze
Diller-Odell	Silver
Dundy County Stratton	Bronze
East Butler	Bronze
Fullerton	Silver
Gothenburg 1	Gold
Gothenburg 2	Silver
Holdrege	Gold
Kimball	Silver
Leigh	Silver
Norris	Silver
Ord	Bronze
Pender 1	First
Pender 2	Second
Rock County	Bronze
Sargent	Bronze
Southern Valley	Bronze
St. Edward	Gold
Stuart	Gold
Verdigre	Bronze
Waverly	Silver
York	Gold

Second (state runner up): Pender 2

First (state winning gold emblem): Pender 1

Senior Parliamentary Procedure

State awards are sponsored by Jack Nemec

Chapter	Placing
Ainsworth	Bronze
Bloomfield	Silver
Central City	Silver
Chase County	First
Crofton	Silver
East Butler	Silver
Fillmore Central	Bronze
Franklin	Silver
Gothenburg 1	Bronze
Gothenburg 2	Silver
Kimball	Silver
Leigh	Silver
Milford	Bronze
Norris	Silver
Northwest	Bronze
O'Neill	Silver
Palmer	Bronze
Pender	Silver
Ravenna	Silver
Scottsbluff	Bronze
Southern Valley	Silver
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Bronze
Waverly	Second
West Point	Silver

Second (state runner up): Waverly

First (first place will represent Nebraska in the National Career Development Event): Chase County

Ag Demonstration

State awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Chapter	Placing
Alma	Silver
Amherst	Silver
Arapahoe	Silver
Creighton	Gold
Crofton	Silver
Elba	First
Freeman	Gold
Friend	Silver
Gothenburg	Silver
Hampton	Silver
O'Neill	Gold
Schuyler Central	Second
Sioux County #1	Gold
Sioux County #2	Bronze
Spalding	Bronze
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Silver
Wallace	Bronze
Waverly	Bronze
West Point	Gold
Wheeler Central	Bronze
Wisner-Pilger	Gold
York	Bronze

Second (state runner up): Schuyler Central

First: Elba

Jr. High Experience
Sponsor: UNL FFA Alumni

Discovery Speaking Event

Designed to be similar to junior and senior public speaking, discovery speaking is developed for junior high members to become excited about speaking and being involved in future FFA leadership events.

Receiving Bronze Medals:

Taralee Hudson..... Bruning-Davenport
Lyndsey Ehmen..... Freeman
Breanna Miller St. Edward
Nicki Kirchhoff Superior

Receiving Silver Medals:

Mable McAbee Ansley
Blake Kastanek..... Freeman
Madison Zumpfe..... Friend
Arleigh Costello..... Gothenburg
Keith Kuhlman Gothenburg
Erica Eacker SEM
Nicole Swartzendruber..... Shickley
Brea Hostert West Holt

Receiving Gold Medals:

Brittani Pospisil..... Creighton
Brooke Bell..... David City
Jace Stagemeyer..... O’Neill
Elizebeth Kment..... Plainview
Kade Bose Southern Valley
William Paine..... Southern Valley

Runner-up:

Miranda Hornung Central

State Winner:

Halie Andreasen St. Edward

Quiz Bowl

The quiz bowl event offers opportunities for junior high members to enhance and demonstrate their knowledge and skills related to agriscience and the FFA in a semi-competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness, cooperation, and fairness prevail.

Overall Champion: Gothenburg 3

Morning Champion: Gothenburg 2

Morning Runnerup: St. Paul

Afternoon Champion: Gothenburg 3

Afternoon Runnerup: Pawnee City

2014-2015 Nebraska FFA Officers

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Jon Lechtenberg, Agricultural Educator, Southern Valley, "Agriculture Education as a Career Highlight" speaker
Doug Voigt, Agricultural Educator, St. Paul, "Agriculture Education as a Career Highlight" speaker
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Melissa Dearthmont, Midwest Country Clinic, LLC with offices in Burwell and Bassett
Shylea Wingard, Custom Ag Solutions, speaker
Kelsey Pope, Nebraska Corn Board
Morgan Tranmer, Speaker, World Food Prize
Kent Kirchoff, President-Elect, Nebraska FFA Foundation

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Doug Voigt, Retiring Advisor, St. Paul FFA Chapter
 Bob Pedulla, Retiring Advisor, Scottsbluff FFA Chapter
 Dave Johnson, Wilcox-Hildreth FFA Chapter
 Greg Nollette, Valentine

Talent:

Christian Stacy, McCool Junction
 Jeremy Davis, Hyannis
 Nick Harms, Lakeview
 Adam Umland, Fairbury
 Chris Vera, Christian Stacy, Jake Birt, JT Hamm, McCool Junction (quartet performance)

