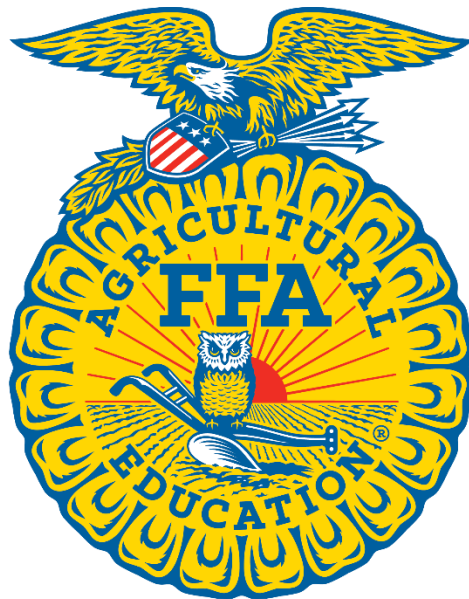


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Zach Laverdue, Kindred
Cheyenne Olien, Kindred
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Breanna Johnson, Napoleon
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Peyton Livedalen, Rugby
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Jayden Krivoruchka, South Heart
Sammuel Poland, South Heart
Caitlyn Enger, Stanley
Emily Boehm, Turtle Lake/Mercer
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Brooke Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Trey Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Jaden Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Morgan Erickson, Velva
Shelby Getzlaff, Velva
Kerrigan, Krueger, Velva
Jonnah Lee, Velva
Sarah Senechal, Velva
Kyle Bjugstad, Wahpeton
Tyler Breuer, Wahpeton
Beau Gilles, Wahpeton
Michael McCall, Wahpeton
Justin Nelson, Wahpeton
Kalen Peterson, Wahpeton
John Poppen, Wahpeton
Katherine Sundseth, Wahpeton
Robin Tedrow, Wahpeton
Tia Wallner, Wahpeton
Justin Dahl, Watford City
Haley Filipek, Wilton
Cole Ketterling, Wishek
Aaron Bell, Wyndmere
Zach Even, Wyndmere
Gabriel Lothspeich, Wyndmere

STATE STARS OF AGRI-BUSINESS FINALISTS

Calvin Tomlinson, Max
Zach Laverdure, Kindred
Aaron Bell, Wyndmere
Ty Truchan, Killdeer

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*. The 2017 North Dakota Star of Agri-business is Ty Truchan of the Killdeer FFA Chapter.

STATE STAR FARMER FINALISTS

Brandon Hoyme, Kindred
Monica Schmitz, Harvey
Cole Ketterling, Wishek
Cierra Dockter, Medina

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*. The 2017 State Star Farm is Cole Ketterling of the Wishek FFA Chapter.

STATE STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT FINALISTS

Dalton Reinke, Lisbon
Tyler Hoggarth, Carrington
Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central
Alex Abrahamson, Rolla

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 2017 State Star in Agricultural Placement is Stetson Tyler Hoggarth of the Carrington FFA Chapter.

STATE STAR IN AGRI-SCIENCE FINALISTS

Emily Duval, 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*. The 2017 State Star of Agri-Science of Emily Duval of the Kindred FFA Chapter.

HONORARY FFA STATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS (11)

Plaques sponsored by: **North Dakota Farm Bureau**

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Pete Hetle
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AMERICAN FFA DEGREE NOMINEES (49)

Sponsors are: *ADM, DuPont Pioneer, RDO Equipment, Wilbur-Ellis, Summers, IRONCLAD Marketing, and CF Industries.*

All 49 have been approved by the National FFA Organization and will receive the degree at the 89th National FFA Convention in Louisville in October.

Calvin Aichele, Beulah
Alfred Schwalbe, Beulah
Jerrod MacDonald, Bismarck
Brittney Aasand, Carrington
Audra Montgomery, Carrington
Bailey Retzlaff, Carrington
Cole Helmers, Center
Joshua Geinert, Edgeley/Kulm
Kayla Hart, Fessenden/Bowdon
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Royce Brawley, Garrison
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Megan Johnson, Garrison
Claire Anderson, Harvey
Zachary Krein, Hebron
Brian Richardson, Hebron
Callie Enander, Kindred
Shelby Grabanski, Kindred
Braden Klose, Kindred
Ashley Stoppeworth, Kindred
Jacob Birklid, Lisbon
Klay Oland, Lisbon
Katelyn Oland, Lisbon
Hailey Kallenbach, Maddock

