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Mara Obrigewitch, Belfield	Joseph Silliman, Leeds	Jessica Thiel, Richland 44
Breann Obritsch, Belfield	Emma Thompson, Leeds	Karson Schoening, Rolla
Adam Becker, Beulah	Noah Arnold, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Abbie Wiedrich, Rolla
Alfred Schwalbe, Beulah	Mathias Follman, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Hunter Allickson, Rugby
Jerrod MacDonald, Bismarck	Ethan Karslbraaten, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Jessica Blessum, Rugby
Megan Hunt, Bottineau	Kristi Medalen, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Ethan Clements, Rugby
Jesse Hafner, Carrington	Jaydin Risovi, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Hunter Hager, Rugby
Candace Nysted, Carrington	Hallie Burghart, Mandan	Lauren Kraft, Rugby
Shawn Heilman, Center	Stetson Ellingson, Mandan	Kaycee Mahle, Rugby
Cole Helmers, Center	Haley Geiger, Mandan	Jaden Munyer, Rugby
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Baylee Berg, Edgeley/Kulm	Kathryn McNichol, Max	Calli Miller, Scranton
Emily Bopp, Edgeley/Kulm	Brooke Schroeder, Max	Brandon Pierce, Scranton
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Joshua Geinert, Edgeley/Kulm	Kody Faul, McClusky	Colbey Steeke, Scranton
Tanner Zahn, Edgeley/Kulm	Levi Larson, McClusky	Marissa Tuhy, South Heart
Kurt Hart, Fessenden/Bowdon	McKenzy Dockter, Medina	Ashton Smith, Stanley
Sara Hatlewick, Gackle/Streeter	Jeremiah Heupel, Medina	Shawn Postovit, Tioga
Royce Brawley, Garrison	Alex Irlmeier, Medina	Elizabeth Black, Towner
Bree Diffely, Garrison	Cassidy Bockoven, Minot	Madison Bollinger, Towner
Jayden Hansen, Garrison	Graysyn Kitts, Minot	Samantha Drader, Towner
Megan Johnson, Garrison	Bree Obergfell, Minot	Brooke Plorin, Towner
Claire Anderson, Harvey	Sabrina Stark, Minot	Tori Andrus, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Kylee Dockter, Harvey	Jasmine Vinnard, Minot	Victoria Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Alicia Hellman, Harvey	Carter Honeyman, Mott/Regent	Kylee Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Bethany Keller, Harvey	Samantha Bitz, Napoleon	Madison Bodine, Velva
Christyn Knudtson, Harvey	Katelyn Horner, Napoleon	Bethany Kolschefski, Velva
Tyler Larson, Harvey	Katelyn Long, Napoleon	Jeseb Mogen, Velva
McKenzie Lutt, Harvey	Mariah Weigel, Napoleon	Jake Bellmore, Wahpeton
Chantel Mertz, Harvey	Kaitlyn Weigel, Napoleon	Austin Berger, Wahpeton
Travis Pedersen, Harvey	Libby Bateman, New Salem	Tracer Bowar, Wahpeton
Carson Woroniecki, Hebron	Brandie Doll, New Salem	Jacob Enochson, Wahpeton
Zane Woroniecki, Hebron	McKenzie Kuhn, New Salem	Kendra Klosterman, Wahpeton
Kennedy Chrest, Kenmare	John Mayer, Northern Cass	Anna Koch, Wahpeton
Paige Schmidt	Noah Trangsrud, Northern Cass	Aaron Lee, Wahpeton
Hunter Bice, Killdeer	Hunter Wiebusch, Northern Cass	Braeden Neiber, Wahpeton
Ryan Karey, Killdeer	Adrianna Guzman, Oakes/Sargent Central	Dylan Wiek, Wahpeton
Dane Larsen, Killdeer	Shantell Jepson, Oakes/Sargent Central	Jenae Wieser, Wahpeton
Jordan Martin, Killdeer	Addison Magill, Oakes/Sargent Central	Hunter Kamrath, Washburn
Matthew Stroh, Killdeer	Tim Anderson, Parshall	Karissa Monsen, Watford City
Kayla Brademeyer, Kindred	Antonio De La Cerda, Parshall	Aaron Bechtle, Wishek
Sheyenne Freitag, Kindred	Sidney Sanderson, Parshall	Lora Horner, Wishek
Emma Maddock, Kindred	Daniel Bolen, Powers Lake	Hunter Pinke, Wishek
Taylor Bisbee, Leeds	Brianna Honrud, Powers Lake	Rebekka Wanner, Wishek
Tyler Blegen, Leeds	Grace Hove, Powers Lake	Julianna Wolff, Wishek
Richelle Darling, Leeds	Logan Klitzke, Powers Lake	Chase Anderson, Wyndmere
Adam Fischer, Leeds	Tannis Anderson, Richland 44	Gabe Chavez, Wyndmere
Michael Heck, Leeds	Cody Blegen, Richland 44	Catherine Manstrom, Wyndmere
Erin Jorgenson, Leeds	Chris Blegen, Richland 44	Kirsten Pratt, Wyndmere
Cameron O'Brien, Leeds		Megan Strege, Wyndmere

## AREA STARS OF AGRI-BUSINESS

Joshua Geinert-Edgeley/Kulm  
Hunter Kamrath-Washburn

The State Star of Agribusiness is sponsored by *Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Dealers*. and the beautiful traveling trophy is sponsored *Busch Ag Resources*. The State Star also receives a \$300 check from Our National Star Sponsors, *CNH Capital and DuPont Company*. The 2016 North Dakota Star of Agri-business is Joshua Geinert of the Edgeley/Kulm FFA Chapter.

## AREA STAR FARMER

Claire Anderson-Harvey  
Katelyn Horner-Napoleon  
Casey Kramer-Max  
Colbey Steeke-Scranton

The State Star Farmer is sponsored by *Roger, Jeannette & Erika Kenner* and the beautiful traveling trophy sponsored by *Busch Ag Resources*. The State Star also receives a \$300 check from Our National Star Sponsors, *CNH Capital and DuPont Company*. The 2016 State Star Farm is Katelyn Horner of the Napoleon FFA Chapter.

## AREA AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

Bree Diffely-Garrison  
Stetson Ellingson-Mandan  
Kurt Hart-Fessenden/Bowdon  
Hunter Pinke-Wishek

The State Star Ag Placement state sponsor is **Farmers Union Insurance**. The winner receives a plaque and the beautiful traveling trophy sponsored by *Kenny Roise, Gustafson, LLC*. The State Star also receives a \$300 check from *our National Star Sponsors*, CNH Capital and DuPont Company. The 2016 State Star in Agricultural Placement is Stetson Ellingson of the Mandan FFA Chapter.

## AREA AGRI-SCIENCE

Jesse Hafner-Carrington  
Emma Maddock-Kindred

The State Star Agri-Science is sponsored by *Wheat Growers* The beautiful traveling trophy sponsored by *Fort Dodge Science Animal Health*. The State Star also receives a \$300 check from *our National Star Sponsors*, CNH Capital and DuPont Company. The 2016 State Star of Agri-Science of Emma Maddock of the Kindred FFA Chapter.

## HONORARY FFA STATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS (11)

Mr. Dave Lynnes  
Mr. Trent Schneider  
Mr. Allen Stock  
Mr. Joleen Risovi  
Ms. Sheila Braaten  
Mr. David Lutt

Mr. Austen Germolus  
Mr. Jory Hansen  
Mrs. Caitlin Holm  
Mr. Jeff & Mrs. Lori Zahradka  
Mrs. Tamra Maddock

Plaques sponsored by: North Dakota Farm Bureau

## AMERICAN FFA DEGREE NOMINEES (55)

Sponsors are: *ADM, DuPont Pioneer, RDO Equipment, Wilbur-Ellis, Summers, IRONCLAD Marketing, and CF Industries.*  
*All 55 have been approved by the National FFA Organization and will receive the degree at the 86th National FFA Convention in Louisville in October.*

Phillip Neubauer, Bottineau  
Claire Endres, Carrington  
Tysen Rosenau, Carrington  
Holly Boyd, Center  
Braeden Mathern, Edgeley/Kulm  
Verlin Zacharias, Enderlin  
Donovan Zacharias, Enderlin  
Gabriel Lassila, Garrison  
Samantha Lies, Garrison  
Mitchell Stiefel, Garrison  
Dylan Stumvoll, Garrison  
Catelyn Perbix, Harvey  
Auston Andvik, Kindred  
Ty Casey, Kindred  
Riley Flom, Kindred  
Brock Saewert, Kindred  
Levi Vangsness, Kindred  
Jaden Kallenbach, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Emily Bendish, Mandan  
Jessica Fleck, Mandan  
Audree Gifford, Mandan  
Cullen Gress, Mandan  
Tanner Gress, Mandan  
Samantha Halstengard, Mandan  
Stacia Hopfauf, Mandan  
Patrick Johnson, Mandan  
Rena Tokach, Mandan

Cody Wald, Mandan  
Gwen Scheresky, Max  
Jordan Tomlinson, Max  
Kady Rath, McClusky  
Ceph Dockter, Medina  
Megan Reister, Medina  
Garrett Becker, Minot  
Cole Hanson, Minot  
Joshua Kauffman, Minot  
Brock Severson, Minot  
Bailey Bitz, Napoleon  
Paige Feist, Napoleon  
Justin Leier, Napoleon  
Kara Stegner, New England  
Zac Miller, Richland 44  
Matt Myhre, Richland 44  
Sarah Thiel, Richland 44  
Travis Burgard, Rugby  
Amber Jaeger, Rugby  
Keylee Odden, Rugby  
Kiara Bassingthwaite, Wahpeton  
Zachery Bellmore, Wahpeton  
Austin Krause, Wahpeton  
Zachariah Rick, Wahpeton  
Shane Giedd, Washburn  
Shania Rolla, Watford City  
Abby Braaten, Wyndmere

## APPRECIATION AWARD

Timothy Aichele, Beulah  
Larry Lundberg, Killdeer  
Larry Lueck, Hettinger

## **State Proficiency Finalists & Winners**

### ***Agricultural Education***

Bree Obergfell, Minot  
Tracer Bower, Wahpeton  
Emily Sears, Maddock AS Gibbens  
Tori Andrus, Turtle Lake/Mercer

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by the *James F Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation & Tulsa Welding School* is **Tracer Bower of the Wahpeton** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Association of Agricultural Educators (NDAAE)*.

### ***Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication***

Tyler Erickson, Beulah  
Jacob Enochson, Wahpeton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Carry-On Trailer* is Jacob Enochson of the Wahpeton FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *General Equipment and Supplies, Inc.*

### ***Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance***

Peyton Livedalen, Rugby  
Alex Leingang, New Salem  
Eric Hellandsaas, Watford City  
Derrick Hayden, Watford City

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company and Universal Technical Institute* is **Peyton Livedalen** of the **Rugby** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*.

### ***Agricultural Processing***

Hannah Pierson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Michael Pinkney, Napoleon  
Travis Pedersen, Harvey

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *CHS & the Sealed Air Corp* is Travis Pedersen of the Harvey FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Ag Products Utilization Commission*.

### ***Agricultural Sales-Placement***

Sabrina Stark, Minot  
Candace Nysted, Carrington  
Bree Diffely, Garrison

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Fastenal and Vigortone Ag Products and Sunglo Seeds* is Bree Diffely of **Garrison FFA Chapter**. The plaques were donated by *CHS-Dakota Plains Ag*.

### ***Agricultural Services***

LeAnne Van Berkom, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Ethan Clements, Rugby  
McKayla Johnson, Napoleon  
Colbey Steeke, Scranton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *TransCanada* is **Ethan Clements** of the **Rugby** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Grain Dealers Association*.



### ***Agriscience Research-Integrated Systems***

Emily Webb, Minot  
Abigail Martel, Richland 44

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award is Abigail Martel of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter. The plaques and awards were donated and sponsored by **PROSEED and National FFA Foundation**.

### ***Agriscience Research-Plant Systems***

Emma Maddock, Kindred  
Caleb Boehm, Richland 44  
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award is Emma Maddock of the Kindred FFA Chapter. The plaque and awards were donated by **PROSEED and FMC Corp**.

### ***Beef Production-Entrepreneurship***

Casey Kramer, Max  
Cole Ketterling, Wishek  
Jerrod MacDonald, Bismarck  
Colbey Steeke, Scranton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **Bayer Animal Health and Rabo AgriFinanace** is Cole Ketterling of the Wishek FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by **North Dakota Stockmen's Association**. The State Winner also received a \$100 gift certificate sponsored by **Stockmen's Supply**.

### ***Beef Production-Placement***

Jerrod MacDonald, Bismarck  
Paige Schmidt, Kidder County  
Stetson Ellingson, Mandan  
Addison Magill, Oakes/Sargent Central

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **Midwest PMS, Keystone Steel & Wire Company – Red Brand** is Stetson Ellingson of the Mandan FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by **ND Stockmen's Association**.

### ***Dairy Production-Placement***

Brenna Hoyer, New Salem  
Jennifer Becker, New Salem

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored **Kuhn North America and Nasco**. The winner is Jennifer Becker of the New Salem FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by **Midwest Dairy Association-North Dakota Division**.

### ***Diversified Agriculture Production***

Claire Anderson, Harvey  
Katelyn Perbix, Napoleon  
Devin Volk, Rugby  
Casey Kramer, Max

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **RAM Trucks** is Claire Anderson of the Harvey FFA Chapter. The plaque was donated by the **Lisbon FFA Chapter**.

### ***Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship***

Remington Bigelow, Max  
Hailey Kallenbach, Maddock AS Gibbens  
Cole Ketterling, Wishek  
Dylan Stumvoll, Garrison

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *CHS* is Remington Bigelow of the Max FFA Chapter. The plaque and \$100 was donated by the *Dakota Growers Pasta Company*.

### ***Diversified Crop Production-Placement***

Kurt Hart, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Cole Ketterling, Wishek  
Jesse Hafner, Carrington  
Dylan Finken, Max

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *National Crop Insurance Services and Crop Production Services* is Dylan Finken of the Max FFA Chapter. The plaque was donated by *Steve and Cynthia Strege*.

### ***Diversified Horticulture***

Michael Schmidt, Beulah  
Riley Eckart, Harvey

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *The Toro Company and Wilbur-Ellis Company* is Michael Schmidt of the Beulah FFA Chapter. The plaque was donated by the *Wahpeton FFA Chapter*.

### ***Diversified Livestock Production***

Angela Leier, Napoleon  
McKenzie Lutt, Harvey  
Cierra Dockter, Medina  
Alfred Schwalbe, Beulah

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Wahl Clipper Corporation & Tractor Supply Company* is Cierra Dockter of the Medina FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *Tammy Meyer & Jean Meyer*.

### ***Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources***

Holly Boyd, Center

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Pilgrims* is Holly Boyd of the Center FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *Bridgette and Randy Readel/Dow Chemical*.

### ***Equine Science-Placement***

Libby Bateman, New Salem  
Shelby Foreman, Watford City  
Morgan Henke, New Salem

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company, Purina Animal Health and Keystone Steel and Wire Company* is Shelby Foreman of the Watford City FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *Wade & Lynn Moser*

### ***Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production***

Dylan Finken, Max  
Hunter Allickson, Rugby  
Chase Pederson, Carrington  
Megan Johnson, Garrison

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Bunge North America and Kraft Heinz Company* is Megan Johnson of the Garrison FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Soybean Council*.

### ***Forage Production***

Jacob Leier, Napoleon  
Jayden Hansen, Garrison  
Calvin Tomlinson, Max  
Jeremiah Heupel, Medina

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Claas of America Inc.* is Calvin Tomlinson of the Max FFA Chapter. The State sponsor is *Jason and Heather Rohr*.

### ***Fruit Production***

Jessica Thiel, Richland 44

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *DuPont Company* is Jessica Thiel of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Grape and Wine Association*.

### ***Goat Production***

Chris Blegen, Richland 44  
Brian Frounfelter, Granville  
Cierra Dockter, Medina

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Co.* is Chris Blegen of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter. The plaque was donated by *Department of Animal Science, NDSU*.

### ***Grain Production-Entrepreneurship***

Katelyn Horner, Napoleon  
Jazlyn Brossart, Rugby

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Valent USA Corp* is Katelyn Horner of the Napoleon FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by the *N.D. Wheat Commission*. A \$500 scholarship is also awarded to the winner sponsored by ND Grain Growers Association and the ND Barley Council.

### ***Grain Production-Placement***

Hunter Hager, Rugby  
Cassidy Bockoven, Minot  
Cade Heilman, Rugby  
Jeremiah Heupel, Medina

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *CF Industries* is Cassidy Bockoven of the Minot FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Barley Council*.

### ***Home and/or Community Development***

Braeden Neiber, Wahpeton  
Ethan Karlsbraaten, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Abigail Hintz, Center  
Abbie Wiedrich, Rolla

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Carhartt, Inc.* is **Braeden Neiber** of the **Wahpeton** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives*

### ***Landscape Management***

Tannis Anderson, Richland 44  
Hunter Kamrath, Washburn  
Adam Becker, Beulah  
Jaden Jangula, Napoleon

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **John Deere & Tractor Supply Co.** is **Hunter Kamrath** of the **Washburn** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by **Al & Pat Giese**.