Proficiency Award Winners

First Name	Last Name	Area	Chapter	District	Sponsor	Bio
Katie	Nolles	Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Rock County	10	Nebraska Farmer	Katie Nolles, a member of the Rock County FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Mike and Trudy Nolles. Katie's SAE includes livestock photography to create ranch promotional materials. She promotes the family's Hereford cattle operation through social media marketing. Katie's ag ed instructor is Ann Dvorak.
Alexandra	Cunningham	Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Bloomfield	4	University of Nebraska–Lincoln Department of Agricultural Leadership Education and Communication	Alexandra Cunningham, a member of the Bloomfield FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Tom and Shirley Cunningham. Alex's skills include creating lesson plans, and facilitating classroom projects and discussion. She also assists in FFA contest preparation and offers her ag industry knowledge to students. Alex's ag ed instructor is Richard Eisenhauer.
Victor	Osantowski	Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Franklin	6	Frank J. Fleecs	Victor Osantowski, a member of the Franklin FFA Chapter, is the son of Vic and Sheryl Osantowski. Victor's skills include designing and building livestock equipment to fit customer needs. Victor reads blueprints and transfers the plans into high quality equipment. Victor's ag ed instructor is Dave Rocker.
Trent	Johnson	Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement	Bloomfield	4	Plains Equipment Group	Trent Johnson, a member of the Bloomfield FFA Chapter, is the son of Troy and Joni Johnson. Trent repairs antique farm tractors. His skills include overhauling engines and transmissions. Trent's ag ed instructor is Richard Eisenhauer.
Brittany	Hanzlik	Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	10	University of Nebraska, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture	Brittany Hanzlik, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Robert and Patty Hanzlik. Brittany's SAE involves growing, processing, and marketing horseradish and creating and selling broom corn arrangements. Brittany developed skills in planting, tillage, and harvesting, as well as customer service, design, marketing and record-keeping. Brittany's ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Spencer	Noble	Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship	Boone Central	7	DEKALB & Asgrow	Spencer Noble, a member of the Boone Central FFA Chapter, is the son of Dave and Lori Noble. Spencer's SAE involves raising laying hens and marketing eggs to local individuals and businesses. His skills include advertising, promotion and retail management. Spencer's ag ed instructor is Megan Bode.
Kaitlyn	Hanvey	Agricultural Sales – Placement	Verdigre	4	DEKALB & Asgrow	Kaitlyn Hanvey, a member of the Verdigre FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Joe and Kelly Hanvey. Through her work at a local store, Kaitlyn gained skills in customer service, stocking, arranging

						displays, greenhouse management, and cash register operation. Kaitlyn's ag ed instructor is Kevin Randa.
Nicholas	Cole	Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	McCook	11	Maxwell Agri Service, LLC	Nicholas Cole, a member of the McCook FFA Chapter, is the son of Jeffery and Billie Cole. Nicholas operates his own fencing business and is a certified Kentucky Red Brand Wire installer. His skills include making fence, employee management, marketing and advertising, and customer relations. Nicholas' ag ed instructor is Sarah Knutson.
Alicia	Pierce	Agriscience Research-Animals Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	8	Boehringer Ingelheim	Alicia Pierce, a member of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Randy and Jean Pierce. Alicia's SAE focuses on the egg laying rates of hens when comparing feed sources and daily temperature. Her experiment evolved around the use of commercial feed and laying vs. that of chickens on a free range diet. Alicia's ag ed instructor is Boyd Bowder.
Jordan	Paine	Agriscience Research-Integrated Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Southern Valley	11	Frank J. Fleecs	Jordan Paine, a member of the Southern Valley FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Mike and Anne Paine. Through her diversified agriscience project, she has worked in animal science, plant science, and leadership research. Her ag ed instructor is Jon Lechtenberg.
Brooke	Pieke	Agriscience Research-Plant Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Newman Grove	2	University of Nebraska–Lincoln Center for Plant Science Innovation & University of Nebraska–Lincoln Department of Agronomy & Horticulture	Brooke Pieke, a member of the Newman Grove FFA Chapter, is the daughter of David and Cindy Pieke. Brooke's study involved the relationship between farming practices and soil and water quality conservation. Brooke uses instruments such as a colorimeter and dissolved oxygen probe for independent science research. Brooke's ag ed instructor is Kylie Sweeter.
Austin	Throener	Automotive Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Point	3	Nebraska FFA Alumni Council	Austin Throener, a member of the West Point FFA Chapter, is the son Holly Throener and Mike and Kari Throener. Through his work at a local shop, Austin's skills include body repair, paint prep and application, and vehicle detailing. His ag ed instructor is Lee Schroeder.
Kodi	Gehl	Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	Wheeler Central	10	Nebraska Cattlemen	Kodi Gehl, a member of the Wheeler Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Greg and Susan Gehl. Kodi's SAE includes producing and caring for show quality cattle. Her skills include sire selection, balancing proper feed rations, preparing calves for shows, and recordkeeping. Kodi's ag ed instructor is Kelly Guggenmos.
Trevor	Ramm	Beef Production – Placement	Stuart	10	Nebraska Cattlemen	Trevor Ramm, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the son of Rose Ramm. Trevor's skills include artificial insemination, heat detection, calving assistance, treating cattle, forage production, feeding, pasture management, and equipment maintenance on the family-owned and operated Angus ranch. Trevor's ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Cassidy	Chapman	Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	North Bend Central	3	Associated Milk Producers, Inc.	Cassidy Chapman, a member of the North Bend FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Terry and Janel Chapman. Cassidy's SAE consists of two Jersey cows, a Jersey heifer and the offspring of the cows. Her skills include expanding her herd, maximizing milk production and feed efficiency through balanced rations and proper nutrition management. Cassidy's ag ed nstructor is D. J. Mottl.
Ben	Rice	Dairy Production – Placement	Norris	1	Midwest Dairy Association	Ben Rice, a member of the Norris FFA Chapter, is the son of Dan and Brenda Rice. While working at Prairieland Dairy, Ben performs a variety of tasks including herd and feed management. Ben's ag ed instructors are Kristyn Harms and Doug Malone.
Chase	Nelson	Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Boyd	10	Nebraska Corn Board	Chase Nelson, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the son of Douglas and Virginia Nelson. Chase works for a dryland crop operation with a