Casey Kramer, Max
Brooke Schroeder, Max
Cheyenne Dockter, Medina
Carter Honeyman, Mott/Regent
Nicollette Bitz, Napoleon
Angela Leier, Napoleon
Katelyn Long, Napoleon
Miranda Letzring, New Salem
Emily Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central
MyKell Bosch, Rugby
Reid Mundahl, Rugby
Kurt Pfau, Rugby
Damon Mellmer, Scranton
Rebecca Oase, Scranton
Morgan Ransiear, Velva
Tracer Bowar, Wahpeton
Kendra Klosterman, Wahpeton
Aaron Lee, Wahpeton
Nash Bettenhausen, Wishek
Brenna Ketterling, Wishek
Taylor Ketterling, Wishek
Emily Lothspeich, Wyndmere
Paul Moffet, Wyndmere
Austin Rhody, Wyndmere

APPRECIATION AWARD

Robert Moller, Enderlin
Jeff Hagel, Granville

BLUE & GOLD AWARD

Deanne Sperling, NDSU Conference Coordinator

State Proficiency Finalists & Winners

Agricultural Education

Hope Scheresky, Max
Ashley Wolff, Medina
Matty Koenig, Rugby
Michael McCall, Wahpeton

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

Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication

Brinley Mathern, Edgeley/Kulm
Dimitry Bashmakov, Maddock AS Gibbens
Peyton Livedalen, Rugby
Sarah Senechal, Velva

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Carry-On Trailer* is **Brinley Mathern of the Edgeley/Kulm** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *General Equipment and Supplies, Inc.*

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance~Entrepreneurship

Tye Paul, Mandan

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company and a scholarship from Universal Technical Institute*. **Tye Paul of the Mandan** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *ND FFA Foundation*.

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance~Placement

Cody Weninger, Carrington
Alex Leingang, New Salem
Donald Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Justin Nelson, Wahpeton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company and a scholarship from Universal Technical Institute* is **Cody Weninger** of the **Carrington** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*.

Agricultural Processing

Isaac Preble, Harvey
Hannah Pierson, Maddock AS Gibbens
Michael Fettig, Napoleon
Dylan Wolfgram, Wahpeton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *CHS* is **Hannah Pierson of the Maddock AS Gibbens** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Ag Products Utilization Commission*.

Agricultural Sales-Entrepreneurship

Tyler Long, Napoleon
Brandon Lacher, Richland 44

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Crop Production Services* is **Brandon Lacher of Richland 44 FFA Chapter**. The plaques were donated by *ND FFA Foundation*.

Agricultural Sales-Placement

Candace Nysted, Carrington
Samuel Larson, Garrison
Dakota Schaefer, Grant County
Alexander Ruff, Wishek

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Provimi North America and Fastenal* is **Candace Nysted of Carrington FFA Chapter**. The plaques were donated by *ND FFA Foundation*.

Agricultural Services

Kelsi Knutson, Beulah
LeAnne Van Berkom, Des Lacs/Burlington
Ty Truchan, Killdeer
Jonah lee, Velva

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *the National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation* is **Kelsi Knutson of the Beulah** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Grain Dealers Association*.

Agriscience Research-Integrated Systems

Cheyenne Olien, Kindred
Emily Duval, Kindred
Emily Webb, Minot
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award is **Emily Duval of the Kindred** FFA Chapter. The plaques and awards were donated and sponsored by *PROSEED and National FFA Foundation*.

Beef Production-Entrepreneurship

Jerrod MacDonald, Bismarck
Stetson Ellingson, Mandan
Casey Kramer, Max
Cierra Dockter, Medina

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Bayer and Rabo AgriFinanace* is **Stetson Ellingson of the Mandan 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

Kylee Dockter, Harvey
Zane Woroniecki, Hebron
Dalton Dockter, Medina
Michael Fettig, Medina

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Midwest PMS and Red Brand* is **Dalton Dockter of the Medina** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *ND Stockmen's Association*.

Dairy Production-Placement

Ivy Klusmann, New Salem
Brenna Hoger, New Salem

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

Diversified Agriculture Production

Kristine Hopfauf, Mandan
Jeremiah Heupel, Medina
Jill Lagein, Munich
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton

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

Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship

Aaron Johnson, Garrison
Kurt Muggli, Grant County
Brandon Hoyme, Kindred
Cole Ketterling, Wishek

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

Diversified Crop Production-Placement

Brandon Windhorst, Center
Kurt Hart, Fessenden/Bowdon
Megan Nicole Johnson, Garrison
Levi Hofer, Larimore

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *National Crop Insurance Services and Valent USA Corp* is **Kurt Hart of the Fessenden/Bowdon** FFA Chapter. The plaque was donated by *Steve and Cynthia Strege*.

Diversified Horticulture

Jessica Thiel, Richland 44

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *The Toro Company and Wilbur-Ellis Company* is **Jessica Thiel of the Richland 44** FFA Chapter. The plaque was donated by the *Wahpeton FFA Chapter*.