### ***Nursery Operations***

Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison  
Tristan McMahon, Granville

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by NuFarm & Valent UA Corporation is **Kelsey Stumvoll** of the **Garrison** FFA Chapter. The State Sponsor is The ND Association of Ag Educators.

### ***Outdoor Recreation***

Jordan Dilse, Scranton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Yamaha Motor Corp USA* is **Jordan Dilse** of the **Scranton** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *Larimore FFA Chapter*.

### ***Poultry Production***

Bailey Gerving, Center  
Austin Wyman, Garrison  
Kathryn Lacher, Richland 44  
Kaycee Mahle, Rugby

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company and Tyson Foods* is **Kaycee Mahle** of the **Rugby** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *USDA Farm Service Agency*.

### ***Sheep Production***

Caleb Cross, Granville  
Angela Leier, Napoleon  
Paige Beckman, Center  
Brad Hoppe, Carrington

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *National FFA Foundation* is **Angela Leier** of the **Napoleon** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Grocers Association*

### ***Small Animal Production and Care***

Cheyenne Jacobson, Max  
Sidney Sanderson, Parshall  
Natalia Wright, Maddock A.S. Gibbens

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company* is Cheyenne Jacobson of the Max FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by Bryan & Janet Strom.

### ***Specialty Animal Production***

Brandon Lacher, Richland 44  
Blake Buckmier, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Alex Irlmeier, Medina

Winner of the first place award will receive a check for \$250 sponsored by the *National FFA Foundation*. Plaques are sponsored by *ND Buffalo Association*. is Blake Buckmier of the Maddock A.S. Gibbens FFA Chapter

### ***Swine Production-Entrepreneurship***

Kyler Westad, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Makenzie Neshem, Berthold  
McKenzy Dockter, Medina  
Tristan McMahon, Granville

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *LA-CO Markal and Tyson Foods* is Tristan McMahon of the Granville FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *ND Pork Council*.

### ***Turf Grass Management***

Hunter Kamrath, Washburn  
Mathias Follman, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Nathan Ball, Minot  
Calvin Aichele, Beulah

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *John Deere Company* is Calvin Aichele of the Beulah FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by the *Agassiz Seed and Supply*.

### ***Vegetable Production***

Megan Johnson, Garrison  
Katelyn Long, Napoleon  
Joshua Geinert, Edgeley/Kulm  
Nathan Ball, Minot

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company and Wilbur-Ellis Company* is Joshua Geinert of the Edgeley/Kulm FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by the *ND FFA Foundation*.

### ***Veterinary Science***

Madison Bodine, Velva  
Catelyn Perbix, Harvey

Winner of the first place award and \$250 award sponsored by *the American Veterinary Medical Association* is Catelyn Perbix of the Harvey FFA Chapter. The plaque was donated by the *ND Veterinary Medical Association*.

## ***BASIC AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS***

40 FFA members participated in the 2016 Basic Agricultural Mechanics CDE. The top 12 gold award winners receive a 3/8" electric drill sponsored by **Titan Machinery**. Leatherman tools are awarded to the top two individuals, which are sponsored by **ACME Electric Tool Crib**. **North Dakota State Fair Association** also sponsors Basic Ag Mechanics.

### **Gold (12)**

\*Adam Gorseth, Carrington  
Erich Scheffert, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Isak Olson, Beulah  
Lucas Nitschke, Edgeley/Kulm  
Brian Friedt, Harvey  
Mack Buckmier, Hettinger  
Cole Foster, Berthold  
Beau Jeffers, Bowman County  
Kyle Kostelecky, South Heart  
Tyler Long, Napoleon  
Isaac Volk, Rugby  
Carson Houser, McClusky

### **Silver (13)**

Brady Kallenbach, Maddock A.S.  
Gibbens  
Jaxon Deckert, Kidder County  
Ben Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Cade Majers, Garrison  
Tolya Boeshans, Washburn  
Bridger Smith, Watford City  
Evan Follman, Leeds  
Tyrel Clarys, Mandan  
Ryan Muggli, Grant County  
Tate Nordby, New England  
Dakota Aaseth, Velva  
Dalton Moberg, Mohall  
Wyatt Hoger, New Salem

### **Bronze (15)**

Jaxon Mellmer, Scranton  
Terek Eckert, Powers Lake  
Riley Schneider, Center  
Anton Krebs, Belfield  
Samuel Jager, Minot  
Austin Steffen, Larimore  
Caleb Whaley, Wahpeton  
Kolten Mellem, Wyndmere  
Jace Ruud, Stanley  
Tanner Bagley, Tioga  
Jacob Klein, Hazen  
Garret Finger, Enderlin  
James Fisk, Lakota  
Cade Korslien, South Prairie  
Kailin Fazekas, Bismarck

\* High Individual receives the Traveling Trophy, a \$100 Scholarship, and a Baby Bison Trophy.

## ***INTERMEDIATE AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS***

40 FFA members participated in the 2016 Intermediate Agricultural Mechanics CDE. All gold award winners received a jig saw sponsored by **CHS Foundation** and Leatherman tools for the top two individuals sponsored by **ACME Electric Tool Crib**. **Our state sponsors are CHS Foundation; ACME Electric Tool Crib; Vaughn, Dorinda & Vance Zacharias.**

### **Gold (10)**

\*Tyler Erickson, Beulah  
Devin Wert, New England  
Kurt Muggli, Grant County  
Sean Nichols, Carrington  
Sean Hermes, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Kaden Jaeger, Rugby  
Shaun Heier, Edgeley/Kulm  
Hayden Beck, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Jaret Lennie, New Salem  
Dakota Petersen, Kenmare

### **Silver (10)**

Jacob Leier, Napoleon  
Nick Mathias, Kindred  
Trey Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Kevin Friedt, Harvey  
Isaac Kauffman, Minot  
Jacob Strobel, McClusky  
Bryan Knopp, Bowman County  
Jared Anderson, Stanley  
Braden Janz, Max  
Dawn Traver, Dickinson

### **Bronze (14)**

Andy Hodell, South Heart  
Madison Reimche, Bottineau  
Harley Eckert, Powers Lake  
Cody Mack, Medina  
Liam McFadden, Killdeer  
Stetson Scott, Lisbon  
Cody Worrell, Enderlin  
Austin Owen, Gackle/Streeter  
Jaden Neshem, Berthold  
Jeremy Vig, Richland 44  
Lane Sayler, Garrison  
Casey Buskohl, Wyndmere  
Dylan Wolff, Wishek  
Trevor Savelkoul, Mohall

\*High Individual receives a \$100 Scholarship, a Baby Bison Trophy and the Traveling Trophy.

## **ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS**

28 FFA teams participated in the 2016 Advanced Agricultural Mechanics Team CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the **Rugby** FFA Chapter. The Advisors are Kasey Okke and Travis Fritel. Members of the top team also received a tool set from **Titan Machinery**. The **Matt Kurtti Memorial Traveling Trophy** was donated by the **Rolla FFA Chapter**.

### **TEAM**

<b><u>Gold (4)</u></b>	<b><u>Silver (7)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (11)</u></b>
*Rugby	Lisbon	Kindred
Carrington	Harvey	Garrison
Minot	Edgeley/Kulm	Wishek
Killdeer	Oakes/Sargent Central	Wahpeton
		Stanley
		Hazen
		Northern Cass
		Lakota
		Beulah
		McClusky
		Medina
		Wyndmere
		Bowman County
		Napoleon

### **INDIVIDUAL**

122 FFA members participated in the 2016 Advanced Agricultural Mechanics Individual CDE. The top 12 gold award individual winners receive a socket set sponsored by **H.E. Everson Co.** & a gold medal. \*High Individual receives a \$100 Scholarship & a Baby Bison Trophy. The traveling trophy sponsored by **ND FFA Foundation**. State sponsors are **H.E. Everson, Co.; ND Implement Dealers; Titan Machinery; Vaughn, Dorinda & Vance Zacharias**.

#### **Gold (26)**

\*Spencer Schwab, Lisbon  
 Levi Stegner, New England  
 Andrew Gross, Napoleon  
 Jordan Mead, Kindred  
 Colter Ellingson, Edgeley/Kulm  
 Donald Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
 Luke Paulson, Bowman County  
 Lane Jeffers, Bowman County  
 Nathan Ball, Minot  
 Alex Irlmeier, Medina  
 Daynen Hoover, Minot  
 Tyrel Mellmer, Beulah  
 Quincy Marchand, Harvey  
 Devin Vetsch, Rugby  
 Hunter Bice, Killdeer  
 Jesse Hafner, Carrington  
 Cole Ketterling, Wishek  
 Brad Hoppe, Carrington  
 Mason Petri, New England  
 Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Tracer Bowar, Wahpeton  
 Preston Peterson, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Brian Gable, St. John  
 Daniel Sagvold, Lisbon  
 Kurt Hart, Fessenden/Bowdon  
 Cade Hellman, Rugby

#### **Silver (33)**

Jayden Hansen, Garrison  
 Jayden Rosenau, Carrington  
 Lane Pellman, McClusky  
 Tanner Zahn, Edgeley/Kulm  
 Sam Dart, Grant County  
 Royce Brawley, Garrison  
 Travis Pedersen, Harvey  
 Kody Faul, McClusky  
 Dakota Eastham, Bismarck  
 Dalton Dockter, Medina  
 Stetson Lindbo, South Prairie  
 John Mayer, Northern Cass  
 Hunter Pinke, Wishek  
 Kade Leier, Rugby  
 Nathan Steffan, Lakota  
 Casimer Schlosser, Edgeley/Kulm  
 Jacob Enochson, Wahpeton  
 Alex Sadowsky, Killdeer  
 Trevor Schmidt, Max  
 Aaron Lee, Wahpeton  
 Mason Hopewell, Kindred  
 Luke Parrow, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Zach Bebee, South Heart  
 Dane Larsen, Killdeer  
 Jeseb Mogen, Velva  
 Peyton Livedalen, Rugby  
 Megan Johnson, Garrison  
 Hannah Lundstrom, Hazen  
 Haley Visto, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Nic Curren, Stanley  
 Thomas Maychrzak, Scranton  
 Colton Christmann, Kindred  
 Ethan Kippen, Bottineau

#### **Bronze (29)**

Phillip Steffan, Lakota  
 Connor Barton, Wyndmere  
 Jacob Fandrich, Carrington  
 Josten Hafner, Beulah  
 Charlie Moffet, Wyndmere  
 Patrick McCarthy, Hazen  
 Jacob Schlecht, Minot  
 Jasmin Johnson, Berthold  
 Alyssa Mutschelknaus, Grant County  
 Wyatt Hanson, Stanley  
 Steven Schumacher, Napoleon  
 Seth Haugland, Divide County  
 Toby Barron, Beulah  
 Tyler Paczkowski, Bismarck  
 Levi Larson, McClusky  
 Andrew Follman, Leeds  
 Damon Smith, LaMoure  
 Garrett Weisser, Harvey  
 Seth Olson, Scranton  
 Hunter Weibusch, Northern Cass  
 Tanner Larson, Medina  
 Jarod Jeglum, Divide County  
 Michael Schmidt, Beulah  
 Bo Bondeson, Bismarck  
 Pacey Feist, Napoleon  
 Lane Kinden, Watford City  
 Brock Selzler, Velva  
 Rider Jacobson, Divide County  
 Ryan Karey, Killdeer

## ***AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SWEEPSTAKES***

14 FFA teams made up of individuals participated in the 2016 Agricultural Communications Team CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the Harvey FFA Chapter. Awards are sponsored by *NAPA of Garrison*. Traveling trophy is sponsored by *ACME Tool Crib*.

<b><u>Gold (4)</u></b>	<b><u>TEAM</u></b> <b><u>Silver (5)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (5)</u></b>
*Carrington	Harvey	Minot
Oakes/Sargent Central	Beulah	Grant County
Rugby	Napoleon	South Heart
Edgeley/Kulm	McClusky	Garrison
	Bowman County	Stanley

## ***AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS***

FFA teams made up of individuals participated in the 2016 Agricultural Communications Team CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the Harvey FFA Chapter. Awards are sponsored by *Ellingson Angus and Asgrow/DEKALB/Chanel/Rea/Xtend/Monstano*. Traveling trophy is sponsored by *Dakota Plains Cooperative*.

	<b><u>TEAM</u></b>	
	*Kindred	Powers Lake
	Harvey	Edgeley/Kulm
	Kenmare	Medina
	Mandan	Stanley
<b><u>Gold (8)</u></b>	<b><u>INDIVIDUAL</u></b> <b><u>Silver (13)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (16)</u></b>
*Baylee Berg, Edgeley/Kulm-News Release	Tanner King, Kenmare	Quincy Marchand, Harvey
*Brianna Maddock, Kindred-Video	Emily Christman, Kindred	Courtney Reister, Medina
*Sierra Ellingson, Mandan-Magazine Cover	Emma Maddock, Kindred	Zach Burns, Rolla
Allison Grote, Powers Lake	Madeliene Nichols, Carrington	Lane Visto, Oakes/Sargent Central
Grace Hove, Powers Lake	Emma Condit, Kenmare	Tallie Hanson, Edgeley/Kulm
Carlee Moser, Medina	Lindsay Hoffmann, Medina	Maria Vasquez, Stanley
Andrea Buechler, Harvey	Grace Schimke, Harvey	Hope Parmeter, Stanley
Hannah Gress, Mandan	Halley Bartlett, Kenmare	Allison Giesler, Edgeley/Kulm
	Dixie Posey, Harvey	Brianna Hunrud, Powers Lake
	Anna Stoppleworth, Kindred	Quayde Lee, Stanley
	Alex Abrahamson, Rolla	Ashley Wolff, Medina
	Matthew Voeller, Harvey	Alyssa Thompson, Mandan
	Faith Gress, Mandan	Bella Roering, Kenmare
		Cierra Dockter, Medina
		Sadie Maruski, Powers Lake
		Shambre Feiring, Stanley



# AGRI-SCIENCE Fair

Individuals participated in the Agri Science CDE. Award sponsor for this event is North Dakota Farmers Union

## Animal Systems

### Gold (6)

- \*Ethan Galbreath, Kidder County
- \*Emily Webb, Minot
- \*Adrianna Braun & Chris Blegen, Richland 44
- Paige Schmidt, Kidder County
- Shaye Koester, Kidder County

### Silver (1)

- Austin Schmidt, Kidder County

### Bronze(0)

## Environmental Systems/Natural Resources

### Gold (2)

- \*Emily Duval, Kindred
- \*Ben Saewert & Victoria Braaten, Kindred

### Silver (0)

### Bronze (0)

## Food Science

### Gold (3)

- \*Sam Oase, Scranton
- \*Anna Stoppeworth & Jacie Osier, Kindred
- \*Bryce Peters & Hannah Gress, Mandan

### Silver (1)

- Chantel Kessel & Maggie Fulton, Belfield

### Bronze (1)

- Casitee Miller, Scranton

## Plant Systems

### Gold (6)

- \*Makenna Binder, Kidder County
- \*Caleb Boehm, Richland 44
- \*McKenzie Buckman & Emily Hlebechuk, Belfield
- \*Abbey Wiedrich and Capri Rham, Rolla

### Silver (5)

- Reaganne Ritterman, Leeds
- Jacob Hanson, Berthold
- Jaxon Mellmer, Scranton
- Allison Roth, Kidder County
- Alex Abrahamson, Rolla
- Nathan Bell & Taylor Maker, Northern Cass

### Bronze (0)

## Power Structure & Technology

### Gold (6)

- \*Bradyn Lachenmeier, Kidder County
- Karl Swenson., Kindred
- Courtney Haverland & Jessica Thiel, Richland 44
- \*Emma & Brianna Maddock, Kindred

### Silver (0)

### Bronze (0)

## Social Systems

### Gold (6)

- \*Emily Christmann, Kindred
- \*Tannis Anderson & Cody Blegen, Richland 44
- Ellie MacFarlane & Laura Biewer, Kindred

### Silver (0)

### Bronze (1)

- Brody Cahill & Karson Schoening, Rolla

\*Indicates participants whose applications are qualified for Nationals

## ***FFA CHORUS***

State Sponsor for the FFA State Chorus is the North Dakota FFA Alumni.

Evan Saylor, Bismarck  
Bailey Gerving, Center  
Shelby Meckle, Center  
Madisson Schmidt, Dickinson  
Sophie Burtman, Divide County  
Cameron Bitz, Edgeley/Kulm  
Tucker Johnson, Glenburn  
Jaden Payne, Glenburn  
Brian Friedt, Harvey  
Trinity Shaw, Hebron  
Trinadee White, Hebron  
Carson Woroniecki, Hebron  
Sarah Rogers, Killdeer

Angel Quintero, Lidgerwood  
Shelby King, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Jacob Arnold, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Chase Benson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Tony Mahler, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Gannon Griffin, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Brady Kallenbach, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Sophie Haselau, Max  
Olivia Svanes, Napoleon  
Clarissa Buechler, Napoleon  
Mara Bornemann, New Salem  
Alexis Bachler, New Salem

Trystan Hagen, New Salem  
Kyle Van Berkom, Powers Lake  
Yuanting Liu, Powers Lake  
Calli Miller, Scranton  
Ebony Musanda, Scranton  
Abi Sulzman, Scranton  
Quinn Mellmer, Scranton  
Zoie Johns, Scranton  
Julie Skaff, South Heart  
Shelby Bauer, Velva  
Winston LaJesse, Wahpeton  
Gabby Kaufman, Watford City  
Lissandra Suarez, Wyndmere

## ***STATE FFA COURTESY CORPS***

The three individuals selected to represent North Dakota on the National Courtesy Corp are: Allison Nord, Enderlin, Carly Wertman, Enderlin, and Goldie Loep, Oakes Sargent Central. Awards are sponsored by Dale Carpentier.