		ment				cow/calf production herd. He runs the feed wagon and operates haying and grain harvesting equipment in addition to calving out cows during the spring. Chase's ag ed instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.
Victoria	Talcott	Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	Palmyra	1	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultants	Victoria Talcott, a member of the Palmyra FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Norris and Lynnet Talcott. Victoria's skills include operating large farm equipment; including programming the GPS in the self propelled sprayer, marketing her grain at the local coop, and learning how to write a farmland rental contract. Victoria's ag ed instructor is Ken Malone.
Cody	Kuester	Diversified Crop Production – Placement	West Point	3	Nebraska Independent Crop Consultants	Cody Kuester, a member of the West Point FFA Chapter, is the son of Gary and Linda Kuester. His family farm raises corn, soybeans for seed, and small square alfalfa bales. Cody's involvement on the farm includes scouting crops, taking hay samples, operating equipment, and office work. His ag ed instructor is Lee Schroeder.
Courtnei	Kunz	Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	10	CF Industries	Courtnei Kunz, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Scott and Lori Kunz. Courtnei's SAE consists of working at the school grounds where she performs tasks including, mowing and trimming. Courtnei has participated in many landscaping projects at home gaining skills in planting, mulching, watering, and landscape maintenance. Courtnei's ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Alyssa	Hambleton	Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Fullerton	7	Nebraska Corn Board	Alyssa Hambleton, a member of the Fullerton FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kent and Kathy Hambleton. Alyssa cares for her dairy goats, bred ewes, and cow-calf pairs by providing a complete and balanced feed ration. Alyssa produces top quality show prospects which she markets to other exhibitors. Alyssa's ag ed instructor is Kevin Wetovick.
Trent	Faltys	Electrical Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	2	Tri-State Transmission	Trent Faltys, a member of the Schuyler FFA Chapter, is the son of Lynn and Susan Faltys. Through his jobs at local firms, Trent developed technology skills which include bending conduit, running wires, reading meters, and wiring fixtures. His ag ed instructor is Tom Wheeldon.
Derek	Krieger	Emerging Agricultural Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	O'Neill	10	SureFire Ag	Derek Krieger, a member of the O'Neill FFA Chapter, is the son of Lorin and Kathy Krieger. Derek's SAE includes working with others to develop and pilot a soil moisture monitor called Field Connect. Derek was responsible for installation of equipment, analyzing data, and educating the customer on the production benefits of this new technology. Derek's ag ed instructor is Krystl Knabe.
Austin	Jeffrey	Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	8	CHS	Austin Jeffrey, a member of the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller FFA Chapter, is the son of Dave and Penny Jeffrey. Through his job, Austin works to improve grazing practices of local ranchers by sharing data he has gathered on Native grasslands. His skills include plant identification, harvesting, weighing and record keeping. Austin's ag ed instructor is Boyd Bowder.
Bailey	Day	Equine Science – Entrepreneurship	Wheeler Central	10	First National Bank	Bailey Day, a member of the Wheeler Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Larry and Kaye Day. Bailey's skills include breeding and raising horses for rodeo competition and livestock production. Bailey cares for horses by providing a balance ration and treating injuries. Bailey's ag ed instructor is Kelly Guggenmos.
Ashley	Anderson	Equine Science – Placement	Norris	1	Behlen Manufacturing Company	Ashley Anderson, a member of the Norris FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kelly and Kathy Anderson. Ashley's skills include riding and training her American Quarter Horses for competition and

						providing daily care. Ashley also offers lessons to youth. Ashley's ag ed instructors are Doug Malone and Kristyn Harms.
Christina	Hamling	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	St. Edward	7	Nebraska Soybean Board and Nebraska Soybean Association	Christina Hamling, a member of the St. Edward FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Dean and Jule Hamling. Christina's soybean crop production skills include planting and harvesting, selecting and applying pesticides and herbicides, and market research and interpretation. Christina's ag ed instructor is Timothy Laughlin.
Margo	Erickson	Food Science and Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Wheeler Central	10	Oxbow	Margo Erickson, a member of the Wheeler Central FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Tom and Dawn Erickson. Margo's SAE includes working for a popcorn farm. Her skills include testing and processing seed shipped to growers worldwide. Margo's ag ed instructor is Kelly Guggenmos.
Samantha	Sattler	Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	10	Bayer CropScience	Samantha Sattler, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Chris and Jenny Sattler. Samantha's SAE involves working at a custom cutting business. Her skills include windrowing, raking, piling bales, and equipment maintenance. Samantha's ag ed instructors are Monty Larsen and Patty Hanzlik.
Morgan	McCormick	Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Verdigre	4	Nebraska Agribusiness Club	Morgan McCormick, a member of the Verdigre FFA Chapter, son of Loren and Melissa McCormick. Through his work, Morgan developed skills in chainsaw operation and maintenance, firewood production and sales, tree trimming and cleanup, and using equipment such as a tractor and loader, and log splitter. Morgan's ag ed instructor is Kevin Randa.
Chelsea	Sidel	Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	David City	2	Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association & James Arthur Vineyards	Chelsea Sidel, a member of the David City FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Marvin and Jeanne Sidel. Chelsea's skills include canning many fruits into jams and jellies. Chelsea cares for her fruit trees by ensuring they are hydrated and protected from harmful weather. Chelsea's ag ed instructor is Jenny Kocian.
Wyat	Overturf	Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sutton	6	Nebraska FFA Alumni	Wyat Overturf, a member of the Sutton FFA Chapter, is the son of Mark and Charlene Overturf. Wyatt raises registered Boer goats for show and breeding stock. Wyatt created his own nutritional feed ration which has increased the rate of gain for his market goats. Wyatt's ag ed instructor is Kelsey Wetovick.
Krayton	Banzhaf	Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Cambridge	11	Nebraska Wheat Board	Krayton Banzhaf, a member of the Cambridge FFA Chapter, is the son of Lavern and Rhonda Banzhaf. Krayton practices no-till farming to conserve moisture and build residue and organic matter. His skills include calibrating the planter, harvesting crops, and utilizing GPS technologies to increase efficiency. Krayton's ag ed instructor is Courtney Bahe.
Derek	Schilke	Grain Production – Placement	Imperial	11	Aurora Cooperative	Christopher Kleinschmit, a member of the Bloomfield FFA Chapter, is the son of Dan and Cheryl Kleinschmit. Christopher's skills include operating equipment for planting and harvest and hauling crops. Christopher's ag ed instructor is Richard Eisenhauer.
Kacie	Gribble	Health and Human Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Chambers	10	NPP, LLC	Kacie Gribble, a member of the Chambers FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Bee and Shari Gribble. Kacie works as a Certified Nursing Assistant at a local nursing home. Her skills help to provide the best care for the elderly residents. Kacie's FFA ag ed instructor is Jaci Palmer.
Heidi	Miller	Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	3	Nebraska Rural Radio Network	Heidi Miller, a member of the Lyons-Decatur Northeast FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Roy and Sarah Miller. Heidi's program consists of directing and managing local and regional relief efforts to Haiti. Heidi's skills focus on community