Diversified Livestock Production

Alfred Schwalbe, Beulah
Lane Bachmeier, Granville
Emily Christmann, Kindred
Jacob Leier, Napoleon

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

Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources

Shawn Heilman, Center
Morgan Erickson, Velva
McKenna Johnson, Napoleon

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *CHS* is **Shawn Heilman** of the **Center** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *Bridgette and Randy Readel*.

Equine Science-Entrepreneurship

Bethany Keller, Harvey
Cheyanne Klein, Mandan
Jaeden Thompson, Fessenden/Bowdon
Rachal Voigt, Killdeer

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **Red Brand** is **Rachel Voigt** of the **Killdeer** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by **Levi & Katie Reese**.

Equine Science-Placement

Cody Schlegel, Carrington
Amanda Huber, Center
Emily Fitch, Center
Haley Westman, Garrison

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **Tractor Supply Company** is **Cody Schlegel** of the **Carrington** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by **Wade & Lynn Moser**.

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

Chase Pederson, Carrington
John Poppen, Wahpeton
Jaxon Mellmer, Scranton
Mason Vogeler, Richland 44

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **Bunge North America** is **Chase Pederson** of the **Carrington** FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by **North Dakota Soybean Council**.

Forage Production

Jameson Ellingson, Mandan
Brandon Lacher, Richland 44
Hayden Beck, Fessenden/Bowdon
Dalton Dockter, Medina

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by **National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation** is **Jameson Ellingson** of the **Mandan** FFA Chapter. The State sponsor is **Jason and Heather Rohr**.

Fruit Production

RJ Hutcherson, Richland 44

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

Goat Production

Cierra Dockter, Medina
Brooke Kunz, New Salem
Maiah McCowan, Mandan
Jacob Blessum, Rugby

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

Grain Production-Entrepreneurship

Cole Ketterling, Wishek
Remington Bigelow, Max
Ryan Muggli, Grant County
Clay Bendickson, Garrison

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Valent USA Corp* is Remington Bigelow of Max 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

Josh Hudson, Richland 44
Quinn Mellmer, Scranton
Connor Fike, Fessenden/Bowdon
Cade Heilman, Rugby

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *BASF* is Josh Hudson of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Barley Council*.

Home and/or Community Development

Nathan Ball, Minot
Ethan Karlsbraaten, Maddock AS Gibbens
Tyler Larson, Harvey
Brett Berginski, Rugby

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

Landscape Management

Jessica Thiel, Richland 44
Braydin Jangula, Napoleon
Ethan Schmitt, Richland 44

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

Nursery Operations

Tristan McMahon, Granville
Cheyenne Olien, Kindred

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *NuFarm & Valent USA Corporation* is Tristan McMahon of the Granville FFA Chapter. The state sponsor is the *ND Association of Ag Educators*.

Outdoor Recreation

Tristin Lunde, Rugby
Kody Chase, Center
Kyle Bjugstad, Wahpeton
Connor Dilse, Scranton

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

Poultry Production

Abigail Volk, Rugby
April Hagemeister, Fessenden/Bowdon
Mikayla Lacher, Richland 44
Steven Neibauer, Center

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company and US Poultry & Egg Association* is Abigail Volk of the Rugby FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *USDA Farm Service Agency*.

Sheep Production

Traci Lagein, Munich
Colbey Steeke, Scranton
Paige Beckman, Center
Caleb Cross, Granville

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by the *National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation* is Traci Lagein of the Munich FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *North Dakota Grocers Association*

Small Animal Production and Care

Natalia Wright, Maddock AS Gibbens
Brianna Letzring, New Salem
McKenna Mai, Garrison

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company* is Natalia Wright of the Maddock AS Gibbens FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by Bryan & Janet Strom.

Specialty Animal Production

Alex Irlmeier, Medina
Brandon Lacher, Richland 44
Seth Laframboise, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Hunter Baer, Garrison

Winner of the first place award will receive a check for \$250 sponsored by the *National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation*. Plaques are sponsored by *ND FFA Foundation*. is Alex Irlmeier of the Medina FFA Chapter

Swine Production-Entrepreneurship

Cierra Dockter, Medina
Jacob Leier, Napoleon
Makenzie Neshem, Berthold
Zach Kvamme, Kindred

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *LA-CO Markal* is Jacob Leier of the Napoleon FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *ND Pork Council*.

Swine Production-Placement

Abbigale Steeke, Scranton

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Provimi North America Inc.* is Abbigale Steeke of the Scranton FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *ND FFA Foundation*.

Turf Grass Management

Hunter Kamrath, Washburn
Aaron Bell, Wyndmere

Kevin Friedt, Harvey
Andrew Bridgeman, Larimore

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *John Deere* is *Hunter Kamrath* of the *Washburn* FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by the *Agassiz Seed and Supply*.