### **Gold (21)**

\*1st -Shelby Meckle-Center  
\*2nd-Ben Lagein, Munich  
\*3rd-Tate Novodvorsky, South Prairie  
Aubrey Bornemann, Center  
Cauy Hartel, Watford City  
Addison Arend, Dickinson  
Sophie Burtman, Divide County  
Cody McClean, Carrington  
Chase McCone, Hebron  
Sadie Magnuson, Carrington  
Grace Schmitt, Towner  
Dakota Bray, New England  
Darren McClean, Glenburn  
Samantha Mogard, Bismarck  
Jake Doll, Finley/Sharon  
Hayley Filipek, Wilton  
Jayden McDonald, Bismarck  
Jeseb Mogen, Velva  
Madelyn Schmidt, Kidder County  
Kaley Sese, McClusky  
Kyle Schulte, Hebron

### **Silver (19)**

Morgan Grade, McClusky  
Goldie Loep, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Hayden Thingvold, Rugby  
Linsey Woodbury, Bismarck  
Levi Darulis, Minot  
Sami Bercier, St. John  
Amanda Odegard, Wilton  
Myria Vondall, St. John  
Tolya Boeshans, Washburn  
Michael Wolt, McClusky  
Sam Arndt, Lidgerwood  
Hayley Boechler, Wilton  
Izabella Garcia, Central Cass  
Aaron Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Brady Dillon, Scranton  
Katana Jenne, Minot  
Madison Bartholomay, Enderlin  
Haley Olson, Enderlin  
Logan Klitzkie, Powers Lake

### **Bronze (9)**

Kenna Halleen, Bowman County  
Aiden Nordloef, Powers Lake  
Denver Biby, Munich  
Kylee Boltz, Killdeer  
Ethan Galbreath, Kidder County  
Rylee Lee, Max  
Kaylee Obrigewitch, Belfield  
Tristen Peterson, Bowman County  
Bridger Smith, Watford City

## ***STATE FFA CREED (16)***

### **Gold (4)**

\*Alexa Young, Napoleon  
Katelyn Voeller, Harvey  
Sierra Ellingson, Mandan  
Annika Towe, Center

### **Silver (9)**

Eve Stegner, New England  
Carson Houser, McClusky  
Sandra Larson New Rockford  
Michaela Fischer, Bowman County  
Grace Bachmeier, Granville  
Abby Mickel, Ray  
Christina Bingham, Max  
Jonah Enochson, Wahpeton  
Anna Stoppeworth, Kindred

### **Bronze (3)**

Madeliene Nichols, Carrington  
Kaylee Bolen, Powers Lake  
Maddie Severson, Leeds

\* High Individual receives a \$100 check and a Bison Trophy sponsored by *Papa's Pumpkin Patch*. The Robyn Essler traveling trophy is sponsored by Samantha Lies. The sponsor for the travel stipend is *Missy & Jory Hansen*.

## ***DAIRY CATTLE SELECTION***

23 teams participated in the 2016 Dairy Cattle Selection. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is Carrington FFA Chapter. Their team coach is Mrs. Missy Hansen. High Team also receives a Traveling Trophy sponsored by ND FFA Foundation. 72 individuals participated in the 2016 Dairy Cattle Selection. \*High Individual receives a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by Milk Producers Association of North Dakota and Minnesota Select Sires Coop., Inc., and also a \$100 scholarship.

### **TEAM**

#### **Gold (3)**

\*Carrington  
Harvey  
New Salem

#### **Silver (3)**

Mandan  
Granville  
Hebron

#### **Bronze (4)**

Rugby  
Lisbon  
Kenmare  
Medina

### **INDIVIDUAL**

#### **Gold (14)**

\*Bethany Keller, Harvey  
Candace Nysted, Carrington  
Emily Klein, Garrison  
Abby Volk, Rugby  
Sean Nichols, Carrington  
Kylee Dockter, Harvey  
Chayla Kuss, Carrington  
Stetson Ellingson, Mandan  
Sierra Ellingson, Mandan  
Samantha Johnson, New Salem  
Shaina Rasmusson, Lisbon  
Zane Woroniecki, Hebron  
Bethany Anderson, Harvey  
Brooke Kunz, New Salem

#### **Silver (18)**

Lane Bachmeier, Granville  
Ivy Klusmann, New Salem  
Caleb Cross, Granville  
Kadey Holm, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Bella Roering, Kenmare  
Lindsey Millery, Kenmare  
Laurana Lynds, Enderlin  
Sierra Schaff, Hebron  
Katherin Filler, Rugby  
Teresa Wald, Napoleon  
Justin Johnson, New Salem  
Mikayla Avery, Powers Lake  
Kylee Myers, Lisbon  
Zach Kvamme, Kindred  
Haley Anderson, Lisbon  
Richard Harnisch, Hebron  
Madelien Nichols, Carrington  
Madelie Schauer, Wishek

#### **Bronze (22)**

Calli Mack, Medina  
Kane Unruh, Hebron  
Zayden Schmalenberg, Hebron  
Hailey Wright, Velva  
Jaxon Deckert, Kidder County  
Isaac Volk, Rugby  
Jacob Leier, Napoleon  
Sydney Kleingartner, Gackle/Streeter  
Colbey Steeke, Scranton  
McKenzie Tuenge, Rugby  
Alexis Vandeberghe, Medina  
Addie Urness, Carrington  
Tristan McMahon, Granville  
Fayth Hoger, New Salem  
Jaden Payne, Glenburn  
Kolton Jesz, Kenmare  
John Beck, Harvey  
Ryder Thompson, Granville  
Corey Schmaltz, Harvey  
Brian Frounfelter, Granville  
Amber Lies, Garrison  
Jameson Ellingson, Mandan

## ***DAIRY CATTLE HANDLERS EVENT***

35 contestants in the 2016 Dairy Showmanship contest. The State Champion who will represent the North Dakota in the Dairy Showmanship Event is Brandie Doll of the New Salem FFA Chapter. Corey receives a Baby Bison Trophy and all awards are sponsored by Milk Producers Association of North Dakota.

#### **Gold (9)**

\*Brandie Doll, New Salem  
Brady Lachenmeier, Kidder County  
Kayla Brew, Killdeer  
Haley Filipek, Wilton  
Sheyenne Freitag, Kindred  
Brady Wendel, LaMoure  
Kyle Kostelecky, South Heart  
Elizabeth Bartholomy, Scranton  
Laura Horner, Wishek

#### **Silver (8)**

Abby Hintz, Center  
Justin Dahl, Watford City  
Kadyn Malkowski, Belfield  
Kelsey Marschke, Enderlin  
Thomas Schauer, Berthold  
Nate Adams, Wyndmere  
Kylee Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Sara Hatlewick, Gackle/Streeter

#### **Bronze (18)**

Tucker Johnson, Glenburn  
Morgan Well, Medina  
Haley Kohler, Kenmare  
Kaylee Bolen, Powers Lake  
Remington Bigelow, Max  
Madison Reimche, Bottineau  
Kim Nelsen, Leeds  
Cheyanne Klein, Mandan  
Tucker Ellingson, Hettinger  
Chase Huelle, Stanley  
Kendra Klosterman, Wahpeton  
Toby Barron, Beulah  
Terin Lucero, Ray  
Cheyanne Boeddeker, Northern Cass  
Peyton Sundsbak, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Hannah Lundstrom, Hazen  
Jill Lagein, Munich  
Erich Scheffert, Oakes/Sargent Central

## ***DEMONSTRATION CONTEST***

\*Each member on the winning team will receive a \$100 scholarship. The team will also receive the Traveling Trophy sponsored by *Capital Trophy* and a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by *CHS-Dakota Plains Ag and Enbridge*.

### **Gold (8)**

\*Brianna Maddock, Kindred  
 Hope Scheresky, Max  
 Allison Smith, Mandan  
 Morgan Nelson & Alexa Dineen, Dickinson  
 Katelyn Youngs & Kelsey Stumvoll,  
 Garrison  
 Kevin Friedt, Harvey

### **Silver (6)**

Jennifer Becker, New Salem  
 Lane Hanson & McKaden Musland,  
 Edgeley/Kulm  
 Chase Bader, Wishek  
 Gabe Lothspeich & Caleb Foertsch,  
 Wyndmere

### **Bronze (2)**

Robert England, Powers Lake  
 Dontay Nelson & Jaden Kent, Hillsboro

## ***FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT EVENT***

32 teams participated in the 2016 Farm Business Management CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Farm Management Event is the *Carrington* FFA Chapter. Team coach is *Missy Hansen*. The North Dakota team is sponsored at National Convention by *North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation*. The Traveling Trophy is sponsored in memory of *Bill McDonald*. 105 individuals participated in this event. \*High Individual receives a \$100 Scholarship, a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by *North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation*.

### **Gold (6)**

\*Carrington Wishek  
 Oakes/Sargent Central Harvey  
 Napoleon Grant County

### **TEAM Silver (5)**

Lakota Rugby  
 Medina Mandan  
 Turtle Lake/Mercer

### **Bronze (6)**

Mott/Regent Garrison  
 Lisbon Kenmare  
 Kindred Beulah

### **Gold (24)**

\*Candace Nysted, Carrington  
 Kaitlyn Weigel, Napoleon  
 Katelyn Long, Napoleon  
 Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Ryan Muggli, Grant County  
 Hunter Pinke, Wishek  
 Chase Bader, Wishek  
 Brett Muscha, Harvey  
 Jerrod MacDonald, Bismarck  
 Alex Ruff, Wishek  
 Kurt Muggli, Grant County  
 Chase Pederson, Carrington  
 Jesse Hafner, Carrington  
 Cory Schmaltz, Harvey  
 Spencer Marchand, Harvey  
 Nathan Steffan, Lakota  
 Quincy Marchand, Harvey  
 Drew Weigel, Napoleon  
 Donald Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
 Alexa Young, Napoleon  
 Jeremiah Heupel, Medina  
 Addison Magill, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Max Muggli, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Cassidy Walth, Wishek  
 Haley Visto, Oakes/Sargent Central

### **INDIVIDUAL Silver (23)**

Brad Hoppe, Carrington  
 Tyler Hoggarth, Carrington  
 Lane Saylor, Garrison  
 Travis Pedersen, Harvey  
 Hallie Burghart, Mandan  
 Alexa Ketterling, Wishek  
 Brett Berginski, Rugby  
 Isaac Kauffman, Minot  
 Emily Christmann, Kindred  
 Shirley Yang, Kenmare  
 Nicolas Curren, Stanley  
 Dalton Reinke, Lisbon  
 Logan Schuh, Lakota  
 Jameson Ellingson, Mandan  
 Lindsay Hoffmann, Medina  
 Tanner Thompson, Ray  
 Isaac Gross, Napoleon  
 Alissa Volk, Rugby  
 Carter Honeyman, Mott/Regent  
 Cade Blickensderf, Mott/Regent  
 Spencer Schwab, Lisbon  
 Vincent Carruth, Oakes/Sargent Central  
 Alex Abrahamson, Rolla

### **Bronze (32)**

Ashly Miller, Wilton  
 Ethan Karlsbraaten, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
 James Fisk, Lakota  
 Abby Volk, Rugby  
 Tanner King, Kenmare  
 Kutter Blumhagen, Velva  
 Hunter Wiebusch, Northern Cass  
 Mathias Follman, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
 Michael Schmidt, Beulah  
 Cheyenne Olien, Kindred  
 Phoenix Schaefer, Grant County  
 Shaye Yeager, Beulah  
 Zack Bebee, South Heart  
 Capri Rham, Rolla  
 Ben Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
 Jase Sailer, Beulah  
 Michael Heck, Leeds  
 Jaden Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
 Brody Graff, Medina  
 Zach Even, Wyndmere  
 Dakotah Aaseth, Velva  
 Landon Smith, LaMoure  
 Trevor Savelkoul, Mohall  
 Kathryn Herring, Mott/Regent  
 Brandon Hoyme, Kindred  
 Tyler Erickson, Beulah  
 Laynee Kudrna, South Heart  
 Allison Smith, Mandan  
 Tate Benson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
 Jayden Hansen, Garrison  
 Phillip Steffan, Lakota  
 Michael Wall, Lakota

## ***FLORICULTURE EVENT***

There were 44 teams that participated in the 2016 Floriculture CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National FFA **Floriculture Event** is from the **Minot** FFA Chapter. Their Advisor is **Tracey Hartwig**. 163 individuals participated in this event. \*High Individual **Candace Nysted** of the **Carrington FFA** receives a \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by **Jerry and Judy Tuhy, Sigma Alpha Professional Ag Sorority and Steve Zimmerman**. High Team Traveling Trophy is sponsored by **ND FFA Foundation**.

### **TEAM**

<b><u>Gold (8)</u></b>	<b><u>Silver (9)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (11)</u></b>
*Minot	Carrington	Napoleon
Kindred	Kenmare	Center
Richland 44	Velva	Ray
Edgeley/Kulm	McClusky	Wishek
	Garrison	Wahpeton
		Oakes/Sargent Central
		Wyndmere
		Belfield
		Bowman County
		Scranton
		Killdeer

### **INDIVIDUAL**

<b><u>Gold (33)</u></b>	<b><u>Silver (55)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (34)</u></b>
*Bree Obergfell, Minot	Samantha Drader, Towner	Sidney Sanderson, Parshall
Brianna Maddock, Kindred	Grace Ransiear, Velva	Hope Parmeter, Stanley
Cassidy Bockoven, Minot	Shannon Asheim, Mohall	Trevor Schmidt, Max
Emily Webb, Minot	Madison Feist, Mohall	Brooke Bailey, Towner
Abby Myers, Richland 44	Casey Mack, Carrington	Alee Searles, Wyndmere
Nathan Ball, Minot	Laura Biewer, Kindred	Savanna Horst, New Salem
Baylee Berg, Edgeley/Kulm	Willow Johnson, Carrington	Jenae Wieser, Wahpeton
Tannis Anderson, Richland 44	Christin Vetsch, Rugby	Abbie Jensen, Belfield
Jewel Faul, McClusky	Hali Schmaltz, Rugby	Hayle Boechler, Wilton
Ben Saewert, Kindred	Addie Hanson, Edgeley/Kulm	Paige Beckman, Center
Jessica Thiel, Richland 44	Jacey Retzlaff, Carrington	Jordyn Engh, Kenmare
Emma Maddock, Kindred	Kariann Sahl, Richland 44	Abby Hickel, Ray
Kelsi Knutson, Beulah	Annika Towe, Center	Janae Weigel, Napoleon
Halley Bartlett, Kenmare	Emily Bopp, Edgeley/Kulm	Sarah Rogers, Killdeer
Abigail Martel, Richland 44	Hallie Burghart, Mandan	Angel Quintero, Lidgerwood
Katelyn Voeller, Harvey	Allison Giesler, Edgeley/Kulm	Goldie Loepp, Oakes/Sargent Central
Hannah Gress, Mandan	Christyn Knudtson, Harvey	Abbi Glander, Oakes/Sargent Central
Brooke Schroeder, Max	Mara Bornemann, New Salem	Taylor Ohlhauser, Wilton
Emily Klein, Garrison	Michael Schmidt, Beulah	Abby Carlson, Medina
Kailyn Brummond, Granville	Jazmine Beardsley, Velva	Mikayla Cotton, Hillsboro
Reggan Dolbeare, Minot	Tori Braaten, Kindred	Jolene Kuchera, Wyndmere
Hope Brewer, Velva	Julianna Wolff, Wishek	Grace Burud, Kenmare
Brianna Letzring, New Salem	Kirsten Pratt, Wyndmere	Hope Osborn, Oakes/Sargent Central
Hayley Southam, Mohall	Kaylee Obrigewitch, Belfield	Liegna Johnson, Belfield
Jessica Peterson, South Prairie	Cassidy Zook, Garrison	Nate Adams, Wyndmere
Jacob Weigel, Beulah	Kelsey Perdue, Ray	Bo Bondeson, Bismarck
Kaitlyn Schiele, Edgeley/Kulm	Anna Koch, Wahpeton	Jaidyn Brummond, Granville
Jill Endres, Carrington	Madeline Schauer, Wishek	Hanna Grubb, Powers Lake
Kathryn Slavick, Mandan	Cassie Dornacker, Garrison	Izzy Staydohar, Stanley
Sierra Overton, Kenmare	Kathryn Dragseth, Towner	Cassidy Walth, Wishek
Andrea Buechler, Harvey	Rylee Lee, Max	Katie Sundseth, Wahpeton
Grace Solemsaas, Mohall	Taylor Sevland, Granville	Mikayla Avery, Powers Lake
Tatiana Friese, Harvey	Atati Mita, Ray	Claire Ryberg, Bismarck
	Kiana Haugen, Carrington	Megan Goldade, Glenburn
	Kinsey Schepp, Berthold	
	Jacquelyn McCleary, Enderlin	
	Jonnah Lee, Velva	
	Morgan Grade, McClusky	
	Melanie Anderson, Towner	
	Abby Hintz, Center	
	Shelby Faul, McClusky	
	Meggie Fischer, Bowman	

### Silver cont'd

Haylea Ammon, Harvey  
Sage Berg, Mandan  
Calista Heley, Underwood  
Ebony Musonda, Scranton  
Cheyenne Jacobson, Max  
Carly Bitz, Napoleon  
, Bowman  
Gracie Dahl, Watford City  
Emma Condit, Kenmare  
Quinn Mellmer, Scranton  
Tia Wallner, Wahpeton  
Kerrigan Karuger, Velva  
Cate Fredericks, Killdeer

## FOOD FOR AMERICA

\*Powers Lake  
Richland 44  
Stanley

Center  
Rolla

Maddock  
Scranton

\*The Powers Lake Chapter is the State winner. State Sponsor and sponsor of the traveling trophy and a \$150 check is *ND Agri –Women*.

## FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

52 teams participated in the Food Science CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National FFA Food Science Event is the Richland 44 FFA Chapter. Their Advisor is Mr. Tony Boehm. 211 individuals participated in this event. \*High Individual receives a \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by *Cavendish Farms, Inc. and Beulah FFA*. High team traveling trophy and travel stipend to National Convention is sponsored by *Cavendish Farms, Inc*.

### TEAM

#### Gold (7)

\*Richland 44  
Kindred  
Carrington  
Wyndmere  
Wishek  
Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Fessenden/Bowdon

#### Silver (11)

Kenmare  
South Heart  
Napoleon  
Rugby  
Harvey  
Ray

Towner  
McClusky  
Mandan  
Garrison  
Velva

#### Bronze (13)

Medina  
Maddock  
Leeds  
Powers Lake  
New Rockford  
Bowman County  
Oakes/Sargent Central

Belfield  
Edgeley  
Parshall  
Killdeer  
Center  
Tioga

### INDIVIDUAL

#### Gold (45)

\*Caleb Boehm, Richland 44  
Holly Vetsch, Rugby  
Alicia Hellman, Harvey  
Christin Vetsch, Rugby  
McKayla Jones, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Charlynn Klebe, Towner  
Sage Berg, Mandan  
Olivia Effertz, Velva  
Paige Johnson, Hazen  
Casey Mack, Carrington  
Ellie MacFarlane, Kindred  
Jordyn Hetland, Wyndmere  
Willow Johnson, Carrington

#### Silver (54)

Grace Mogen, Velva  
Cassie Dornacker, Garrison  
Kenadee Kudrna, South Heart  
Kylee Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Allison Buckman, Belfield  
Akala Knatterud, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Madelyn Schmidt, Kidder County  
Marissa Jensen, Kenmare  
Jessica Rosencrans, Powers Lake  
Elizabeth Buller, Napoleon  
Courtney Reister, Medina  
Mathias Follman, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Peyton Skabo, Tioga

#### Bronze (66)

Jaydin Risovi, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Victoria Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Tanner Thompson, Ray  
Antonio De La Cerda, Parshall  
Sadie Dinwiddie, Velva  
Isabell Chadwick, Hazen  
Mikayla Wolfe, Tioga  
Kylee Grabow, Hazen  
Tallie Hanson, Edgely  
Danyka Malkowski, Belfield  
Allison Grote, Powers Lake  
Payton Granger, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Michaela Fischer, Bowman County

Anna Stoppeworth, Kindred  
Tannis Anderson, Richland 44  
Jewel Faul, McClusky  
Kourtney Bitz, Napoleon  
Rebekka Wanner, Wishek  
Maddy Bollinger, Tonwer  
Kathryn Slavick, Mandan  
Molly Bollinger, Towner  
Jacie Osier, Kindred  
Becky Binstock, South Heart  
Jill Endres, Carrington  
Conner Fike, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Lindsey English, Harvey  
Claire Moffet, Wyndmere  
April Hagemeister, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Cole Ketterling, Wishek  
Jacey Retzlaff, Carrington  
Emily Scheresky, Washburn  
Hannah Lentz, Richland 44  
Chase Bader, Wishek  
Tori Andrus, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Brooke Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Ben Saewert, Kidred  
Marissa Tuhy, South Heart  
Aaron Bechtle, Wishek  
Emily Duval, Kindred  
Chris Blegen, Richland 44  
Sidney Senger, Minot  
Evan Braaten, Wyndmere  
Grace Hove, Powers Lake  
Shirley Yang, Kenmare  
Lilli French, Rugby

Hannah Chrest, Washburn  
Alex Ruff, Wishek  
Hannah Rebsom, Killdeer  
Sandra Kjelland, Park River  
Ryan Woroniecki, Hebron  
Leah Schmidt, Tioga  
Cassidy Folden, Parshall  
Kalie Gudmestad, Medina  
Annika Towe, Center  
McKenzie Lauth, Harvey  
Emma Howe, Velva  
Brett Berginski, Rugby  
Jacob Strobel, McClusky  
Brinley Mathern, Edgeley  
Anne Johnson, Kenmare  
Carson Woroniecki, Hebron  
Hannah Pierson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Veronica Schwartzberg  
Lucas Rath, McClusky  
Katelyn Youngs, Garrison  
Atati Mita, Ray  
Katlyn Olson, Washburn  
Sandra Larson, New Rockford  
Terin Lucero, Ray  
Jazmine Beardsley, Velva  
Bree Diffely, Garrison  
Cheyanne Klein, Mandan  
Kiana Haugen, Carrington  
Kylee Hendrickson, Bowman  
Halley Bartlett, Kenmare  
Ana Braaten, Wyndmere  
Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison  
Aaron Kuntz, Belfield  
Bradyn Lachenmeier, Kidder County  
Shaun Heier, Edgely/Kulm  
Katelyn Nelsen, Leeds  
Miranda Reister, Medina  
Alissa Volk, Rugby  
Tyler Blegen, Leeds  
Kelsey Lerohl, Minot  
Janae Weigel, Napoleon

Bailey Gerving, Center  
Reggan Dolbeare, Minot  
Mason Petri, New England  
Paul Moffet, Wyndmere  
Lydia Lyons, Lisbon  
Lauren Moser, Medina  
Morgan Grade, McClusky  
Billie Lentz, Rolla  
Rachel Voigt, Killdeer  
Alex Naser, McClusky  
Shaylee Billadeau, Parshall  
Morgan Adams, Richland 44  
Janaya Huff, Medina  
Madison Reimche, Bottineau  
Jacquelyn McCleary, Enderlin  
Kaylee Follman, Towner  
Adam Fischer, Leeds  
Megan Hunt, Bottineau  
Robert Logan, Ray  
Ashlyn Privratsky, South Heart  
Brady Hahn, Bottineau  
Skylar Dockter, Dickinson  
Brett Hlebechuk, Belfield  
Jordan Dilse, Scranton  
Brittany Johnson, Lisbon  
Brayden Miller, Bowman County  
Laurana Lynds, Enderlin  
Shantell Jepson, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Jasmin Johnson, Berthold  
Tim Anderson, Parshall  
Allison Nord, Enderlin  
Taylor Mathern, Edgeley/Kulm  
Keaton Nelsen, Leeds  
Christian O'Hara, Wahpeton  
Christyn Knudtson, Harvey  
Isaiah Lee, Wahpeton  
Abby Makay, New Rockford  
Lane Visto, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Alli Mogen, Watford City  
Bryan Knopp, Bowman County  
Kinsey Schepp, Berthold  
McKaden Musland, Edgeley/Kulm  
Robert Englund, Powers Lake  
Brittany Binstock, Dickinson  
Ricky Jones, Park River  
Makenna Binder, Kidder County  
Aubrey Bornemann, Center  
Cheyenne Boeddeker, Northern Cass  
Dylan Rudolph, Gackle/Streeter  
Jenae Wieser, Wahpeton  
Nichole Brookhouser, Berthold  
Joshua Russiff, Northern Cass  
Jaime Danks, Max

## ***HORSE SELECTION***

33 teams competed in the 2016 Horse Selection CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the **Rugby FFA Chapter**. 108 individuals participated in this event. \*High Individual receives a Bison Trophy sponsored by: **Wade and Lynn Moser** and a \$100 scholarship. High Team receives a traveling trophy. State sponsors are **Wade and Lynn Moser and VitaFerm of North Dakota**.

<u><b>Gold (5)</b></u>	<u><b>TEAM Silver (9)</b></u>	<u><b>Bronze (9)</b></u>
*New Salem	Mandan	Maddock
Granville	Velva	South Heart
Medina	Kenmare	Harvey
Wahpeton	Towner	Grant County
Killdeer	Dickinson	McClusky
	Oakes/Sargent Central	Bismarck
		Stanley
		LaMoure
		Carrington

<u><b>Gold (23)</b></u>	<u><b>INDIVIDUAL Silver (26)</b></u>	<u><b>Bronze (32)</b></u>
*Samantha Johnson, New Salem	Chayla Kuss, Carrington	Charlynn Klebe, Towner
Caleb Cross, Granville	Madison Jones, Fessenden/Bowdon	Bethany Keller, Harvey
Matt Stroh, Killdeer	Kaitlyn Metzger, Towner	Lorissa Deibert, Towner
Alyssa Mutschelknaus, Grant County	Stetson Ellingson, Mandan	Michael Wolt, McClusky
Katie Horner, Napoleon	Jade Harbaugh, Minot	Jacob Arnold, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Kristen Larson, Park River	Conner Kaelberer, New Salem	Lindsey Miller, Kenmare
Cheyenne Klein, Mandan	Alexis Vandeberghe, Medina	Shelby Bauer, Velva
Taylor Schoemer, Kenmare	Tessa Peterka, Park River	Reagan Hildre, Velva
Lane Bachmeier, Granville	Teresa Wald, Napoleon	Katelynn Lane, Killdeer
Kendra Klosterman, Wahpeton	Cauy Hartel, Watford City	Sam Poland, South Heart
Garrett Oland, Lisbon	Becky Binstock, South Heart	Sierra Ellingson, Mandan
Morgan Henke, New Salem	Hayley Gefre, Wahpeton	Iris Dukart, Killdeer
Allison Cross, Granville	Katie Boll, LaMoure	Gabe Quandt, Oakes/Sargent Central
Abby Helm, Medina	Anne Johnson, Kenmare	Cole Janz, Velva
Justin Dahl, Watford City	Linsey Woodbury, Bismarck	Damon Smith, LaMoure
Ashley Wolff, Medina	Aaron Lee, Wahpeton	Matt Weyrauch, Watford City
Greta Florence, Velva	Matt Johnson, Lisbon	John Beck, Harvey
Mike McCall, Wahpeton	Addison Magill, Oakes/Sargent Central	Jaime Schmidt, Bismarck
Will Rice, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Shambre Feiring, Stanley	Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central
Katelin Chinn, Killdeer	Tyrel Clarys, Mandan	Ruthe Jameson, Lisbon
Christin Stroh, Dickinson	Hailey Wright, Velva	Karsen Stroh, Dickinson
Grace Bachmeier, Granville	Morgan Nelson, Dickinson	Allison Roth, Kidder County
Kadey Holm, Oakes/Sargent Central	Mackenzi Woodall, Granville	Angela Kuhnenn, Towner
	McKenzie Lauth, Harvey	Lora Horner, Wishek
	Natasha Baranko, South Heart	Bryce Mutschelknaus, Grant County
	Sydney Horner, Napoleon	Tillee Moser, Medina
		Destiny Smith, Mandan
		Kathryn Handeland, Kenmare
		Maria Vasquez, Stanley
		Morgan Ziesch, Kidder County
		Regan Hartwig, Minot
		Gannon Griffin, Maddock A.S. Gibbens



## **JOB INTERVIEW**

16 individuals participated in this event. \*High Individual receives a \$100 scholarship, travel stipened and a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by **First International Bank & Trust**, and a traveling trophy in memory of **Bev Janke and Brenda Herring** sponsored by the **Lakota FFA Chapter**.

### **Gold (4)**

\*Candance Nysted, Carrington  
Emma Maddock, Kindred  
Madison Bodine, Velva  
Alfred Schwalbe, Beulah

### **Silver (7)**

Brooke Schroeder, Max  
Tracer Bowar, Wahpeton  
McKenzie Laultt, Harvey  
Alyssa Mutschelknaus, Grant County  
Tanner Sanford, Scranton  
Kelsey Perdue, Ray  
Lillian McFadden, Killdeer

### **Bronze (3)**

Jill Lagein, Munich  
Brianna Honrad, Powers Lake  
Devin Vetsch, Rugby

## **MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

33 teams participated in the 2016 Meats CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National FFA Meats Selection Event is the **Kenmare** FFA Chapter. High Team receives a Calvin Steeke Traveling Trophy sponsored by the **Steeke Family**. 115 individuals participated. \*High Individual receives a \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by **North Dakota Beef Commission**. The winning team received hard hats and frocks donated by the **Animal Science Department at NDSU**.

### **TEAM**

#### **Gold (5)**

\*Kenmare  
Edgeley/Kulm  
South Heart  
Minot  
Hebron

#### **Silver (6)**

Kidder County  
New Salem  
Des Lacs/Burlington  
Kindred  
Beulah  
Powers Lake

#### **Bronze (7)**

Carrington  
South Prairie  
Dickinson  
Oakes/Sargent Central  
Bismarck  
Medina  
Velva

### **INDIVIDUAL**

#### **Gold (24)**

\*Kylee Nelson, Kenmare  
Joshua Geinert, Edgeley  
Dalton Petersen, Kenmare  
Abigail Henderson, Edgeley  
Dakota Petersen, Kenmare  
Sam Poland, South Heart  
Brinley Mathern, Edgeley  
Paige Schmidt, Kidder County  
Jacob Scheresky, Minot  
Jess Sanders, New Salem  
Daniel Bolen, Powers Lake  
Ben Van Berkom, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Marissa Tuhy, South Heart  
Sheyenne Freitag, Kindred  
Sabrina Stark, Minot  
Cole Brose, Minot  
Breanna Hosman, Hebron  
Jacob Gartner, Glen Ullin  
Caden Tuhy, South Heart  
Shaye Koester, Kidder County  
Shelby Brekhus, Kenmare  
Zane Woroniecki, Hebron  
Kiana Schatz, Hebron  
Cooper Volve, Minot

#### **Silver (28)**

Matthew Berglund, Dickinson  
Jayd Novak, Minot  
Michael Schmidt, Beulah  
Ryeleigh Laib, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Braxton Rolle, Hebron  
Jennifer Becker, New Salem  
Peyton Sundsbak, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Kaylee Bolen, Powers Lake  
Bryce Peters, Mandan  
Katelin Chinn, Killdeer  
Chayla Kuss, Carrington  
Jerrod MacDonald, Bismarck  
Anthony Heier, Edgeley  
Dreyton Rud, New Salem  
Brittany Binstock, Dickinson  
Shaye Yeager, Beulah  
Tanner Larson, Medina  
Jase Sailer, Beulah  
Miranda Ness, South Prairie  
Zach Kvamme, Kindred  
Marissa Jensen, Kenmare  
Bailey Severson, South Prairie  
Emily Christmann, Kindred  
Tyler Paczkowski, Bismarck  
Grayson Pease, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Addie Urness, Carington  
Kutter Blumhagen, Velva  
Jeremiah Heupel, Medina

#### **Bronze (34)**

Mathias Kubal, Carrington  
Tate Novodvorsky, South Prairie  
Aaron Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Ben Frederick, Washburn  
Brandon Lacher, Richland 44  
Austin Weippert, Kidder County  
Addison Magill, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Max Muggli, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Ashly Miler, Wilton  
Weston Cline, Beulah  
Sarah Senechal, Velva  
Alex Irlmeier, Medina  
Brianna Maddock, Kindred  
Brad Lawson, Velva  
Dakota Harrison, Washburn  
Thomas Schauer, Berthold  
Robert Bodine, Velva  
Rylan Bachmeier, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Shiloh Schmidt, Bismarck  
Dakota Eastham, Bismarck  
Haley Anderson, Lisbon  
Jayden MacDonald, Bismarck  
Tyler Erickson, Beulah  
Austin Schmidt, Kidder County  
Cameron Bitz, Edgeley/Kulm  
Clarissa Buechler, Napoleon  
Aaron Dean, Velva  
Jordan Peterson, Mott/Regent  
Tyler Kahl, Belfield  
Kalista Anchondo, Dickinson  
Cade Blickesnderf, Mott/Regent  
Hunter Kamrath, Washburn  
Gabe Quandt, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Cody McClean, Carrington

## ***MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS***

47 teams participated in the 2016 Milk Quality CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Dairy Foods Event is of the *New Salem* FFA Chapter. Their team coach is *Mr. Shawn Feiring*. 166 individuals also participated in this event. \*High Individual receives a Baby Bison Trophy a \$100 scholarship sponsored by *Associated Milk Producers, Inc.*