						organization, delivery to Haiti, and cross generational efforts. Heidi's ag ed instructor is Kevin Anderson.
Whitney	Coop	Home and/or Occupational Safety Programming – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lakeview	2	ADM	Whitney Coop, a member of the Lakeview FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Chris and Beth Coop. Whitney's skills include maintaining a safe environment at both an outdoor water park and indoor swimming facility. Whitney is a lifeguard, manages the office, and assists patrons. Whitney's ag ed instructor is Cole Blomendahl.
Melissa	VanDerslice	Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lakeview	2	Norris FFA Boosters	Melissa VanDerslice, a member of the Lakeview FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Ronda and the late David VanDerslice. For her SAE, Melissa works at a local sandwich shop. Her skills include customer relations, completing bank deposits and operating the cash register. Melissa's ag ed instructor is Cole Blomendahl.
Kylie	Brabec	Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	2	Nebraska Nursery & Landscape Association	Kylie Brabec, a member of the Schuyler FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Richard and Renee Brabec. Kylie's business offers various landscaping services. Her skills include proper planting depth, mulching and pruning techniques, turf grass care, equipment maintenance, and customer communications. Her ag ed instructor is Tom Wheeldon.
Kiley	Schuerman	Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Wilber-Clatonia	5	Nebraska Nursery & Landscape Association	Kiley Schuerman, a member of the Wilber-Clatonia FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Harley and Patti Schuerman. Kiley owns and manages her own greenhouse where she propagates seedlings to sell each spring. She uses her marketing abilities to advertise and sell her product. Kiley's ag ed instructor is Dusten Bruss.
Cole	Gibbens	Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement	West Holt	10	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	Cole Gibbens, a member of the West Holt FFA Chapter, is the son of David and Tracy Gibbens. Cole's SAE includes working for the Atkinson Parks Department in park maintenance and at the Atkinson Pool. Cole is a certified Water Safety Instructor and has provided swimming lessons. Cole's ag ed instructor is David Gibbens.
Amanda	Hartman	Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Schuyler	2	Smart Chicken - Tecumseh Poultry	Amanda Hartman, a member of the Schuyler FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Mark and Deb Hartman. Amanda's SAE involves raising and selling of various chicken breeds and selling eggs. Amanda developed skills including poultry care and sanitation, health issues, egg incubator maintenance, building proper housing, and customer relations. Her ag ed instructor is Tom Wheeldon.
Erica	Lewis	Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Wisner-Pilger	3	Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers	Erica Lewis, a member of the Wisner-Pilger FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Jerry and JoAnn Lewis. Erica has been raising and showing sheep several years. Her skills include providing balanced rations and creating a breeding plan. Erica's ag ed instructor is Mark Schroeder.
Jessica	Schmidt	Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Gothenburg	9	Wilber-Clatonia FFA Alumni	Jessica Schmidt, a member of the Gothenburg FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Boni and Theodore Schmidt. Jessica owns and operates an animal care business. As well as caring for animals, Jessica books appointments, organizes her time, manages employees and finances, and maintains customer relationships. Jessica's ag ed instructor is Dan Scherer.
Morgan	Tranmer	Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Wilber-Clatonia	5	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association	Morgan Tranmer, a member of the Wilber-Clatonia FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kevin and Karla Tranmer. Morgan sells her honey locally and works on hive byproducts. Morgan's ag ed instructor is Dusten Bruss.
Kayla	Bouska	Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Stuart	10	Ward Laboratories	Kayla Bouska, a member of the Stuart FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Scott and Denice Bouska. Kayla's SAE involves growing ornamental corn and birdhouse gourds to be used for year-round