Vegetable Production

Cory Schmaltz, Harvey
Alexa Young, Napoleon
Katelyn Youngs, Garrison
Nathan Ball, Minot

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Tractor Supply Company* is Cory Schmaltz of the Harvey FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by the *ND FFA Foundation*.

Veterinary Science

Bethany Keller, Harvey
Megan Johnson, Garrison
Troy Betz, Garrison

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

Wildlife Production & Management

Layne Kostenko, Turtle Lake/Mercer

Winner of the first place award and the \$250 award sponsored by *Yamaha Motor Corp, USA* is Layne Kostenko of the Turtle Lake/Mercer FFA Chapter. The plaques were donated by *ND FFA Foundation*

BASIC AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

43 FFA members participated in the 2017 Basic Agricultural Mechanics CDE. The top gold award winners receive a 3/8" electric drill sponsored by ***Titan Machinery***. ***North Dakota State Fair Association*** also sponsors Basic Ag Mechanics.

Gold (8)

*Cory Schmaltz, Rugby
Bridger Mathern, Edgeley/Kulm
Aaron Johnson, Garrison
Joseph Throener, Oakes/Sargent Central
Spencer Mellmer, Beulah
Zachery Binstock, Dickinson
Rhett Hanson, Stanley
Grayson Pease, Des Lacs/Burlington

Silver (11)

Cole Sebastian, Bismarck
Ethan Johnson, Napoleon
Tyler Lee, Carrington
Reese Mohagen, Towner
Samuel Peterson, Mandan
Hunter Wolf, Wishek
Zane Gruba, Enderlin
Max Binstock, South Heart
Cale Robinson, Kindred
Evan Friesz, Grant County
Casey Rudnik, Grafton

Bronze (13)

Julian Kalamaha, South Prairie
Morgan Johansen, Max
Adam Roden, Central Cass
Brady Carlson, Lisbon
Cassidy Belcourt, Watford City
Austin Weippert, Kidder County
Nate Adams, Wyndmere
Warrick Dilse, Scranton
Jared Lovro, Granville
Hunter Truedson, Hazen
Kaleb Foltyn, Mohall
Jon Strobel, McClusky
Skyler Bagley, Tioga

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

INTERMEDIATE AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

41 FFA members participated in the 2017 Intermediate Agricultural Mechanics CDE. All gold award winners received a jig saw sponsored by ***CHS Foundation***. ***Our state sponsors are CHS Foundation and Vaughn, Dorinda & Vance Zacharias***.

Gold (8)

*Ryan Muggli, Grant County
*Lucas Nitschke, Edgeley/Kulm
Anton Krebs, Belfield
Brian Friedt, Harvey
Ben Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Christine Bingham, Max
Adam Gorseth, Carrington
Isak Olson, Beulah

Silver (10)

Kyle Kostelecky, South Heart
Tyler Long, Napoleon
Jaxon Deckert, Kidder County
Beau Jeffers, Bowman County
Conner Fike, Fessenden/Bowdon
Tate Nordby, New England
Cade Majeres, Garrison
Levi Schwab, Lisbon
Mack Buckmier, Hettinger
Erich Scheffert, Oakes/Sargent Central

Bronze (12)

Isaac Volk, Rugby
Carson Houser, McClusky
Bridger Smith, Watford City
Dawson Huber, Wishek
Tyrel Clarys, Mandan
Andrew Morman, Minot
Grant Munro, Rolla
Jacob Klein, Hazen
Andrew Chapman, Finley/Sharon
Evan Follman, Leeds
Zackery Nord, Enderlin
Blaine Howard, Bismarck

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

ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

44 FFA teams participated in the 2017 Advanced Agricultural Mechanics Team CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the **New England** FFA Chapter. The Advisor is Ben Krebs. Members of the top team also received a tool bag & tools from **Titan Machinery**. The **Matt Kurtti Memorial Traveling Trophy** was donated by the **Rolla FFA Chapter**.

TEAM

<u>Gold (7)</u>	<u>Silver (7)</u>	<u>Bronze (10)</u>
*New England	Turtle Lake/Mercer	Harvey
Lisbon	Medina	Rugby
Beulah	Max	Kenmare
Napoleon		Edgeley/Kulm
		Killdeer
		Flasher
		Minot
		Carrington
		Enderlin
		Oakes/Sargent Central
		Bismarck
		McClusky
		New Salem
		South Heart

INDIVIDUAL

123 FFA members participated in the 2017 Advanced Agricultural Mechanics Individual CDE. The top 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 ***ND Auto Implement & Dealers and Vaughn, Dorinda & Vance Zacharias***.