### **TEAM**

<b><u>Gold (8)</u></b>	<b><u>Silver (9)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (12)</u></b>
*New Salem Carrington	Kindred	Napoleon Center
Wyndmere Harvey	Granville	Des Lacs/Burlington Wahpeton
McClusky Mandan	Minot	LaMoure Scranton
Maddock A.S. Gibbens Beulah	Leeds	Velva Medina
	Turtle Lake/Mercer	Kenmare Garrison
		Powers Lake Hebron

### **INDIVIDUAL**

<b><u>Gold (35)</u></b>	<b><u>Silver (41)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (49)</u></b>
*Gabe Lothspeich, Wyndmere	Landen Veil, Mandan	Alex Sadowsky, Killdeer
Ivy Klusmann, New Salem	Bailey Gerving, Center	Bella Roering, Kenmare
Levi Larson, McClusky	Ryan Woroniecki, Hebron	Olivia Effertz, Velva
Eva Lahlum, LaMoure	Alexius, Holter, Des Lacs/Burlington	Jared Loing, Rolla
Kody Faul, McClusky	Justin Johnson, New Salem	Nadaleen Bachmeier, Minot
Emily Sears, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Mathias Kubal, Carrington	Reganne Ritterman, Leeds
Justin Lee, Carrington	Wyatt Fulton, Belfield	Casitee Miller, Scranton
Bryce Peters, Mandan	Drew Weigel, Napoleon	Toby Wolf, Belfield
Taylor Foss, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Jackson Lindbo, South Prairie	Brett Hlebechuk, Belfield
Sean Nichols, Carrington	Jaden Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer	Isaiah Lee, Wahpeton
Brenna Hoger, New Salem	Chayla Kuss, Carrington	Aaron Johnson, Garrison
Grace Schimke, Harvey	Brady Kallenbach, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Tyler Kahl, Belfield
Adam Morman, New Salem	Isaac Preble, Harvey	Mackenzi Woodall, Granville
Taylor Bisbee, Leeds	Paige Beckman, Center	Brody Cahill, Rolla
Ellie MacFarlane, Kindred	Lance Pellman, McClusky	Alli Mogen, Watford City
Bryce Mutschelknaus, Grant County	Mack Buckmier, Hettinger	Terek Enget, Powers Lake
Anne Manstrom, Wyndmere	Stetson Lindbo, South Prairie	Jordan Martin, Killdeer
Isak Olson, Beulah	Lizzy Black, Towner	Jordan Ankenbauer, Kenmare
Makayla Peterson, Beulah	Jonah Enochson, Wahpeton	Jacob Juelfs, Medina
Adam Gorseth, Carrington	Cassie Pierson, Grant County	Amanda Johnson, Des Lacs/Burlington
Logan Becker, New Salem	Aaron Kuntz, Belfield	Connor Dilse, Scranton
Steven Schumacher, Napoleon	Nathan Elverud, Leeds	Nathan Roth, Grant County
Keaton Rustad, Kindred	Molly Nies, Killdeer	Hannah Mueller, Hillsboro
Tristan McMahan, Granville	Greta Florence, Velva	Cody Mack, Medina
Claire Moffet, Wyndmere	Sierra Plesuk, Mandan	Samantha Oase, Scranton
Levi Darulis, Minot	Chase McCone, Hebron	Amanda Odegard, Wilton
Grace Bachmeier, Granville	Wyatt Wiebe, Beulah	Cody Perdue, Medina
Colby Dukart, Killdeer	Kerrigan Krueger, Velva	Dakota Schaefer, Grant County
Katana Jenne, Minot	Trey Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer	Kaylee Blumhagen, Velva
Spencer Marchand, Harvey	Liam McFadden, Killdeer	Trinity Shaw, Hebron
Kevin Friedt, Harvey	Kayla Schaefer, Des Lacs/Burlington	Jessica Rosencrans, Powers Lake
Bethany Anderson, Harvey	Cade Korslien, South Prairie	Brea Jore, Watford City
Hannah Pierson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Evan Follman, Leeds	McKenna Weisenburger, Wilton
Kennedy Chrest, Kenmare	Victoria Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer	Laiken David, Wyndmere
John Gutschmidt, Gackle/Streeter	Landon Smith, LaMoure	Caleb Whaley, Wahpeton
	Jonnah Lee, Velva	Kenna Halleen, Bowman County
	Shelby Faul, McClusky	Riley Peters, Glenburn
	Baleigh Ripplinger, McClusky	Phillip Reich, Gackle/Streeter
	Allison Cross, Granville	Megan Rodine, Oakes/Sargent Central
	Adam Mark, Kindred	Caitlyn Ell, Wilton
	Amber Lies, Garrison	Jake Wink, Kenmare
		Wyatt Vein, Central Cass
		Sadie Maruski, Powers Lake
		Thomas Lothspeich, Wyndmere

**Bronze cont'd**

Ethan LaFramboise, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Jade Harbaugh, Minot  
Nic Curren, Stanley  
Pacey Feist, Napoleon  
Kyle Andres, Medina

***NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT***

19 teams participated in the 2016 Nursery CDE team event. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the Kindred FFA Chapter. 70 individuals participated in this event. \*High Individual receives a Chain Saw, \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy. Sponsors are *Intermountain Stihl and Bottineau FFA Chapter*. *Intermountain Stihl* provides a chainsaw to the high individual. Sponsor of the Traveling Trophy is ND FFA Foundation.

**Gold (3)**

\*Kindred  
Hebron  
Harvey

**TEAM**

**Silver (4)**

Minot  
Napoleon  
Kenmare  
Mandan

**Bronze (4)**

Beulah  
Wishek  
Rugby  
Velva

**Gold (14)**

\*Ben Saewert, Kindred  
Nick Mathias, Kindred  
Morgan Krizan, Hebron  
Matthew Voeller, Harvey  
Kiana Schatz, Hebron  
Tanner King, Kenmare  
Chantel Mertz, Harvey  
Laura Biewer, Kindred  
Hannah Gress, Mandan  
Tori Braaten, Kindred  
Julia Beck, Minot  
Graysyn Kitts, Minot  
Isaac Kauffman, Minot  
Sami Bitz, Napoleon

**INDIVIDUAL**

**Silver (17)**

Brian Friedt, Harvey  
Olivia Svanes, Napoleon  
Kenzie Opdahl, Beulah  
Braxton Rolle, Hebron  
Nick Eggmann, Kindred  
Breanna Johnson, Napoleon  
Abby Lester, Minot  
Maria Blessum, Rugby  
Dixie Posey, Harvey  
Adam Becker, Beulah  
Kourtney Bitz, Napoleon  
Alex Ruff, Wishek  
Faith Gress, Mandan  
Kylee Bitz, Napoleon  
Alec Battest, Beulah  
Aaron Bechtly, Wishek  
Emma Howe, Velva

**Bronze (21)**

Zach Schmalenberger, Hebron  
Jacie Ankenbauer, Kenmare  
Jacob Blessum, Rugby  
Taylor Schoemer, Kenmare  
Alyssa Thompson, Mandan  
Kylee St. Croix, Kenmare  
Robert Bodine, Velva  
Hallie Burghart, Mandan  
Jacob Weigel, Beulah  
Seth Bettenhausen, Wishek  
Hannah Edington, Minot  
Brad Lawson, Velva  
Lauren Moser, Medina  
Kathryn Handeland, Kenmare  
Tristin Lunde, Rugby  
Grace Mogen, Velva  
Abby Carlson, Medina  
Janaya Huff, Medina  
Sara Stier, Rugby  
Chase Driscoll, Mohall  
Laurana Lynds, Enderlin

***PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT***

14 individuals participated in the 2016 Memorized Public Speaking Event. The State Champion representing North Dakota in the National Event is Julianna Wolff of the Wishek FFA Chapter. The winner receives a Baby Bison Trophy. Sponsors for this event are **Michael Anderson**. The traveling trophy is sponsored by *ND FFA Foundation*.

**Gold (4)**

\*Julianna Wolff, Wishek  
Emily Christmann, Kindred  
Emily Webb, Minot  
Sami Bitz, Napoleon

**Silver (5)**

Emily Sears, Maddock  
Emily Ehlis, New England  
Kady Holm, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Alicia Hellman, Harvey  
Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison

**Bronze (5)**

Jerrold MacDonald, Bismarck  
Antonio De La Cerda, Parshall  
Warren Swenson, Beulah  
Katie Campbell, Finley/Sharon  
Aiden Halleen, Bowman

## ***EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT***

13 individuals participated in the 2016 Extemporaneous Public Speaking Event. State Champion who will represent the North Dakota FFA Association in the National Event is ***Hunter Pinke*** of the ***Wishek*** FFA Chapter. The winner receives a Baby Bison Trophy. It is ***US Bank Farm & Ranch Management***. The traveling trophy is sponsored by ***the 2012-2013 North Dakota State Officers in memory of Mike Wehri***. State sponsors are ***Dean Moos and US Bank Farm & Ranch Management and the 2012-2013 State Officer Team***.

### **Gold (6)**

\*Hunter Pinke, Wishek  
Katelyn Long, Napoleon  
Brianna Maddock, Kindred  
Skylar Dockter, Dickinson  
Destiny Smith, Mandan  
Al Schwalbe, Beulah

### **Silver (4)**

Cassidy Bockoven, Minot  
Tracy Lagein, Munich  
Lindsey English, Harvey  
Tanner Thompson, Ray

### **Bronze (3)**

Bree Diffely, Garrison  
Mikayla Lacher, Richland 44  
Alissa Volk, Rugby

## ***QUIZ EVENT***

16 Teams participated in the 2015 Quiz Event. The Championship Team is the ***Max*** FFA Chapter. 77 Individuals participated. \*High individuals receive a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by ***Rick Vannett. Red River Farm Network, Farm Credit Services of Mandan, Farm Credit Services of ND and Ag Country Farm Credit Services*** sponsors the ribbons and also a \$100 scholarship. High Team receives a Traveling Trophy sponsored by ***Rick Vannett, Kevin Nelson, and Kevin Vannett***.

### **TEAM**

#### **Gold (4)**

\*Max Harvey  
Napoleon Beulah

#### **Silver (7)**

Medina Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Mandan Oakes/Sargent Central  
Garrison Kindred  
Belfield

#### **Bronze (7)**

Fessenden/Bowdon Kenmare  
Finley/Sharon Glen Ullin  
Bowman County Stanley  
Des Lacs/Burlington

### **INDIVIDUAL**

#### **Gold (20)**

\*Hope Scheresky, Max  
Christina Bingham, Max  
Chantel Mertz, Harvey  
Kaitlyn Weigel, Napoleon  
Matthew Voeller, Harvey  
Sami Bitz, Napoleon  
Katelyn Long, Napoleon  
Kenzie Opdahl, Beulah  
Casey Kramer, Max  
Haley Geiger, Mandan  
Adam Becker, Beulah  
Cierra Dockter, Medina  
Lindsey English, Harvey  
Alex Battest, Beulah  
Alyssa Johansen, Max  
Mara Obrigewitch, Belfield  
Megan Johnson, Garrison  
Cheyenne Jacobson, Max  
Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Madison Feist, Napoleon

#### **Silver (26)**

Sandra Getzlaff, Mandan  
Kalie Gudmestad, Medina  
Laura Jacobson, Finley/Sharon  
Emily Christmann, Kindred  
Akala Knatterud, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Shirley Yang, Glen Ullin  
Hannah Pierson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Aaron Kuntz, Belfield  
Taylor Foss, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Ben Saewert, Kindred  
Kathryn Slavick, Mandan  
Dalton Dockter, Medina  
Ashley Wolff, Medina  
Christyn Knudtson, Harvey  
Kimberly Kolden, Garrison  
April Hagemeister, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Weston Cline, Beulah  
Kylee Dockter, Harvey  
Sheyenne Freitag, Kindred  
Breann Obritsch, Belfield  
Emily Sears, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Katelyn Youngs, Garrison  
Bree Diffely, Garrison  
Emily Klein, Garrison  
Jenna Obrigewitch, Belfield  
Carley Haugen, Beulah

#### **Bronze (17)**

Sean Hermes, Oakes/Sargent Central  
McKayla Jacobson, Finley/Sharon  
Shelby Brekhus, Kenmare  
Kurt Hart, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Kyle Ravnaas, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Meggie Fischer, Bowman County  
Skylar Ruggles, Bowman County  
Lane Jeffers, Bowma County  
Erich Scheffert, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Jared Anderson, Stanley  
Bryce Peters, Mandan  
Wyatt Hanson, Stanley  
Brayden Miller, Bowman County  
Shantell Jepson, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Tori Braaten, Kindred  
Andy Chapman, Finley/Sharon  
Lindsey Dix, Bowman County

## **REPORTER BOOK**

State Sponsor is the *Garrison FFA Alumni*

### **Gold (16)**

Emily Duval, Kindred  
Justin Lee, Carrington  
Cassidy Bockhoven, Minot  
Cierra Dockter, Medina  
Hallie Burghart, Mandan  
Mathias Follman, Maddock  
Brooke Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Natasha Semchenko, Max  
Kara Levorsen, Grant County  
Brett Muscha, Harvey  
Tannis Anderson, Richland 44  
Lexie Boe, Rolla  
Kim Kolden, Garrison  
Katelyn Horner, Napoleon  
Kelsie Knutson, Beulah  
Taylor Sevland, Granville

### **Silver (3)**

Brianna Letzring, New Salem  
Lucas Rath, McClusky  
Morgan Weddell, South Prairie

## **SAE BOOK**

### **TEAM RATINGS**

\*Champion team receives State Rotating Plaque. State Sponsor is *Capital Trophy of Bismarck and Rick Vannett*.

### **Gold (1)**

\*Scranton

### **Silver (2)**

Rolla  
Garrison

### **INDIVIDUAL RATINGS**

### **Gold (4)**

Jordan Dilse, Scranton  
Colbey Steeke, Scranton  
Brody Cahill, Rolla  
Hunter Kamrath, Washburn

### **Silver (4)**

Megan Johnson, Garrison  
Tori Andrus, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Karson Schoening, Rolla  
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton

### **Bronze (3)**

Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison  
Evan Mickelson, Rolla  
Kimberly Kolden, Garrison

## **SECRETARY BOOK**

State Sponsor is the *Maddock AS Gibbens FFA Chapter*.

### **Gold (12)**

Hope Scheresky, Max  
Kylee Resier, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Pru Bray, Granville  
Abby Meyers, Richland 44  
Alexandra Naser, McClusky  
Madison Feist, Napoleon  
Sabrina Stark, Minot  
Kelsea McDowell, Garrison  
Hannah Gress, Mandan  
Akala Knatterud, Maddock  
Phoenix Schaefer, Grant County  
Miranda Reister, Medina

### **Silver (5)**

Chaser Pederson, Carrington  
Morgan Henke, New Salem  
Emily Christmann, Kindred  
Brody Cahill, Rolla  
Ana Braaten, Wyndmere

### **Bronze (1)**

Weston Cline, Beulah

## **SMALL ANIMAL PRODUCTION & CARE**

58 teams participated in the 2016 Small Animal Care CDE team event. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the **Richland 44** FFA Chapter. 228 individuals participated in this event. \*High Individual receives a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by ***Dylan Zubke with Edward Jones*** and also a \$100 scholarship. High Team receives a Traveling Trophy sponsored by ***US Bank-Private Client Group***.