						decorations. Kayla's advisors are Patty Hanzlik and Monty Larsen.
Tyler	Haun	Swine Production – Entrepreneurship	West Boyd	10	Nebraska Pork Producers Association	Tyler Haun, a member of the West Boyd FFA Chapter, is the son of Brad and Jolene Haun. Tyler learned his production expertise as a member of his chapter's swine cooperative. His skills include swine health and nutrition, livestock production management, and entrepreneurship. Tyler's aged instructor is Jerome Engelhaupt.
Gage	Hoegermeyer	Swine Production – Placement	Logan View	3	Nebraska Pork Producers Association	Gage Hoegermeyer, a member of Logan View FFA Chapter, is the son of Greg and Patti Hoegermeyer. Gage's skills include all aspects of the production cycle by working in a farrow-to-finish operation. Gage vaccinates livestock, maintains sanitation and sterilization of the farrowing barn and grinds feed. Gage's aged instructor is Dan Mowinkel.
Zach	Settje	Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Central	2	Frank J. Fleecs	Zach Settje, a member of the Central FFA Chapter is the son of Dean and Kristi Settje. Through work at two local golf courses, Zach gained skills to maintain greens, operate irrigation systems, and deal with customer relations. Zach's aged instructor is Casey Carriker.
Kali	Bohling	Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Logan View	3	Bayer CropScience	Kali Bohling, a member of Logan View FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Lee and Linda Bohling. Through her vegetable production, Kali developed skills in propagation, weed control and marketing. She planted and harvested produce sold at a farmers market and harvested pumpkins for sale throughout Nebraska. Kali's aged instructor is Dan Mowinkel.
Greer	Potadle	Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Tekamah-Herman	3	Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association	Greer Potadle, a member of the Tekamah-Herman FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Kurt and Marti Potadle. Greer's veterinary skills include aiding in diverse surgeries and performing simple operations. Greer cares for large and small animals by treating injuries and giving routine care. Greer's aged instructor is Bailey Kobs.
Shelby	Cammack	Wildlife Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Tri County	5	Nebraska Pheasants Forever State Council	Shelby Cammack, a member of the Tri County FFA Chapter, is the daughter of Mike and Jill Cammack. Shelby's skills include raising and caring for bobwhite quail which are raised to adulthood and marketed to hunting dog trainers. Shelby's aged instructor is Kurt Wissenburg.

Results of FFA Alumni Silent Auction

For receiving the highest bids for their “container” contribution to the Nebraska FFA Alumni, the following three chapters will receive scholarships for one student from each chapter to attend the NPower Conference in Aurora in July.

- Stuart
- Alliance
- Gothenburg

Approximately \$1,500 was raised during the silent auction held on April 11 at the Pershing Center. All support is appreciated.

I Believe in the Future of Ag Chapter Recognition

The *I Believe in the Future of Ag* Campaign is a fundraising campaign focused on building capacity for the future of FFA at both the local and state level. Local chapters received 100% of every local dollar raised and \$24,000 in matching funds from the Nebraska FFA Foundation. Nearly \$200,000 was raised by 73 local FFA Chapters. Along with support from 19 corporate sponsors, almost \$430,000 was raised for Nebraska FFA through the *I Believe in the Future of Ag* Campaign.

The FFA Foundation recognized the top three chapters who raised the largest amount of dollars per member at the local level. These chapters combined raised more than \$50,000. Each chapter received a banner and Husker football tickets from the Nebraska FFA Foundation.

The Bloomfield FFA Chapter, placing third, will be using their funds for members to attend Nebraska FFA's NPower Leadership Conference and Washington Leadership Conference.

The Bridgeport FFA Chapter, placing second, will use funds from their donations to pay for basic FFA programming needs such as officer and leadership skills training, travel expenses and county fair.

The Stuart FFA Chapter raised the most funds per FFA member and will be purchase additional equipment to expand the CASE curriculum currently being implemented. In addition, they will be building a greenhouse and animal lab to enhance supervised agriculture experience opportunities for students.

The Foundation also recognized the top two chapters from *I Believe in the Future of Ag* video contest. Several chapters submitted videos showing what their chapter would do in their community with \$1,000. The Freeman FFA chapter placed first receiving the most online votes and the Heartland FFA chapter received second place. Each chapter will receive \$1,00 award from the Nebraska FFA Foundation.

The following chapters were recognized as raising over \$1000 for the *I Believe in the Future of Ag* Campaign.

- Bloomfield
- Bridgeport
- Broken Bow
- Central City
- East Butler
- Elgin
- Franklin
- Freeman
- Garden County
- Gothenburg
- High Plains Schools
- Holdrege
- Logan View
- Lyons-Decatur N.E.
- McCook
- McCool Junction

- Mead
- Norris
- North Bend
- O'Neill
- Osceola
- Pierce
- Plainview
- Ravenna
- Sandy Creek
- Southern Valley

- Southwest
- Sterling
- Stuart
- Waverly
- West Boyd
- West Holt
- Wisner-Pilger

2014 Career Development Events Top Individuals & Teams

Ag Biotechnology – Team

Sponsor: Hoegemeyer Hybrids

Director: Don Lee

Team	
1	Johnson County Central
2	David City
3	Gothenburg

Individual		
1	Victoria Whitmore	David City
2	Samantha Teten	Johnson County Central
3	Lauren Klaasmeyer	Gothenburg

Ag Communications – Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Sponsor: Nebraska Rural Radio Network