Gold (26)

*Austin Haakenson, Medina
 Tyrel Mellmer, Beulah
 Dakota Eastham, Bismarck
 Donald Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer
 Dakota Petersen, Kenmare
 Spencer Schwab, Lisbon
 Devin Wert, New England
 Levi Stegner, New England
 Kurt Muggli, Grant Conty
 Kaden Jaeger, Rugby
 Garrett Weisser, Harvey
 Trey Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer
 Garret Krein, Kidder County
 Nathan Steffan, Lakota
 Cole Ketterling, Wishek
 Sam Cooper, Hazen
 Andrew Gross, Napoleon
 Kelsey Marschke, Enderlin
 Riley Mautz, Garrison
 Shawn Shaan, Rugby
 Bryan Knopp, Bowman County
 Hayden Beck, Fessenden/Bowden
 Phillip Steffan, Lakota
 Chase Bader, Wishek
 Tyler Hoggarth, Carrington

Silver (30)

Sam Dart, Grant County
 Nathan Hauf, Max
 Garret Magil, Oakes/Sargent Central
 Jeff Laib, McClusky
 Braden Janz, Max
 Justin Lehmann, Oakes/Sargent Central
 Jaret Lennie, New Salem
 Tyler Erickson, Beulah
 Dalton Reinke, Lisbon
 Kyle Andres, Medina
 Nathan Ball, Minot
 Odin Nelson, Minot
 Axel McKinven, Harvey
 Austin Wyman, Garrison
 Nathan Barron, Beulah
 Dalten Dockter, Medina
 Chad Krissler, St. John
 Shawn Postovit, Tioga
 Gabe Clements, Rugby
 Lane Saylor, Garrison
 Britton Bina, Park River
 Hoyt Zander, Killdeer
 Trevor Schmidt, Max
 Pacey Feist, Napoleon
 Jacob Haugen, Minot
 Jayden Krivoruchka, South Heart
 Jacob Leier, Napoleon
 Brad Hoppe, Carrington
 Madeline Hill, Killdeer
 Carter Kershaw, Wilton

Bronze (29)

Jacob Endersen, Minot
 Shaun Heier, Edgeley/Kulm
 Alex Hoffert, Rugby
 Aaron Dean, Velva
 Cody Mack, Medina
 Vincent Carruth, Oakes/Sargent Central
 Chase Pederson, Carrington
 Anthony Heier, Edgeley/Kulm
 Layne Kostenko, Turtle Lake/Mercer
 Grant Schafer, Flasher
 Colter France, Kenmare
 Dakota Bray, New England
 Levi Mattson, Hillsboro
 Landon Smith, LaMoure
 Alex Sadowsky, Killdeer
 Steven Schumacher, Napoleon
 Tucker Ellsworth, Kenmare
 Michael Schmidt, Beulah
 Dylan Howard, Lisbon
 Sean Nichols, Carrington
 Jacquelyn McCleary, Enderlin
 Cody Worrell, Enderlin
 Taylor Skretteberg, Flasher
 Rider Jacobson, Divide County
 Cole Matejcek, Lakota
 Soren McDaniel, Lisbon
 Jaden Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer
 Kevin Friedt, Harvey
 Wyatt Hoger, New Salem
 Andrew Hodell, South Heart
 Caleb Becker, Flasher
 Robert Logan, Ray
 Lane Kindred, Watford City
 Jacob Strobel, McClusky
 Skyler Gross, Flasher
 Wyatt Vein, Central Cass
 Cameron Bitz, Edgeley/Kulm
 Jackson Lindbo, South Prairie

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SWEEPSTAKES

14 FFA chapters competed for the 2017 Agricultural Mechanics Sweepstakes. Awards are sponsored by *NAPA of Garrison*.

<u>Gold (5)</u>	<u>Silver (3)</u>	<u>Bronze (6)</u>
*Edgeley/Kulm Beulah Napoleon Grant County Garrison	Rugby Max Carrington	Lisbon Oakes/ Sargent Central Turtle Lake/Mercer South Heart Bismarck Enderlin

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

13 FFA teams made up of individuals participated in the 2017 Agricultural Communications Team CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the ***Kindred*** FFA Chapter. Awards are sponsored by *Ellingson Angus and Asgrow/DEKALB/Chanel/Rea/Xtend/Monsanto*.