### **TEAM**

<b><u>Gold (11)</u></b>	<b><u>Silver (12)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (15)</u></b>
*Richland 44	New Salem	Glen Ullin
Rugby	Killdeer	Granville
Mandan	Garrison	Center
Kenmare	Wyndmere	Medina
Wahpeton	Minot	Scranton
Kindred	New England	Napoleon
		Belfield
		Park River
		Turtle Lake/Mercer
		Tioga
		South Prairie
		Edgeley/Kulm
		Mott/Regent
		Washburn
		Bismarck

### **INDIVIDUAL**

<b><u>Gold (51)</u></b>	<b><u>Silver (52)</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze (70)</u></b>
*Haley Geiger, Mandan	Adrianna Braun, Richland 44	Kaitlyn Bartholmy, Scranton
Breanna Thompson, Rugby	Jerry Sherven, Kindred	Amanda Odegard, Wilton
Emily Wagner, Towner	Regan Hartwig, Minot	Emily Beck, Fessenden/Bowdon
Mikayla Lacher, Richland 44	McKayla Neubauer, Kenmare	Jessica Peterson, South Prairie
Cody Blegen, Richland 44	Kayla Brew, Killdeer	Matthew Berglund, Dickinson
Kylee Nelson, Kenmare	Jade Harbaugh, Minot	Natalia Wright, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Jacie Osier, Kindred	Christine Bingham, Max	Lily Pyle, Central Cass
Haley Conlon, Hebron	Bobbi Leighton, Towner	Tori Andrus, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Jake Bellmore, Wahpeton	Haylea Ammon, Harvey	Aubrey Bornemann, Center
Lindsey English, Harvey	Alisha Letzring, New Salem	Sidney Sanderson, Parshall
Catherine Manstrom, Wyndmere	Miranda Reister, Medina	Annika Towe, Center
Kayla Hildebrant, Richland 44	Kara Duppong, Glen Ullin	Kathryn Herring, Mott/Regent
Natalie Opp, Hebron	Addie Hanson, Edgeley/Kulm	Alex Naser, McClusky
Molly Nies, Killdeer	Jake Doll, Finley/Sharon	Mandy Schell, Washburn
Allison Roth, Kidder County	Christian O'Hara, Wahpeton	Dawn Traver, Dickinson
Sarah Senechal, Velva	Alyssa Johansen, Max	Jared Lovro, Granville
Shandra Getzlaff, Mandan	Makayla Peterson, Beulah	Shelby Brekhus, Kenmare
Renee Yder, Des Lacs/Burlington	Mara Bornemann, New Salem	Abigail Hintz, Center
Morgan Oppen, Rugby	Madison Jones, Fessenden/Bowdon	Bailee Williams, Velva
Mia Fragoso, Kenmare	Raleigh Kummer, Harvey	Skylar Ruggles, Bowman County
Katie Sundseth, Wahpeton	Taizalee Glass, Hebron	Thomas Lothspeich, Wyndmere
Kelsi Knutson, Beulah	Emily Tranby, Des Lacs/Burlington	Reagan Hildre, Velva
Mike McCall, Wahpeton	Emily Willprecht, Lidgerwood	Ryeleigh Laib, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Jazlyn Brossart, Rugby	Brittany Binstock, Dickinson	Payton Brandenburg, Edgeley/Kulm
Megan Johnson, Garrison	Lily McFadden, Killdeer	Kristin Schaaf, Glen Ullin
Levi Stegner, New England	Jenna Obrigewitch, Belfield	Cate Fredericks, Killdeer
April Hagemeister, Fessenden/Bowdon	Kailyn Brummond, Granville	Caitlyn Enger, Stanley
Leanne Van Berkom, Des Lacs/Burlington	Cassidy Zook, Garrison	Wyatt Wiebe, Beulah
Laura Wolf, New Salem	Alecia Turner, New England	Taylor Foss, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Matty Koenig, Rugby	Julia Beck, Minot	Teanna Hintz, Center
Lakota Mollohan, Kindred	Bradyn Lachenmeier, Kidder County	Bailey Gerving, Center
Kenzie Opdahl, Beulah	Akala Knatterud, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Aidan McMahan, Granville
Faith Gress, Mandan	Morgan Nelson, Dickinson	Sadie Dinwiddie, Velva
Kendra Brekhus, Kenmare	Erika Jungberg, Towner	Hannah Chrest, Washburn
Kristen Larson, Park River	Elizabeth Bartholmy, Scranton	Miranda Ness, South Prairie
Brooke Kunz, New Salem	Alyssa Haman, Minot	Maci Wehri, Mott/Regent
Tatiana Friese, Harvey	Eve Stegner, New England	Kristi Medalen, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Tia Wallner, Wahpeton	Taylor Sevland, Granville	Katlyn Hutzenbiler, Scranton
Adam Becker, Beulah	Elizabeth Widmer, New Rockford	Laynee Kudrna, South Heart
Manuela Vidales, Hebron	Jacob Juelfs, Medina	Chantel Kessel, Belfield
Brooke Rossow, Kindred	Jolene Kuchera, Wyndmere	Kylee Bitz, Napoleon

Katie Gehrig, Kindred  
Kimberly Lara, Towner  
Mya Knecht, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Anne Manstrom, Wyndmere  
Courtney Lauinger, Maddock A.S.  
Gibbens  
Kim Kolden, Garrison  
Shayla Sauer, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Beth Shearer, Lisbon  
Jennifer Becker, New Salem  
Gracie Wagner, Towner

Courtney Haverland, Richland 44  
Evan Sayler, Bismarck  
Alyssa Thompson, Mandan  
Leah Schmidt, Tioga  
Mikayla Wolfe, Tioga  
Laiken David, Wyndmere  
Lexi Gietzen, Glen Ullin  
Sidney Senger, Minot  
Kourtney Bitz, Napoleon  
Breanna Johnson, Napoleon  
Trinadee White, Hebron

Jaylah Clevelan, Wilton  
Morgan Reiser, Gackle/Streeter  
Tessa Peterka, Park River  
Maggie Fulton, Belfield  
Kayley Blumhagen, Velva  
Cheyenne Boeddeker, Northern Cass  
Kenadee Kudrna, South Heart  
Bailey Severson, South Prairie  
Emily Boehm, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Karagan Friedt, Mott/Regent  
Addison Arend, Dickinson  
Aiden Halleen, Bowman County  
Sean Johnson, Kidder County  
Gage Yellowbird, Max  
Abbi Glander, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Carlie Kieffer, Central Cass  
Shiloh Schmidt, Bismarck  
Katlyn Olson, Washburn  
Destiny Stolp, Glen Ullin  
Lindsey Dix, Bowman County  
Chase Huelle, Stanley  
Sydnee Anderson, Mott/Regent  
Tate Nordby, New England  
Jaeden Thompson, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Morgan Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Emily Scheresky, Washburn  
Dakota Harrison, Washburn  
Emily Hlebchuk, Belfield  
Izzy Staydoar, Stanley

## ***SUPERIOR/NATIONAL CHAPTERS***

Superior Chapter State Plaques sponsored by *North Dakota Building Trades Unions*.

\*Carrington  
\*Garrison  
\*Kindred  
\*Max  
Minot  
New Salem  
\*Rugby  
Stanley

\*Center  
Granville  
Maddock  
Medina  
\*Napoleon  
\*Richland 44  
Rolla

\*Indicates Chapters with applications sent on the Nationals

## ***TALENT***

The individuals selected to represent North Dakota at the National Talent Show are **Julianne Skaff** of the **South Heart** Chapter. Participation Awards are sponsored by the **Grant County FFA Chapter**. **Julianne Skaff of the South Heart** FFA will receive a Traveling Trophy sponsored by the ND FFA Foundation.

\*Julianne Skaff, South Heart  
Maddock FFA Trio  
Karl Swenson

Julianna Wolff, Wishek  
Ebony Musanda, Wishek  
Alexis Bachler, New Salem

Samantha Bercier, St. John  
Cassidy Walth, Wishek  
Traci Lagein, Munich

# **TREASURER BOOK**

State Sponsor is the *Divide County FFA Chapter*

## **Gold**

Kaitlyn Weigel, Napoleon  
Jayden Hansen, Garrison  
Victoria Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer  
Cassie Pierson, Grant County  
Ethan Karlsbraaten, Maddock A.S. Gibbens  
Jessica Thiel, Richland 44  
Chantel Mertz, Harvey  
Joster Hafner, Beulah  
John Munro, Rolla  
Cheyenne Olien, Kindred  
Jacey Retzlaff, Carrington  
Shelby Faul, McClusky  
Nathan Ball, Minot  
Brooke Schroeder, Max  
Tucker Johnson, Glenburn  
Lindsay Hoffman, Medina  
Emily Ehlis, New England

## **Silver**

Kailyn Brummon, Granville  
Brandie Doll, New Salem  
Miranda Nest, South Prairie

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\*Video Streaming for the 87<sup>th</sup> North Dakota FFA State Convention was sponsored by International Certification Services, Lynnes Welding Training and Thunder Seed.



# **State Convention Delegate Committee Reports**

## **Auditing**

### **Committee Members:**

Edgeley/Kulm; Joshua Geinert, Harvey; Brett Muscha, Berthold; Nichole Brookhouser, Beulah; Adam Becker, Des Lacs/Burlington; Renee Snyder, Fessenden/Bowdon; April Hagemeister, Finley/Sharon; McKayla Jacobson, Garrison; Bree Diffely, Hebron; Zane Woroniecki, Hillsboro, Makayla Cotton, Kenmare, Tanner King, Lakota; Nathan Steffan, Larimore; Ryan Larson, Leeds; Nathan Elverud, Lidgerwood; Angel Quintero, Mandan; Jameson Ellingson, Minot; Sabrina Stark, Northern Cass; Alyssa Bell, Oakes/SC; Addison Magill, Richland 44; Cody Blegen, Rolla; Zach Burns, Rugby; Kaycee Mahle, Scranton; Jordan Dilse, Turtle Lake/Mercer; Kylee Reiser, Velva; Sarah Senechal, Wahpeton; Tracer Bowar, Watford City; Matt Weyrauch, Wishek; Rebekka Wanner

**Advisor Present: Mr. Dave Axt, Nicollette Bitz**

**Members absent: Nathan Elverud (Leeds), Kaycee Mahle (Rugby)**

**Alternate members: Kiana Schatz (Hebron) Hannah Gress (Mandan), Victoria Goven (Turtle Lake/Mercer)**

**Committee Chairs: Brett Muscha (Harvey) Joshua Geinert (Edgeley-Kulm)**

**Date and location of meeting: Tuesday June 7, 2016 in SW corner of BBFH**

### **Report:**

The committee discussed the 2016-2017 budget changes. The main points included the investments made, increased expenses, and proposed income. Mr. Aaron Anderson answered questions in regard to the 2015-2016 budget and explained what changes were made. The committee also discussed whether or not to disperse charges from State Convention registration to the State Winter CDEs and Winter Leadership Conference registration.

### **Action Recommended:**

- Accept the 2016-2017 budget as presented to the auditing committee.
- Set state dues for 2016-2017 at \$6.

## Career Development Events

Committee Members: Kiana Haugen, Dawn Taver, Race Jacobson, Chantel Mertz, Zach Rickertson, Jordan Ankenbauer, Emily Christmann, Shaina Rasmusson, Alex Naser, Madison Feist, Dreyton Rud, Isabelle Wieseler, Daniel Bolen, Abby Hickel, Chris Blegen, Hope Parmeter, Tori Andrus, Hunter Kamrath, Alli Mogen, Taylor Bergquist, Jordyn Hetland, Kailyn Brummond, Gabe Quandt, Kyle Ravnaas, Hallie Burghart

Members absent: Stetson Ellingson, Kurt Hart, Lane Bachmeier, Jacob Hauck,

Committee Chairs: Matt Stroh and Stetson Ellingson

Date and location of meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in the Bentson Bunker Field House at 10:00 A.M.

Report: Suggestion one

Align the small animal care contest to better fit the mold of the National Vet science competition.

Suggestion two

Advanced and intermediate Ag mechanics go under view.

Action Recommended:

Resolution One

Add livestock breeds, horse breeds, and vet equipment identification to the contest to better fit the national contest's format.

Resolution Two

Thus we recommend, that revisions be left to the ND FFA Board of Directors to decide.

## Community Service/Service Learning

### Committee Members:

Velva	Madison	Bodine
Wyndmere	Paul	Moffet
Dickinson	Brittany	Binstock
Glenburn	Megan	Goldade
Hebron	Morgan	Krizan
Kidder County	Morgan	Ziesch
Kindred	Cheyenne	Olien
Maddock	Emily	Sears
Minot	Regan	Hartwig
New England	Alecia	Turnter
New Rockford	Sandra	Larson
Parshall	Tim	Anderson
Powers Lake	Grace	Hove
Ray	Kelsey	Perdue
Richland 44	Jessica	Thiel
Rugby	Matty	Koenig
St. John	Sami	Bercier
Tioga	Alex	Emeline
Wahpeton	Aaron	Lee
Washburn	Mandy	Schell
Watford City	Brea	Jore

### Members absent:

Carrington	Candace	Nysted
Center	Abby	Hintz
Harvey	Alicia	Hellman
Munich	Jill	Lagein
Napoleon	Katelyn	Long
South Prairie	Stetson	Lindbo
Stanley	Wyatt	Hanson

### Alternate Members:

Carrington	Jacey	Retzlaff
Center	Teanna	Hintz
Harvey	Haylea	Hellman
Munich	Denver	Biby
Napoleon	Kylee	Bitz
South Prairie	Miranda	Ness
Stanley	Isabella	Staydohar

### Committee Chairs:

Velva	Madison	Bodine
Wyndmere	Paul	Moffet

### Advisors Present:

Claire Endres & Danielle Hannon

### Date and location of meeting:

Benson Bunker Fieldhouse

10:20am-11:05am

### Report:

The committee discussed bringing a community service event, or possibly more than one, to the North Dakota State FFA Convention in future years to come. The reason for this action is to benefit the Fargo/Moorhead area and/or a specific beneficiary. We reviewed how at Winter Leadership Conference Project Linus is an annual occurrence, and that many chapters participate in service projects themselves. Seeing that North Dakota FFA has many members and a large potential to help, the committee discussed hosting a fundraiser on the Monday of convention, or at multiple times throughout the week. Ideas presented were a food collection, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, traveling to nursing homes or places with victims of disease, a 5k run/walk, dollar dance, movie night, placement of money collection jugs on the convention stage, chocolate selling, penny wars to pie or duct tape individuals at sessions, and the Adopt A Highway program. The decision was made that if a large service act would be put into place, the individual chapters would need to register interested members committed to helping. In doing this and having a service event, the possibility of having a traveling trophy for the chapter that raised/collected the most goods was also discussed. The majority of the committee agreed with all ideas presented and believes that this matter should be further reviewed.

### Action Recommended:

**Resolution one:** A service project needs to be installed at the North Dakota State FFA Convention to benefit the Fargo/Moorhead area and/or a specific beneficiary.

**Resolution two:** If a large service project is installed, the advisors of all North Dakota FFA chapters would need to register interested and committed members willing to help.

## **Program of Activities**

**Committee Members:** Austin Owen, Bree Obergfell, Breann Obritsch, Ryan Saylor, , Amber Heick, Wyatt Vein, LeAnne Van Berkom, Laura Jacobson, Jayden Hansen, Kara Duppong, Tatiana Friese, Patrick McCarthy, Mack Buckmier, Katelyn Lane, Phillip Steffan, Landon Smith, Emily Willprecht, Brittany Johnson, Allysa Johansen, Shelby Faul, Shannon Asheim, Sydnee Anderson, Traci Lagein, Jennifer Becker, Morgan Oppen, Caitlyn Enger, Charly Klebe

**Members absent:** Ethan Kippen

**Committee Chairs:** Bree Obergfell

**Date and location of meeting:** 6/7/2016 SE corner of convention hall

**Report:** The committee had discussion about the program of activities as it currently reads as well as the addition of an FFA summer camp to the POA. Katelyn Lane moved to include the summer camp in the POA. Action Recommended: The committee recommends to create a resolution stating that the Board of Directors work to include an FFA summer camp in the POA.

## **Screening Committee Report**

**Committee Members:** Shawn Postivit, Tioga; Casey Kramer, Max; Abby Volk, Rugby; Joshua Russif, Northern Cass; Kelsey Marscke, Enderlin; Cierra Dockter, Medina; Jacob Gartner, Glen Ullin; Kylee Hendrickson, Bowman County

**Members absent:** All present

**Committee Chairs:** Brandie Doll, New Salem; Jesse Hafner, Carrington

**Advisors:** Missy Hanson and Mike Axt

**Date and location of meeting:** The Screening Committee has been meeting the past three days at the Memorial Union in the Mandan Room, and tasking the candidates various assignments to evaluate their ability to serve as a North Dakota state officer.

**Report:** Please hold your applause until all candidates are announced. The nomination for the office of president is Alfred Schwalbe from Beulah and Paul Moffet from Wyndmere. The nomination for the office of secretary is Madison Bodine from Velva and Jerrod MacDonald from Bismarck. The nomination for the office of Treasurer is Brett Muscha from Harvey. The nomination for the office of Reporter is Levi Larson from McClusky. The nomination for the office of Sentinel is Colbey Steeke from Scranton. The nomination for the office of Parliamentarian is Matthew Stroh from Killdeer.

## Convention Evaluation and Resolutions

### Committee Members:

Wyatt Fulton (Belfield), Megan Hunt (Bottineau), Madison Vigness (Divide County), Kara Levorsen (Grant County), Tyler Larson (Harvey), Lily McFadden (Killdeer), Brady Wendel (LaMoure), Daniel Sagvold (Lisbon), Bryce Peterson (Mandan), Katana Jenne (Minot), Hayley Southam (Mohall), Emily Ehlis (New England), Vincent Carruth (Oakes/SC), Lexie Boe (Rolla), Marissa Tuhy (South Heart), Kendra Klosterman (Wahpeton), Ashley Miller (Wilton), Catherine Manstrom (Wyndmere)

### Members absent:

Weston Cline – Beulah, Allison Nord – Enderlin, Taylor Sevland – Granville, Kate Ackerman – Hillsboro, Kennedy Chrest – Kenmare, William Laaveg – Park River, Myria Vondall – St. John

### Committee Chairs:

Colbey Steeke – Scranton, Jerrod MacDonald – Bismarck

**Date and location of meeting:** Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Benson Bunker Room 203

### Report:

**Resolution 1:** Whereas; we have many sponsors and supporters who have made this convention possible, therefore be it resolved that we extend them our most sincere appreciation along with the state officer team, entertainment, special guests, sponsors, announcers, NDSU, and the state association.

**Resolution 2:** Whereas; many students attending state convention have a lot of free time, and lack recreational activities to fill up the time, therefore be it resolved that activities sponsored by past state officers and North Dakota FFA Alumni, such as yard games and tournaments, including the tradition of a volleyball tournament between the districts be provided.

**Resolution 3:** Whereas; the agriculture industry has many different careers fields, therefore be it resolved that industry tours at state convention be expanded to include tours in better relation to FFA Career Development Events, such as livestock evaluation, agronomy, horse judging, etc.