Director: Roger Terry, Pam Peters, Sandi Karstens

Team	
1	Sandy Creek
2	Arapahoe
3	Chambers

Ag Communications – Writer

Individual		
1	Nathalie Ford	Sutton
2	Kaylea Watson	Arapahoe
3	Leanne Sherrod	Morrill

Ag Communications – Electronic Media Specialist

Individual		
1	Alison Cloet	Sutton
2	Colton Shuck	Sandy Creek
3	Brady Mailand	Perkins County

Ag Communications – Designer

Individual		
1	Stephanie Paulsen	Arapahoe
2	Paige Dexter	Chambers
3	Maekayla Ward	Lawrence-Nelson

Ag Issues

Sponsor: Hoegemeyer Hybrids

Director: Richard Douglass

Ag Issues Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Rock County
2	Aurora
3	Schuyler

Ag Sales

Sponsor: Farmers Cooperative, Dorchester

Director: Kara Heideman

Ag Sales Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Sandy Creek
2	Gothenburg
3	Chase County

Individual		
1	Erika Harms	Sandy Creek
2	Natasha Anderson	Sandy Creek
3	Bailey Aden	Gothenburg

Ag Technology & Mechanics

Sponsor: Frank J. Fleecs

Director: Wade Hilker

Ag Technology & Mechanics Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Laurel-Concord
2	Newman Grove
3	Wilcox-Hildreth

Individual		
1	Connor Cross	Laurel-Concord
2	Lathan Olhrich	Laurel-Concord
3	Jacob Haase	Newman Grove

AgriScience

Sponsor: Producers Hybrid

Director: Dann Husmann

Team	
1	SEM
2	Humphrey
3	Sandy Creek

Individual		
1	Schuyler Defreese	Johnson County Central
2	Desma Hamilton	Sandy Creek
3	Jackson Potadle	Tekamah-Herman

Agronomy

Sponsor: Ward Laboratories, Inc.

Director: Tim Kettler

Agronomy Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Pawnee City
2	Eustis-Farnam
3	Mead

Individual		
1	Collin Thompson	Eustis-Farnam
2	Garhett Nielsen	Eustis-Farnam
3	Brooke Bowhay	Pawnee City

Farm Business Management

Sponsor: T-L Irrigation Company

Director: Ron Hanson

Farm Business Management Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Pawnee City
2	Twin River
3	Red Cloud

Individual		
1	Hayden Meyer	Pawnee City
2	Ellie Lesiak	Fullerton
3	Wyatt Bell	Red Cloud

Floriculture

Sponsor: Frank J. Fleecs

Director: Stacy Adams

Floriculture Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	West Holt
2	Wallace
3	Norris

Individual		
1	Matt Eller	Schuyler Central

2	Haley Zabel	Norris
3	Jacyln Nelson	Wallace

Food Science

Sponsor: Oxbow Animal Health

Director: Julie Reiling and Bethany Jackson

Food Science Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Superior
2	Johnson County Central
3	Lakeview

Individual		
1	Samantha Teten	Johnson County Central
2	Erica Lewis	Wisner-Pilger
3	Whitney Coop	Lakeview

Jr. Livestock Selection

Sponsor: Kelly and Marcie Lechtenberg and The Beel Brothers, LLC

Director: Brad Bennett

Team	
1	Gothenburg
2	Palmer
3	SEM

Individual		
1	Chase Samuelson	Palmer
2	Emily Keiser	Gothenburg
3	Pat Peterson	Gothenburg

Sr. Livestock Selection

Sponsor: Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association

Director: Brad Bennett

Senior Livestock Selection Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	West Point
2	Lakeview
3	Cambridge

Individual		
1	Ryan Schroeder	Wisner-Pilger
2	Kodi Gehl	Wheeler Central
3	William O'Brien	Newman Grove

Meats Evaluation & Identification

Sponsor: Cargill Meat Solutions

Director: Dennis Burson

Meats Evaluation & Identification Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Eustis-Farnam
2	Pawnee City
3	West Point

Individual		
1	Caetlen Gyhra	Pawnee City
2	Isaac Hueftle	Eustis-Farnam
3	Gage Bellamy	Eustis-Farnam

Natural Resources

Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Director: Mark Kuzila

Natural Resources Team (first place team will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Crofton
2	Fillmore Central
3	North Bend

Individual		
1	Justin Lee	Boone Central
2	Ryan Langemeier	Logan View
3	Zack Nelson	Boone Central

Marketing Plan

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Marketing Plan Team (first place team will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	Chase County
2	Paxton
3	SEM

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Director: Anne Streich

Nursery & Landscape Management Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	West Holt
2	Freeman
3	Superior

Individual		
1	Paige Mitchell	West Holt
2	Katie Meyer	Freeman
3	Matt Ideus	Freeman

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Director: Bryan Reiling

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Swine: Nebraska Pork Producers Association

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
1	Gothenburg
2	Boone Central
3	Creighton

Livestock Management – Poultry (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Sponsor: Department of Agriculture, Poultry & Egg Division

Director: Bryan Reiling

Team	
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2	Palmer
3	Palmyra

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Team	
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2	Alma
3	Boone Central

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Individual		
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2	Josh Chavez	Lexington
3	Jayson Rezek	Sutherland

Welding – ARC

Individual		
1	Trent Dolezal	North Bend
2	Wyatt Deroe	Johnson County Central
3	Ethan Rupprecht	Diller-Odell