TEAM		
<u>Gold (4)</u>	<u>Silver(6)</u>	<u>Bronze(3)</u>
*Kindred Richland 44 Wishek Mandan	Harvey Powers Lake Medina	Kenmare Rolla Carrington
		Washburn Scranton Larimore

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Gold (11)</u>	<u>Silver (26)</u>	<u>Bronze (17)</u>
*Alex Abrahamson, Rolla-News Writer *Madeline Schauer, Wishek-Social Media *Hannah Gress, Mandan-Web Design Emma Condit, Kenmare Christina Greuel, Kindred Mikayla Lacher, Richland 44 Cassie Faul, Harvey Madison Olien, Kindred Andrew Buechler, Harvey Abby Myers, Richland 44 Carlee Moser, Medina	Dixie Posey, Harvey Harley Eckert, Powers Lake Madeliene Nichols, Carrington Kaylee Bolen, Powers Lake Alex Ruff, Wishek Calli Anderson, Scranton Alyssa Thompson, Mandan Warrick Dilse, Scranton Mandy Schell, Washburn Levi Hofer, Larimore Emily Scheresky, Washburn Kylee St. Croix, Kenmare Brianna Honrud, Powers Lake Abby Martel, Richland 44 Faith Gress, Mandan Billie Lentz, Rolla Addie Urness, Carrington Allison Smith, Mandan Brittney Reister, Medina MaKayla Heinrich Tyla Maddock, Kindred Cassidy Walth, Wishek Allison Grote, Powers Lake Chloe Gunderson, Powers Lake Abigayle Sulzman, Scranton Arabella Roering, Kenmare	Calli Mack, Medina Seth Wold, Wishek Capri Rham, Rolla Riley Clapper, Scranton Maddie Kleven, Medina Caleb Boehm, Richland 44 Lexie Boe, Rolla Christyn Knudtson, Harvey Ryan Larson, Larimore Jon Fuqua, Larimore Zach Burns, Rolla Grace Schmitke, Harvey Abigail Guthmiller, Carrington Gracie Gunderson, Medina Hunter Kamrath, Washburn Caleb Hofer, Larimore Jessalyn Thomas, Carrington

AGRI-SCIENCE Fair

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

Plant Systems Division I

Gold(1)

*Kiersten Boehm, Richland 44

Plant Systems Division II

Gold(2)

*Reagan Hildre and Dazey Sevland, Velva

Plant Systems Division III

Gold(1)

*Tara Binstock, Wing

Silver(2)

2nd-Teegan Henke
Emma Mitchell, Rolla

Plant Systems Division IV

Gold(2)

*Madi Olien and Trinity Holland, Kindred

Plant Systems Division V

Gold(2)

*Caleb Boehm, Richland 44
Capri Rham, Rolla

Silver(2)

Lexie Boe, Rolla
Brianna Letzring, New Salem

Plant Systems VI

Gold(2)

*Ben Saewert and Tori Braaten, Kindred

Silver(2)

2nd-Brody Cahill and Brandon Lalim, Rolla

Animal Systems Division III

Gold(2)

*Abbigale Steeke, Scranton
Jaxon Deckert, Kidder County

Silver(1)

Shelby Meckle, Center

Animal Systems Division V

Gold(1)

*Kathryn Slavick, Mandan

Food Science Division III

Gold(2)

*Annika Towe, Center
2nd-Anna Stopplesworth, Kindred

Bronze(3)

Teanna Hintz, Center
CJ Simon, Center
Brady Dillon, Scranton

Food Science Division IV

Gold(2)

*Elizabeth Saewert and MaKayal Heinrich,
Kindred
2nd-Emma Howe and Bailee Williams, Velva

Silver(2)

Shelby Follman and Zoe Lauckner, Leeds
Grace Mogen and Chloe Bourdea, Velva

Food Science Division V

Gold(2)

*Laura Biewer, Kindred
2nd-Jared Loing

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division I

Gold(1)

*Madison Wilson, Scranton

Silver(1)

CJ Bleick, Glen Ullin

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division III

Gold(2)

*Jacie Osier, Kindred
2nd-Bradyn Lachenmeier, Kidder County

Silver(1)

Makenna Binder, Kidder County

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division V

Gold(1)

*Brianna Maddock, Kindred

Silver(2)

2nd-Zach Burns, Rolla
John Garrett, Rolla

Bronze(1)

Tyler Linneman, Larimore

Environmental and Natural Resources Division I

Gold(1)

*Madelyn Schmidt, Kidder County

Environmental and Natural Resources Division III

Gold(1)

*Quinn Mellmer, Scranton

Silver(3)

2nd-Evan Friesz, Grant County
Allison Roth, Kidder County
Austyn Rafteseth, Grant County

Environmental and Natural Resources Division IV

Gold(1)

*Gunnar Braaten and Jacob Palluck, Kindred

Social Systems Division III

Silver(2)

1st-Christina Greuel, Kindred
2nd-Zach Dunlop, Rolla

Social Systems IV

Gold(1)

*Josie Lundquist and Tyla Maddock, Kindred

Social Systems Division V

Gold(1)

*Alex Abrahamson, Rolla

Silver (1)