**Resolution 4:** Whereas; Career Development Events in relation to public speaking are somewhat unorganized in terms of timing, therefore be it resolved that the events of Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, FFA Creed, and Job Interview have scheduled time slots, similar to those presented in North Dakota state speech competitions.

**Resolution 5:** Whereas; the Job Interview contest can be highly competitive, therefore be it resolved that a final round be established to make the event similar to other speaking events.

**Resolution 6:** Whereas; the work that committees do at state convention is very important, therefore be it resolved that Career Development Events be scheduled around the essential meeting times of the delegate committees.

**Resolution 7:** Whereas; the Agricultural Mechanics CDE is poorly equipped, therefore be it resolved that the quality of the equipment be checked and updated.

**Resolution 8:** Whereas; the equipment used in the Agricultural Mechanics CDE has a tendency to malfunction, therefore be it resolved that there be an opportunity for teams to have a set time, to have a trial run with the equipment before the contest, such as the welders, saws, etc.

**Resolution 9:** Whereas; the equipment identification portion of the Agricultural Mechanics contest is limiting the opportunity for contestants to fully evaluate all of the tools and equipment, therefore be it resolved that the timing so all students have equal opportunities.

**Resolution 10:** Whereas; many activities take place within the Memorial Union, therefore be it resolved that a large map of the Union be stationed at the entrance doors to help students better navigate the Memorial Union.

**Resolution 11:** Whereas; The State Officer Handbook lacks an accurate list of officer activities and recommend to take a smaller fall course load for state officers, therefore let it be resolved that the officer activities such as planning meetings, NFC, ND FFA Board meetings, and officer retreats be added to the State Officer Handbook along with recommending officers to take a lighter course load.

**Resolution 12:** Whereas; the Small Animal Care CDE is different from the National Vet Science completion, let it be resolved that we align the Small Animal Care CDE with the National Vet Science CDE by adding livestock breeds, horse breeds and vet equipment identification to the contest to better fit the mold of the National contest mold

**Resolution 13:** Whereas; the FFA has many formal and competitive leadership events, therefore be it resolved that the FFA Board of Directors explore the opportunity to have an FFA summer camp centrally located for FFA members to have leadership activities with other FFA members across the state in an informal setting.

**Action Recommended:** That the committee report be approved and sent to the North Dakota State Board of Directors for Review.

# State Officer Campaign

## Committee Members:

Beulah	Alfred	Schwalbe	Maddock	Jaydin	Risovi
Parshall	Antonio	Malnourie	Medina	Dalton	Dockter
Berthold	Kinsey	Schepp	Minot	Graysyn	Kitts
Center	Paige	Beckman	Mott/Regent	Maci	Wehri
Central Cass	Lily	Pyle	Napoleon	Breanna	Johnson
Edgeley/Kulm	Kaitlyn	Schiele	New Rockford	Elizabeth	Widmer
Gackle/Streeter	Megan	Kleingartner	Oakes/SC	Shantell	Jepson
Glenburn	Shaylynn	Bush	Park River	Rick	Jones
Grant County	Alyssa	Mutschelknaus	South Heart	Sam	Poland
Hazen	Tyler	Klein	South Prairie	Jessica	Peterson
Kidder County	Allison	Roth	Towner	Molly	Bollinger
Kindred	Emily	Duval	Wahpeton	Anna	Koch
Larimore	Jon	Fuqua	Wishek	Julianna	Wolff
Lisbon	Caleb	Twehin			

**Members absent:** Zach Bear - Leeds

**Committee Chairs:** Antonio Malnourie – Parshall, Alfred Schwalbe - Beulah

**Date and location of meeting:** Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in Benson Bunker room 203

Called to order at approx. 10:00 a.m. and adjourned with no objection at 11:20 a.m.

## Report:

The committee began with an introduction from the co-chairs and moved quickly into new business. With advise from State Reporter Ashley Stoppeworth, the committee was split into three groups to discuss one of three handouts: the section of the ND FFA Constitution outlining state office, the State Officer Application, and the State Officer Handbook. Once dissections were completed, the committee discussed the logistical areas and lack of continuity within the State Officer materials.

## Action Recommended:

Application for State Office

- Add instruction to type the application
- Under Chapter Activities, provide instructions on formatting i.e. bullets
- Under High School Activities, substitute 4.0 GPA and Weighted GPA for Scholastic Rank
- Under the prompt “Which specific office are you seeking?”, include a follow up essay to explain the candidate’s decision for choosing the specific office.
- Change the 75-100 word response to 75-200 words with the same prompt.

State Officer Handbook

- Qualifications: Change the destination of National Convention to Indianapolis, IN and provide a recommendation for students to take a lighter course load in the fall semester.
- Duties and Responsibilities: Provide a more accurate list of officer activities such as Planning Meetings, National Presidents Conference, ND FFA Board meeting, CPC in Carrington, Officer Retreat in Maddock.

Overall

- Continuity and accuracy throughout all State Officer materials.

# State Officer Retiring Addresses

## *“Place Your Bets”*

*Claire Endres, State President*

“Bidding is about to close, it is time to place your final bets”. Whether it was a livestock sale, silent auction, or even Churchill Downs like me, I am confident everyone in this room has heard some variation of these words. I sat under a canopy of shade on white crackled bleachers in Louisville, Kentucky, I vividly remember the scorching heat, burning my pale skin, and watching dozens of purebreds run around the same track over and over as these familiar words were spoken over a scratchy intercom. While adjusting to the hot temperatures with my former chapter, Carrington FFA, I noticed a couple individuals were placing bets on the horse races too. Money was not being won, because the satisfaction of being declared the winner of their little game was far greater than winning some spare change. Watching my teammates bet, made me realize how gutsy some individuals must be for betting hundreds of dollars on a single horse race! Think about it. There is no guarantee their specific picks would be successful and they do not have any power choosing the winner. I began reflecting on that experience and this may sound a little ridiculous, I believe we all need to start mimicking the actions of these gamblers. We will not be betting on horse races, instead we will be placing bets on ourselves.

Everyone can find a time in their life when they doubted their abilities or maybe felt their confidence level take a dramatic fall. This feeling is inevitable. It has become quite normal for me. The earliest age I remember doubting myself was when I was in the first grade. I was sitting in Mrs. Walen’s classroom, in the middle of a spelling test. I was asked to spell the word “am”. I was confident I had it. Then I took a second look at it and I questioned whether my second letter needed one hump or two. I began writing and rewriting, writing and rewriting furiously. I did this so many times that I created a giant mountain of eraser shavings on my desk. I’m confident I was probably crying my eyes out. I don’t cry anymore, but I continue to let my lack of confidence get the best of me. Whether I’m taking a test, trying to muster up the courage to ask a question in class, or even if I made the right decision for my officer team. I’ve let this weakness control my life. I cannot count the times I have handed off opportunities to someone else, because I think they are better qualified or more talented than myself. I’ve even talked myself out merely participating and walked away from events with a poor attitude.

It’s important we recognize this feeling, but more importantly how we grow from it. This awful mindset could hold you back from amplifying your life for the better. My hope is that you learn from my mistake. What I’ve learned is everyone can have all the confidence in the world in you, but it will not matter if you do not believe in yourself. It’s so easy to start doubting yourself and losing faith in your abilities, especially when you choose to compare yourself to others and mentally beat yourself up. This spring I had the opportunity to listen to Phil Hanson, former Bison and Buffalo Bills player at the Stanley FFA Banquet. I remember him telling all the banquet attendees about a research study done on criticism. This study found for every critical remark someone received or a mistake made, for example, during a football game; it took at least 5 positive remarks to raise that individual’s confidence level back to where it began before the constructive criticism was given. Please, do not do that tell yourself that “I stink or I’m awful at fill in the blank”. Do not let these negative thoughts stand in your way of finding success because that negative mindset could leave a devastating impact on your life? Even though you may have butchered your placings in that class of market hogs, didn’t get the chapter office you dreamed of, failed a math test or even missed the winning shot in a basketball game, you must keep betting on yourself. Believe me members, when you start having confidence in your abilities, extraordinary things will start to happen.

I want to share one last story with all of you. All through my childhood I loved to sing, hum and make basically any obnoxious noises I could think of. Of course, my three lovely sister didn’t really like my singing specifically. I think mostly because I’d always sing when they were trying to sleep so they weren’t too happy when I woke them up from naps (Ann). Eventually, they told me I was bad, no good and my high peak voice was revolting. I convinced myself that they were right. Although, my love for singing never ended, I lost confidence within myself because of what they were saying. Fast forward to my junior year of high school, I got

the idea that I was going to join choir. I loved singing and our school just got a new teacher. I was getting a fresh start. I started attending class and like always, I began comparing myself to others in my class. I felt like I was wasting my time and everyone else's. One day, my teacher, Mr. Brown and I were talking in study hall. He told me that I had so much potential to be an amazing vocalist. I couldn't believe what he was telling me. When he approached me to sing the National Anthem at sporting events, asked me about singing a solo piece, and even added me to a talented group of performers for contests, I started believing in myself again. I found successes in music that I never dreamed of all because I was confident in myself.

FFA members, when we are confident with ourselves, nothing can hold us back and each of us will reap the rewards of confidence. Who are you going to place your bets on, your parents, friends or teammates? No. It's time to believe in your talents. It's time to believe in your abilities. North Dakota FFA, it's time to place your bets on you!

### *“What's Next”*

*Brock Saewert, State Secretary*

“And then what? What is after that? And then?” These are words my parents continually heard coming from the back of the vehicle. “So next weekend we are going to the cities, then what are we doing the weekend after that?” I have always been so focused on what the next things are on the agenda.

I could tell that my constant questioning of what was to come was a bit of an annoyance. They usually answered with a faint sigh and an exhausted, “I don't know buddy, you'll just have to wait and see.” I used to get so upset that I couldn't know exactly everything that was going on. I used to think that my parents just didn't want me to know what was going on, so that's why they didn't tell me. They are adults, they must know exactly what is going on no matter how far out it is.

Looking back on it now, if I was in my parent's shoes, I wouldn't have been as patient with younger me as they were. I would've put me in my place, telling myself that I needed to chill out and just let things happen as they come.

All my life I've been a planner. Whether it was in the next hour, the next couple of days or three months from now, I needed to know exactly what was going on and my role in those plans. It always seemed like it took so long for those 3 month long plans to come into fruition.

Planning is good. Planning keeps people organized and their lives structured. I know that about half of you out there agree with me when I say that planning is necessary, and the other half of you are the opposite where planning isn't something fun for you, you may just like to take things as they come and live spontaneously in that sense.

This past year as the seven of us served as state officers, there was a huge amount of planning that went into this year. Emails upon emails from Mr. Anderson and Ms. Free, always had us looking toward the future. There was always something to do next, another deadline to meet, or a trip to be preparing for.

About halfway through my year of service, something finally clicked for me. I was living in the future. By constantly being concerned about what was to come, I was missing out on several opportunities and possible successes. Six out of my twelve valuable years as a state officer had been wished away by always looking forward at what was to come.

This realization came about when after a discussion with Nicollette about what was going on on this day. I can't remember what exactly we were doing, but I remember that we weren't all that thrilled to be doing it.

For those of you that know Nicollette even a little bit, you'll know that she is probably one of the most positive people you will ever meet. Even though we weren't excited about the work to come that day, it was something she was still looking at with excitement.

I thought about how I wish I could've just skipped forward and be done with these tedious activities. I realized in that instance that I had been choosing to live my life poorly, by always looking forward to the future, I was missing out on what life is all about.



Walt Whitman said it best, “Happiness, not in another place but this place...not for another hour, but this hour.” Life is about living in the moment. It’s about taking every day, every hour, every second and making worthwhile.

From that day forward I used to say to myself every morning that I found myself with challenges, work or struggles ahead of me, “What a day to be alive!” By simply saying this, my perspective changed in an instant and I had a more positive outlook on what was to come.

Some of you may be thinking that I’m making this stuff up, you might think that just telling yourself something will make you more productive or change the way you look at an obstacle. You have so much more control over yourself than you might think. Everything you do in life is much more dependent on your mental outlook than it is on your physical ability.

I’m not saying that if you simply tell yourself that you can lift a combine, you be able to lift it, but you might just get it to budge by the positive thoughts and mental reinforcement.

What a day to be alive. What a week to be alive. FFA members, I have looked forward to this week ever since I was an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. At times it seemed like being a state FFA officer was all I was looking forward to. I know, looking back on it now that I have missed some things because I was more concerned about how I was going to get here on this stage.

I cannot stress to you enough how important it is to live in the moment. Before you know it, the thing you have been looking forward to will be a thing of the past. Life is too short to always be looking at what’s to come.

FFA members, I promise you that everything will work out exactly the way it is supposed to in the end. Live in this moment. Savor this moment. Remember this moment.

So what’s next? Whatever it is, it is going to be something to remember.

### ***“Small’ Acts of Kindess”***

***Katelyn Oland, State Vice President***

When was the last time you felt really good? I mean toe curling, eye popping good. The kind of good that goes along with ice cream on a hot summer day, climbing into bed after a hard day’s work, or every single kernel of popcorn actually popped.

For some of us, the last time we felt this good was a long while ago. For others it may have been just a moment before I started speaking.

I’ve had quite a few of these feel good moments in my life, but one that really stands out to me happened about a year ago in a small indoor arena. I was volunteering for an organization called Riding for Dreams. It is a therapeutic riding center, which means that they use horses to help people with disabilities find happiness and strength again. My job was to walk along side of the riders and hold their legs steady so that they didn’t slide off.

On my feel good day, I was working with one of my favorite riders; a young boy named Lincoln. Lincoln was having a very VERY good day! He was smiling, giggling and sitting up straight, a tough feat for him. See, Lincoln enrolled in classes at Riding For Dreams because he has a disease called muscular dystrophy. Many of you may know what this is or even know someone who has the disease. For those you who don’t know, muscular dystrophy causes extreme weakness because the individual’s muscles continually degrade. There are different types of muscular dystrophy, but in Lincoln’s case, the outlook was not good. He uses a wheelchair to get around most of the time, and is only able to stand and walk a few steps with crutches. The doctors told Lincoln’s mother that he will be dead before he graduates high school. And yet, here he was, laughing at me singing twinkle-twinkle little star.

As we neared the end of the class, it was obvious that Lincoln was getting very tired, but the class before his had gotten to go ride outside since it was such a nice day, and Lincoln being a stubborn little boy, he simply would not quit talking about going outside! So finally, the instructor gave the okay, and we headed out into the sunlight. The joy on Lincoln’s face was indescribable. For a minute or two, he wasn’t sick at all. He was simply a boy on his horse and he was overcome with happiness. His mother watched with tears in her eyes as her son

smiled, sat up straight and tall, and said that we would have to burn the barn down now, because he only wanted to ride outside from now on!

Can you imagine that joy? All that we did was allow him to walk his horse outside of the barn, and it changed his entire day, and many, many days after that. My heart swells just thinking about how that small act of kindness affected him, his mother and everyone else there that day.

Raise your hand if you have ever had a similar experience. If you've ever said to yourself "man it felt so GOOD to help that person." That looks like a lot of good feelings.

Now keep your hands up if you've ever had a not so good experience that you looked back on and thought to yourself, "Wow, I maybe shouldn't have said that or done that." Go ahead and put your hands down. I'll be honest with the rest of you and admit that I've had a few of those moments as well. I think it's safe to say that almost everyone has been unkind to someone else at least once in their life. Maybe the other person had different color skin than us; maybe they dressed differently, or smelled different; maybe they were into sports instead of books like we were, maybe it was the other way around. Regardless of how it came about, the effect was probably the same...we didn't feel very good about ourselves, and the person we teased or didn't include may have felt even worse.

See, just like you can't squeeze out an entire bottle of toothpaste and get it back in the tube, you also can't take back the words you choose to say, even if they're only whispers of gossip.

Sometimes we can use our words in the wrong way and hurt someone, but other times we can say or do something kind that completely flips the picture. We just have to remember that everyone has gone through something that has changed them so that they are exactly the person they're supposed to be right now, and how cool is it that we could be the one to cause the next change? For real, people when you compliment something your mom made, she starts making it almost every other day. It's the same way with people. If you look at a person and see something beautiful or amazing, tell them! It might seem like a simple small thing to do, but I thought bringing Lincoln outside was small too. The truth is, there is no such thing as a small act of kindness, because a single act can impact tens, hundreds or even thousands of people!

Recent a young girl was speaking with me about her constant struggles with depression. She wasn't the type of girl that people would consider "depressed". In fact, she was very popular, had a loving family and a bright future ahead of her. However, one night things got so dark for her that she felt like there was only one way out. She drove out of town, away from everything, parked on an approach and cried as she tried to fight the darkness she felt.

She sat there for hours...

Finally a policeman spotted the car and stopped to check it out.

The officer helped her calm down and even offered to drive her back home. That officer saved her life with a single act of kindness. He could have just kept driving. But instead, he stopped his car and reach out to a desperate girl in need of help. It didn't matter that he didn't know the girl or that she never even got to say thank you, his willingness to be kind to someone had a major effect on that girl and on so many others.

The girl in the car that night was me.

That cop didn't know that he was saving my life. Heck, he didn't even know my name, but he still chose to be KIND. And his one "small" act of kindness made waves that he never could have expected.