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Individual		
1	Garrett Shadbolt	Gordon-Rushville
2	Bridger Kerchal	Waverly
3	Jarod Wilson	Loup City

Veterinary Science

Sponsor: Oxbow Animal Health

Director: Lisa Karr-Lillenthal, Lena Cottle

Veterinary Science Team (first place will compete at the National Convention)

Team	
1	West Point
2	Broken Bow
3	Lawrence-Nelson

Individual		
1	Kristy Hansen	West Point
2	Cody Henderson	Alliance
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Marble Hill, MO 63764

- Nursery & Landscape Career Development Event

Tom Volk
Area Business Manager

Dekalb/Asgrow

7830 Abigail Circle
Lincoln, NE 68516

- Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- COLT Conference

Curt Uebele
Area Business Mangaer
Dekalb/Asgrow
9200 Wildfire Road
Lincoln, NE 68512
• COLT Conference

Anthony Sibert
Dekalb/Asgrow
NEED ADDRESS
• Agriculture Sales Placement Proficiency Award
• COLT Conference

Jim Hellbusch
Duo Lift Manufacturing Co, Inc.
2810 – 38th St
Columbus, NE 68601
• Welding Career Development Event

Guy Elsworth
EBM Construction
1014 Sherwood Rd.
Norfolk, NE 68701
• Proficiency Finalist and Parents Dinner

Bob Campbell
Senior Vice President
Farm Credit Services of America
PO Box 80298
Lincoln, NE 68501-0298
• State FFA Degree Program

Tom Hermance
Human Resources Manager
Farmers Cooperative
501 East Main
PO Box 66
Plymouth, NE 68424
• Agricultural Sales Career Development Event

Kent Taylor
President & CEO
Farmers Ranchers Cooperative
224 South Main Street
Ainsworth, NE 69210
• Natural Resources Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Daryl Erickson
Risk Management Consultant
FC Stone
3919 S 147th St, Ste 120
Omaha, NE 68144
• Livestock Management Career Development Event – Dairy Area

Frank J. Fleecs

PO Box 767
Sutherland, NE 69165

- Ag Mechanics Career Development Event
- Marketing Plan Career Development Event
- Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- \$1000 cash award for the Agricultural Mechanics – Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication Winner
- Floriculture Career Development Event
- Agriscience Research Integrated Systems Proficiency Award
- Turf Grass Management Proficiency
- FFA Talent Gift Certificates
- Chapter Safety Awards

Rich Herink
President

First National Bank

134 South 13th Street, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Equine Science – Entrepreneurship Proficiency

Stephan Becerra
President

Hoegemeyer Hybrids

1755 Hoegemeyer Rd
Hooper, NE 68031

- Agricultural Issues Career Development Event
- Agriculture Biotechnology Career Development Event

Jim Ballard

James Arthur Vineyards

2001 West Raymond Rd
Raymond, NE 68428

- Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Derek Feyerherm
Director of Sales

Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau

1135 M Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68501

- State FFA Convention Speakers

Tim Murphy

Matheson

PO Box 190
Waverly, NE 68462

- Welding Career Development Event

Bob Maxwell

Maxwell Agri Service, LLC

RR 1, Box 98
Ainsworth, NE 69210

- Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Kelly Lechtenberg, DVM, Ph.D.

Midwest Veterinary Services, Inc.

1290 County Road M, Suite A

Oakland, NE 68045-5544

- Jr. Livestock Selection Career Development Event

Jeff Monhollan

President

Nebraska AgriBusiness Club

PO Box 94891

Lincoln, NE 68509

- Forestry Management and Products – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award

Alyssa Smola

Public Relations/Communications Director

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

601 S 12th Street, Suite 201

Lincoln, NE 68508

- Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event
- Natural Resources Chapter Awards
- Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Agriculture Issues Academy

Pete McClymont

Executive Vice President

Nebraska Cattlemen

1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 101

Lincoln, NE 68508-2833

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Beef Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Beef Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Tina Smith

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

404 East 7th Street

Curtis, NE 69025

- Agriculture Processing Proficiency Award

Ed Woepfel

Education & Program Director

Nebraska Cooperative Council

134 South 13th Street, Suite 503

Lincoln, NE 68508-1901

- Cooperative Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Don Hutchens

Executive Director

Nebraska Corn Board

PO Box 95107

Lincoln, NE 68509-5107

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Diversified Livestock Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Emily Thornburg
Field Services Director
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
1327 H Street, Suite 305
Lincoln, NE 68508
• Agricultural Issues Academy

Greg Ibach
Director
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
PO Box 94947
Lincoln, NE 68509-4947
• Agricultural Demonstration Leadership Skills Event
• Community Development Awards
• New Chapter COLT scholarships

Susan Joy
Manager
Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Poultry and Egg Division
PO Box 830908
Lincoln, NE 68583-0908
• Livestock Management Career Development Event – Poultry Area

Rob Robertson
Chief Administrator
Nebraska Farm Bureau
PO Box 80299
Lincoln, NE 68501
• Chapter Visit Program
• Ag Issues Academy
• Delegate Legislative Breakfast
• Pre-Session Sponsorship
• State FFA Officer Development (SOD) Program
• State FFA Officer Travel Support for International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Don McCabe
Editor
Nebraska Farmer
4131 Pioneer Woods Drive, Suite 103
Lincoln, NE 68506
• Agriculture Communication Proficiency Award