2nd-Michael Kurtti, Rolla

*Indicates participants whose applications are qualified for Nationals

FFA CHORUS

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

Dawson Neshem, Berthold
Casey Martel, Bismarck
Cameron Bitz, Edgeley/Kulm
Hannah Anderson, Grafton
Megan Gebro, Grafton
Jordyn Clapper Granville
Trinadee White, Hebron
Zoe Lauckner, Leeds
Shelby Follman, Leeds
Macy Engstrom, Leeds
Madison Dulmage, Leeds
Hailey Maddock, Maddock AS Gibbens
Isabelle Sundby, Maddock AS Gibbens
Andrea Arnold, Maddock AS Gibbens
McKenna Tollerud, Maddock AS Gibbens
Ashlyn Williams, Maddock AS Gibbens
Chase Benson, Maddock AS Gibbens
Jacob Arnold, Maddock AS Gibbens
David Linehan, Maddock AS Gibbens
Gunnar Hagen, Maddock AS Gibbens

Logan Reister, Medina
Maci Wehri, Mott/Regent
Karagan Friedt, Mott/Regent
Sydnee Anderson, Mott/Regent
Mara Bornemann, New Salem
Alexis Bachler, New Salem
Kyle VanBerkom, Powers Lake
Emma Arstein, Rolette
Ebony Musanda, Scranton
Bailey Clapper, Scranton
Quinn Mellmer, Scranton
Elizabeth Bartholmy, Scranton
Kaitlyn Bartholmy, Scranton
Elizabeth Holzkamm, Scranton
Brooke Swann, Scranton
Zoie Johns, Scranton
Paige Jung, South Heart
Madison Bogert, Stanley
Reagan Hildre, Velva

Shelby Getzlaff, Velva
Winston LaJesse, Wahpeton
Gabby Kaufman, Watford City
Dawson Huber, Wishek
Ashlie Mauch, Wyndmere
Lissandra Suarez, Wyndmere

STATE FFA COURTESY CORPS

The two individuals selected to represent North Dakota on the National Courtesy Corp are: **Aubrey Lemer from Berthold and Caury Hartel from Watford City**. Awards are sponsored by **Dale Carpentier**.

Gold (20)

*Aubrey Lemer, Berthold
*Caury Hartel, Watford City
Cole Felchle, McClusky
Wyatt Hanson, Velva
Kristen Bruce, St. John
Morgyn Miller, Wilton
Rachael Vondall, St. John
Jake Doll, Finley/Sharon
Cooper Hill, Grafton
Kyle Schulte, Hebron
Phyllis McFarlen, Wilton
Chase McCone, Hebron
Robert Dibble, Towner
Jarrel McGarvey, Leeds
Brian Bartholmy, Scranton
Mason Jones, Towner
CJ Simon, Center
Jillian McDonald, Beulah
Drew Simpson, Munich
Aubrey Bornemann, New Salem

Silver (15)

Dawn Traver, Dickinson
Kyra Schwartz, Des Lacs/Burlington
Agustin Obregon, Grafton
Kaden Korgel, South Prairie
Brady Eckert, Leeds
Bridget Kunz, New Salem
Jolee Mann, Des Lacs/Burlington
Emma Leppert, Edgeley/Kulm
Megan Kramer, Max
Billy Ciser, South Prairie
Jayce Rivinius, Gackle/Streeter
Dakota Bray, New England
Morgan Erickson, Velva
Jonah Lee, Velva
Blaine Howard, Bismarck

Bronze (14)

Michelle Herold, Rugby
Brock Nicholson, Kidder County
Teigan Hankel, Max
Teanna Hintz, Center
Jadyn Barclay, Rugby
Callie Oppen, Rugby
Lauren Casavant, Rugby
Haley Olson, Enderlin
Robert Englund, Powers Lake
Cole Sebastian, Bismarck
CJ Bleick, Glen Ullin
Madison Bogert, Stanley
Izzy Garcia, Central Cass
Madison Bartholomay, Enderlin

STATE FFA CREED (15)

Gold (5)

*Jayden MacDonald, Bismarck
Kourtney Bitz, Napoleon
Quinn Mellmer, Scranton
Breanna Hasman, Hebron
Christina Greuel, Kindred

Silver (4)

Brayden Lachenmeier, Kidder County
Lylla Grace, Harvey
Maria Steichen, Westhope/Newburg
Meah Helm, Minot

Bronze (6)

Chase Benson, Maddock AS Gibbens
Rachel Copenhagen, Fessenden/Bowdon
Maura Mills, Stanley
Mitch Stuber, Bowman County
Drew Frolek, Lidgerwood
Chloe Gunderson, Powers Lake

* 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 2017 Dairy Cattle Selection. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is Granville FFA Chapter. Their team coach is Mr. Jeff Hagel. High Team also receives a Traveling Trophy. This contest is sponsored by *ND FFA Foundation*. 71 individuals participated in the 2017 Dairy Cattle Selection. *High Individual receives a Baby Bison Trophy and also a \$100 scholarship sponsored by *Milk Producers Association of North Dakota and Minnesota Select Sires Coop, Inc.*