Just like that cop, and just like me on that day with Lincoln, you never truly know what someone is going through or how important your words are to them. FFA members, ALWAYS REMEMBER there is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Everything you do or say in your life affects someone else, wheater you like it or not.

My parents always used to say that I could be anything I wanted when I grew up and I know many of you have heard the same cliché phrase. So, in a world where we can be anything we want to be, why not choose to be kind?

**“If We’re Honest”**  
**Nicollette Bitz, State Treasurer**

Did you know that, on average a person will lie two to three times during a ten-minute conversation? Crazy huh? I don’t know if you consider this a conversation, but I do, and according to that statistic, it means I’ll lie to you at least once before I quit talking. Now think about how often you lie to yourself. If we’re honest, it’s probably a lot more than two to three times during those silent ten-minute conversations in our heads. If you’re thinking, I don’t talk to myself, congratulations-you’ve just told yourself and caught yourself in a lie. That’s fine, happens to me too.

I remember walking down a sidewalk out there a little over a month ago with some friends when a woman with a cameraman approached us. She explained that their tv station was doing a story on people’s fears, and asked if would be willing to explain our biggest and deepest fear. I didn’t participate, but both of my friends did, so I sat and watched as my first friend said spiders, which I believed to be a pretty logical terror, but my second friend said time. Time? Sure, I’ve gotten pretty worried this year that if I show up late, someone might yell at me, but have I ever really been fearful of something as simple as...time? Nah, not me. My friend went on to explain that she’s worried about not having enough time. She’s worried about wasting her time away, and eventually, when it runs out, she’ll realize she needed more time, more time to say the things she meant and be the person she wanted to be-to live honestly.

If I look back to that moment, I can truly say that I was definitely lying to myself when I said I wasn’t afraid of time. Because, if we’re honest, what’s more scary than realizing we might not be on the right path? What’s more scary than realizing we’re not being the true self that we were meant to be? What’s more scary than not looking at others for who they truly are? Not living honestly.

You hear about being brutally honest. Telling someone straight, how it is, without holding back, “even if it hurts their feelings.” But that’s not what I’m looking for. I’m not looking for you to tell your date their dress is hideous on prom night. I’m not encouraging you to tell someone they did awful on a song they just sang to an audience. What I’m asking you to do is to be *beautifully* honest, with others, as well as yourselves. The difference between brutally and beautifully is this:

Taking the time to appreciate beauty instead of brutality. Recognizing the good instead of the bad. Focusing on positivity and progress rather than negativity and failure. Remember back in elementary school when we had those report cards that said, “areas of improvement” instead of “areas you really such in”? Come on! We weren’t stupid, we all knew that’s what it meant. But the difference is, instead of a piece of paper showing you where you’re awful, it’s showing where you can be awesome in the future.

Every morning and every night, when you look in the mirror, try being beautifully honest, instead of being brutally honest. The easiest and most efficient way to do this is to quit comparing yourself to others. Quit telling yourself you’re not as good as someone else. Quit telling yourself you need to be better than anyone. Quit using a mindset that says your worth is based on a competition of you vs. everyone else. If we’re honest with ourselves, we know that any of those thoughts will never lead to happiness; they lead to disappointment and doubt. Brutal honesty in your mind speaks of failure, but beautiful honesty speaks of what’s yet to come. Be beautifully honest and set the bar in the place where you want to be. And never fail to recognize the true beauty that can only be found within you.

I remember back in high school, I was once asked if people were mostly good or mostly evil. Immediately responded with, “mostly good”. And that’s when someone told me, “that’s the thing about you, you look at who people can be, instead of who they actually are. You spend your life getting hopes up and getting hurt because of what you believe about people. And it’s not being positive, it’s being naïve.” I am not telling you to be naïve to those around you, but what I’m telling you right now is that if we’re honest with ourselves, we know that there is beauty in every single person in the world, and most of the time, we don’t bother to see it. Instead of using your words to tear down that *honestly awful* sweatshirt someone’s wearing or mistake they made, take time to look at the obstacles they’ve overcome, the successes they’ve accomplished, and the person they’ve made themselves into. Never miss the opportunity to tell someone how great they are, how much they mean to you, or how they’ve impacted lives. Don’t people please or tell people what they want

to hear, but use your time to be beautifully honest and push people to be their beautiful, wonderful selves. Because the thing about time is, you can't get it back.

So here's the bottom line: quit lying to yourself. The most powerful thing in the world is your perspective, because it has the potential to change everything around you. Instead of wasting your time and clouding your thoughts with lies of negativity and permanence, fill them with the truth and positivity and constant change. Fill them with the ideas that whatever standard you're trying to reach should be set by you. Fill them with the knowledge that people are amazing and phenomenal and deserve to be told just that. That fear of time? Yeah, it's real. But if we're beautifully honest with ourselves, if we're honest with others, and if we honestly see ourselves and others for what we truly are, the time we have left to live will be enough. North Dakota FFA, it's time to be beautifully honest.

### ***“Keep on Keeping On”***

***Ashley Stoppeworth, State Reporter***

Maybe some of you have noticed this, but just in case you haven't: I am severely pigeon-toed. And that isn't me self-diagnosing that is word for word what a doctor told me a couple years back. When I was two and went to specialists, they told my parents that I would grow out of it and if I didn't, pigeon-toed people are really fast runners. Unfortunately, neither of those two things worked out for me.

Possibly one of the most prominent issues that arose for me due to this diagnosis dates back to when I was still in swimming lessons. I took lessons at Concordia, and let me tell you; they are tough. Lessons last for two weeks and my siblings and I went to one session a summer, so if we didn't pass a level on our first try, we had to wait an entire year to retake it.

Anyway, I was going strong in my swimming lessons endeavor and did not have to repeat any levels. That is, until I got to level 4. You see, in level 4, in order to pass, one of the skills you must master is the ability to swim the breast stroke perfectly. And by perfectly, I mean you cannot slip up at all. No mistakes whatsoever. Absolutely flawless. You may be asking yourself why I am stressing this point so much. It is because I failed lessons 4 times because I could not train myself to point my right foot out on the kick. I am not kidding when I tell you that is actually what they wrote on my evaluation sheet at the end of each lesson.

You see, pointing my right foot out sounds like an easy task, but for me, it proves to be pretty difficult. I mean, my natural inclination is to point my feet in, so training myself to point them out is actually a huge feat. If I had it my way, I would have quit swimming lessons after the second time of failing, but my parents would not hear of that. They made me go back for four different summers to fail every time and then finally, during the fifth summer, by some miracle, I managed to point my right foot out on the breast stroke and I PASSED. I guess I can look back on the experience now and say that I am glad my parents pushed me to keep on keeping on through the hardships that level 4 swimming lessons presented me with.

Now fast forward to my freshman year. I signed up for ag class solely because I wanted to be the person who go to represent Kindred FFA in creed speaking at district leadership. That dream was crushed when one of my classmates was selected to go over me. When I got this news, I basically got it in my head that I was done with FFA and that I was trapped in ag class for the rest of the year. I felt that my first experience in this organization was a failure, so why should I even give it a chance? Side note: I was and still sometimes am a pretty overdramatic person. Luckily though, my advisor convinced me to give FFA another shot and encouraged me to compete in the greenhand quiz instead of creed. By “convinced” and “encouraged”, I mean she basically dragged me onto the bus the morning of the contest, but the rest is history. When I attended my first district leadership, I knew that this organization is one I wanted to be a part of. Thanks to Mrs. Thiel for pushing me to keep on keeping on through the creed speaking debacle.

Looking back on those two experiences now, I know that they bear much more importance than I realized at the time. By forcing me to continue in swimming lessons even after multiple failures, my parents were doing a lot more than making sure I learned how to swim. And by encouraging me to staying in FFA even though I experienced a setback, my advisor was doing a lot more than ensuring I didn't miss out on the opportunities FFA provides. I didn't realize it then, but my parents and my advisor were teaching me a lesson

that I will forever be grateful for: when times get tough and we feel like throwing in the towel, we must learn to keep on keeping on. We all have moments like my level 4 swimming lessons and freshman creed experiences. Moments where, had we let failure define us, we would have missed out on something huge. Maybe you don't exactly realize those moments now, but I guarantee you will sometime down the road.

Can you imagine what this world would be like if everyone just gave up after they failed at one thing? We would probably still be riding covered wagons around and living in homes without electricity. In fact, listen to this: Thomas Edison failed 1,000 different times before successfully inventing the light bulb. He could have easily given up, but instead he made the decision to keep on keeping on, and because of that we have the wonderful invention of the light bulb. Huge shout out to Edison for that! Did you know that Dr. Seuss's first book was rejected by 27 different publishers, but his books have now sold over 600 million copies? I think kids everywhere are thankful Dr. Seuss knew how to keep on keeping on. Orville and Wilbur Wright failed multiple times before they finally succeeded in creating a plane that could fly. Let's all take a moment to appreciate the fact that they kept on through their setbacks. I've only named three examples for you, but there are countless other stories like Edison, Dr. Seuss and the Wright brothers.

You see, when life hands us tough times and failures, we have a couple of options. 1-give up and throw in the towel, or 2-keep on keeping on.

FFA members, my hope for you is that you choose the second of the two options and that someday, each of you have a similar story to that of Thomas Edison, Dr. Seuss or the Wright Brothers. One of how you faced adversity, but made the decision to keep on keeping on. And so my challenge to you is this: when you fail or come to a bump in the road, don't stop and don't even think of giving up. There is a quotation that goes "you are either in or you're out, there is no in between." As FFA members- we are in for the long haul. Don't miss out on opportunities that could change your life because of failures. North Dakota FFA, no matter how hard you fall, no matter the circumstance, don't ever give up. Keep on keeping on.

### ***"Take a Moment"***

***Angela Leier, State Sentinel***

"And in a blink, it's all gone. One day you knew of everything that was going on, the next day, everything was moving in a blur. You barely have the chance to talk to anyone, nor do you make the time for it. You don't make time for yourself. You see a person sobbing into their hands as you are in a rush somewhere, but you pass them by. You have no time to take that moment. But what if you had taken that moment? It would have made all the difference to that person.

Whenever my dad and I would drive somewhere in our vehicle, the radio was rarely ever on. Maybe to hear the market and how that was doing, but other than that, nothing. It drove me absolutely crazy! Now you're probably thinking, "Well didn't the two of you talk?" And the answer is yes, we did talk, but you can only talk so much. So, we would drive in silence. One time, I finally grew tired of that silence and I asked him why he didn't listen to the radio. He looked at me and said, "You miss more if you do. It gives me time to think and listen. But most importantly take moments." At that time, I didn't like the idea, nor did I think it was possible to take moments. But then I realized he was taking a moment. Taking a moment to think, drive in silence and appreciate life because life was so busy.

It's easy to fall into the motions of everyday life. The motions of everyday life that leave us missing so many moments that we should have seen. We have school, sports, family, friends, work...the list could continue forever. You barely get the chance to breathe with everything going on. And so you begin to miss things. Especially the little things. The lunch lady at school that seems to be sad while serving lunch, you used to give her a smile and tell her thank you and now she doesn't cross your mind. Or what about the student who always sits by themselves at lunch that you would occasionally go eat with. Or what about those times you set aside to mentor students, but now you tell yourself you are much too busy to do that. Those small little things that you used to do meant more than you could ever know to that person. Taking those moments is being the bigger person?

I once knew a girl. This girl was in eighth grade and struggling with life. She had reached a point where she had cut herself and no longer saw a point in living. As she was struggling with this, the girl attended her first state convention. A state officer saw that girl and talked with her. It was almost like the state officer could sense her struggle even though she didn't say anything about it. Because the state officer took that moment with the girl, things changed. The girl found a love for FFA. She competed and was very active in FFA. Her senior year of high school, she was elected to be a state officer. Because that state officer took a moment, even if it was a small one, it impacted that girl more than that state officer will ever know.

Over this year as a state officer, I have seen several members and advisors take moments. Taking moments for themselves, as well as others. Take Jill Lagein of the Munich FFA chapters for example. This is her first and last year in FFA. But that did not stop Jill. She competed in as many CDE's as she possibly could. She is taking these moments for herself, making the most of them, regardless that it's her first and last year.

Stetson Ellingson of the Mandan FFA chapter took moments for another person. When a new member from another chapter moved in, he took many moments. The many moments to talk with the member, keep them active in FFA and helped them with their final year in FFA. He helped the member adjust and meet new people. He always wore a smile on his face and always helped the member feel comfortable. He took those moments. And now the two of them are good friends.

Mrs. Desi Severance is an example of an advisor taking a moment. Although she is a busy teacher and mom, she takes moments for not only her FFA students but other students. If you had done poorly one day at a contest, she set aside time to talk to you about it and encourage you to keep competing. She takes the extra time to brighten your day and puts others before herself.

About a month ago, Kate, our vice president and I were coming out of Sam's Club. A mom and her young daughter were pushing their cart that was very full of groceries. All of the sudden it tipped and their groceries flew out of their cart. Kate and I immediately helped the mother and her daughter pick up their groceries. We took that moment to help them when we could have just kept walking on by. But it's the little things.

In Kelly Clarkson's song, "Break Away", the lyrics are "Trying hard to reach out, but when I tried to reach out, felt like no one could hear me. Wanted to belong here, but something felt so wrong here so I pray, I could breakaway." These lyrics to me are saying a person having a rough day is crying out for someone to take a moment to see what is wrong. They may try to reach out for help but people pass them by because we are so caught up in ourselves and going through the motions. Take these moments. Many people would do anything for you to give them the time of day.

It truly is the little things. How many of us go through our days going through the motions? When you see someone crying, do you turn away and pretend they are not there? Or do you take a moment to see what's wrong. Do you offer a bit of your time to that person? You never know what someone else is going through. Maybe they are dealing with a breakup, a death or a had a rough day at work. You don't have to ask. But you taking that moment with someone already makes a difference in their life. Even if it is a small smile, hug or wave, it can mean more to that person than you may ever know. Just like the girl in my story, when that state officer took that moment with her, it truly saved her life.

FFA members, I know life is busy, I know it's hard to slow down and take in everything that is going on around you. But if you do, you are sure to inspire others and make a difference in other's lives some way, even if you don't think you are. I challenge you all each day to take a moment. Whether it is that small smile to the lunch ladies or being a mentor to a kid struggling, take those moments. Everyone deserves to reach their potential and that small gesture can make all the difference in their outlook on life. North Dakota FFA, remember even on your busiest days, to TAKE A MOMENT.

## ***“Success Story”***

***Brittney Aasend, State Parliamentarian***

What is a success story? It is the story of someone achieving their dream, achieving whatever they believe is successful. Success is not just a one definition word, it can mean many different things to many different people. Success can be seen as winning a competition reaching a goal, or making a team, but none of this happens when no action is taken. You decide your success story by how you act upon it.

How will you act upon it? Everyday members, like you, take opportunities, but they never utilize them. What is the point of a trip, competition, or a conference if you do not gain something from the experience?

In FFA I had always wanted to do a speaking competition. My senior year I could have done extemporaneous public speaking, but I never did it because I was too scared. I was scared to freeze up because I'm not an on the spot thinker. I lost a success story because I was scared to take a chance. If I would have tried I could have taken last place, first place, or anywhere in between but I was too scared to try. Looking back on it I know now that I would have rather taken last place in something I really care about instead of never trying.

FFA members, swallow your fears. There are so many opportunities out there for you to take advantage of and if you give it some effort you can make a success story from the dream you never realized you had. Take a chance and risk getting hurt, what matters is that you gave it a shot not that you got hurt. You learn from mistakes.

Taking a chance starts you on your success story, but to truly achieve you need to listen. Listening is the difference between what you are now and what you can become. When you listen you learn.

When I was about ten, I remember spending some time at my cousin's house. One of our favorite things to do was to go skate in the shop. I had never skated before and I thought it looked like the coolest thing ever. I took a chance and got in the skates. I did it my own way believing that I was a pro skater by nature. I didn't listen to my cousins and was barely able to make it three feet. After several horrible attempts to be a prime skater I realized I needed to listen to them because my attempts were getting me nowhere. When I stopped, and listened, I found myself learning so much in such a short amount of time. Within two minutes of listening I was skating. By the end of our time out in the shop, I was truly a pro skater, or as much as a pro skater that I can be. I know that if I did not listen to my cousins, I would have never learned how to skate. This became one of my first success stories, but I could never achieve that without listening.

Being able to listen can change your life. A majority of the time, you are not a pro skater and need that help, whether you admit it or not. Being able to listen is key to success.

So how do you listen? Well you spend more time using your ears than your mouth. That is why you have two ears and one mouth. Being able to listen can chance a silver award to a gold.

Listening to a person who truly knows what they were talking about can help you chance from falling on your butt repeatedly to skating across the shop.

I know that when you take the time to swallow your pride, for even a little while, you will learn and become better and you will become closer to achieving your success story.

When you listen, you learn. That is success. When you take a chance, you learn. That is success. Every day we dream of winning and achieving things. If your dream is to become a state FFA officer then you first need to take that chance to run for one and then you need to listen to the people who have had experience. This goes for everyone in this room. Those dreams you have can become a success story when you first take a chance to try and when you listen.

Now I am asking you to find that dream and attack it. Take a chance and become something great. Listen to advice, because when you put in that effort you will gain something great. Make your dream into a success story!