Joe Baldassare
State President

Nebraska FFA Alumni Association

12205 Cuming Street
Omaha, NE 68154-1432

- Automotive Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- District Leadership Skills Event Ribbons
- FFA Conference Support – NPower Conference
- Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Junior Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Skills Event
- Livestock Management Career Development Event – Sheep Area
- Pershing Auditorium Rental
- Premier Chapter Awards
- State President’s Gavel

Bruce Blankenship
Executive Secretary

Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association (NICCA)

PO Box 412
Kearney, NE 68848-0412

- Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Diversified Crop Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Dudley Beyer
Agricultural Programs Manager

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)

1230 O Street, 200 Commerce Court
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Governor’s Award of Excellence

Mary Korth
Administrative Assistant

Nebraska Pheasants Forever and Nebraska Quail Forever

PO Box 326
Greeley, NE 68842

- Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Kyla Wize
Youth Leadership and Events Specialist

Nebraska Pork Producers Association

7441 O Street, Suite 104
Lincoln, NE 68510

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Livestock Management Career Development Event – Swine Area
- Swine Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Swine Production – Placement Proficiency Award

Mike LePorte
Farm Service Director

Nebraska Rural Radio Network

PO Box 880
Lexington, NE 68850-0880

- Agricultural Communications Career Development Event
- Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Butch Hassler

Treasurer

Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Association

31140 Rd. Y

Sutton, NE 68979

- Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Lori Luebbe

Executive Director

Nebraska Soybean Association

1327 H Street, Suite 300

Lincoln, NE 68508

- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Awards

Victor Bohuslavsky

Executive Director

Nebraska Soybean Board

3815 Touzalin Ave., Suite 101

Lincoln, NE 68507

- Agricultural Issues Academy
- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Awards
- State FFA Officers International Travel

Dina Michel

Executive Director

Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association

2727 West 2nd Street, Suite 227

Hastings, NE 68901

- Senior Livestock Career Development Event
- Specialty Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Royce Schaneman

Executive Director

Nebraska Wheat Board

PO Box 94912

Lincoln, NE 68509-4912

- Grain Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award
- Travel Award to State Winner of Grain Production - Entrepreneurship Proficiency to attend the Wheat Export Marketing Workshop

Jennifer Montgomery

Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association

619 37th St. Apt. 105

Omaha, NE 68105-1239

- Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Jack Nemec

PO Box 36

West Point, NE 68788-0036

- Senior Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Skills Event
- State FFA Chorus

Corey Korth

Treasurer

Northeast Nebraska Sheep Breeders Association

13735 County Road P18

Blair, NE 68008

- Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Dr. Kristyn Harms

Norris FFA Boosters

25211 South 68th

Firth, NE 68358

- Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Roger Weirbein

President

Omaha Agri-Business Club

13611 B Street

Omaha, NE 68144

- Livestock Management Career Development Event
- Livestock Management Equine Career Development Event

John Miller

President

Oxbow Animal Health

29012 Mill Road

Murdock NE 68407

- Food Science and Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Food Science Career Development Event
- State Officer IMAGES Training

Kent Kirchoff

Marketing Manager

Plains Equipment Group

977 280th Road

PO Box 406

Seward, NE 68434

- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement Proficiency Award

Shannon Wietjes

Producers Hybrid

54542 840th Rd.

Battle Creed, NE 68715-5058

- Agriscience Career Development Event

Randy Lenz

Purina Animal Nutrition LLC

4 Araphao Lane

Kearney, NE 68847

- Livestock Management Beef Career Development Event

Kevin C. Siebert
President and CEO

Tecumseh Farms

13151 Dovers St
Waverly, NE 68462

- Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- Chicken for Proficiency Dinner on Thursday Night at the State FFA Convention

Matt Wolters

SureFire Ag Systems

9904 Hwy 25
Atwood, KS 67730

- Emerging Ag Technology Proficiency

Adam Wollenburg

District Manager

Syngenta

822 S. Harris St.
Wilber, NE 68465

- Nebraska FFA Stars Program

Matt Dolch

Syngenta

Sales Representative
2192 West Mill Rd.

Raymond, NE 68428

- Nebraska FFA Stars Program

GiGi Dennis

Tri-State Transmission

1100 West 116th Ave.
Westminster, CO 80234

- Electrical Technology- Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Clark Bauer

US Sales Manager

T-L Irrigation Company

PO Box 1047

Hastings, NE 68902-1047

- Farm Management Career Development Event

Mark A. Balschweid

Department Head and Professor

Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (ALEC)

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

PO Box 830709

Lincoln, NE 68583-0709

- Agricultural Education - Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award
- FFA Advisor Hospitality Room

Ray Ward
President and Co-Owner
Ward Laboratories, Inc.
PO Box 788
Kearney, NE 68848-0788

- Agronomy Career Development Event
- Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Stuart Bartruff
Nebraska/Kansas Business Banking Manager
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
MAC N8069-023
13625 California Street, Suite 200
Omaha, NE 68154-5426

- Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Eric Kracke
Treasurer
Wilber-Clatonia FFA Alumni
PO Box 487
Wilber, NE 68465

- Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award

Lisa Vonfeldt
Program Coordinator
UNL - Center for Plant Science Innovation
PO Box 880660
Lincoln, NE 68588-0660

- Agriscience Research - Plant Systems Proficiency Award71234

Roch Gaussoin
Department Head
UNL - Department of Agronomy and Horticulture
362H Plant Science Hall/UNL East Campus
Lincoln, NE 68583-0915

- Agriscience Research - Plant Systems Proficiency Award

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