Gold (4)

*Granville
Mandan
New Salem
Harvey

TEAM

Silver (3)

Hebron
Bismarck
Wishek

Bronze (6)

Beulah
Rugby
Velva
Lisbon
Kidder County
Carrington

INDIVIDUAL

Gold(14)

*Caleb Cross, Granville
*Emily Klein, Garrison
Laurana Lynds, Enderlin
Sierra Ellingson, Mandan
Abby Helm, Medina
Jameson Ellingson, Mandan
Brooke Kunz, New Salem
Kaylee Follman, Towner
Lane Bachmeier, Granville
Ivy Klusmann, New Salem
Kaitlyn Peterson, Bismarck
Sidney Anderson, Lisbon
Shaye Koester, Kidder County
Arabella Roeringg, Kenmare

Silver(16)

Bethany Keller, Harvey
Karlee Sailer, Beulah
Kylee Dockter, Harvey
Bethany Anderson, Harvey
Calli Mack, Medina
Casey Mack, Carrington
Teresa Wald, Napoleon
Richard Harnisch, Hebron
Abigail Hintz, Center
Tristan McMahon, Granville
Madeline Schauer, Wishek
Taizalee Glass, Hebron
Abby Volk, Rugby
Brittney Schilling, Wishek
Hailey Wright, Velva
Sierra Schaff, Hebron

Bronze(24)

Rivers Bachman, Velva
Isaac Volk, Rugby
Christy Shockley, Wishek
Kendra Myers, Lisbon
Bismarck, Jayden MacDonald
Scott Lovro, Granville
Samantha Johnson, New Salem
Ethan Galbreath, Kidder County
Evan Bier, Beulah
Shiloh Schmid, Bismarck
Ryan Bodine, Velva
Claire Graner, Mandan
Katherin Filler, Rugby
Kelli Gropper, Wishek
Ryleigh Laib, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Kolton Jesz, Kenmare
Megan Thompson, Harvey
Tasia Horning, Beulah
Mathias Kubal, Carrington
Teanna Hintz, Center
Savanna Bader, Wishek
Jared Lovro, Granville
Kolin Westman, Garrison
Zayden Schmalenberger, Hebron

DAIRY CATTLE HANDLERS EVENT

35 contestants in the 2017 Dairy Showmanship contest. The State Champion who will represent the North Dakota in the Dairy Showmanship Event is ***Brenna Hoger*** of the ***New Salem*** FFA Chapter. Brenna receives a Baby Bison Trophy and all awards are sponsored by the ***Milk Producers Association of North Dakota and the Mid West Dairy Association ND Division***.

Gold (9)

* Brenna Hoger, New Salem
Sydney Kleingartner, Gackle/Streeter
Brayden Lachenmeier, Kidder County
Zac Dunlop, Rolla
Caylee Walth, Wishek
Brett Wendel, LaMoure
Elizabeth Bartholmay, Scranton
Kayla Brew, Killdeer
Alexa Price, Dickinson

Silver (12)

Madeline Nichols, Carrington
Tucker Johnson, Glenburn
Cole Seidler, Garrison
Haley Kohler, Kenmare
Tillee Moser, Medina
Kyle Kostelecky, South Heart
Jacob Klein, Hazen
Morgan Johnson, Max
Sam Peterson, Mandan
Aidan McMahon, Granville
Cheyenne Boeddeker, Northern Cass
Calli Hennessy, Stanley

Bronze (9)

Haley Filipek, Wilton
Lane Bell, Park River
Madison Bartholmay, Enderlin
Kassidy Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Nate Adams, Wyndmere
Tatum Fitch, Hettinger
Avery Roth, Grant County
Madison Reimche, Bottineau
Garrett Oland, Lisbon

DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

*The winner will receive a \$100 scholarship a Baby Bison Trophy sponsored by ***North Central State Regional Council for Carpenters*** and the Traveling Trophy.

Gold (5)

* Eve Stegner, New England
Grace Bachmeier, Granville
Kia Ward & Mara Ballard, Dickinson
Sydney Kleingartner, Gackle/Streeter
Hannah Remington, South Prairie

Silver (6)

Sierra Ellingson & Claire Graner, Mandan
Christina Bingham, Max
Shelby Lewis & Lydia Hickel, Ray
Grant Munro & Emma Mitchell, Rolla
Logan Rayner & Alex Poplich, Finley/Sharon
Ivy Klusman, New Salem
Cora Wagner, Lisbon
Jesalyn Thomas & Abby Guthmiller, Carrington

Bronze (3)

Casey Buscohl, Wyndmere
Gannon Griffen, Maddock AS Gibbens
Aiden Nordlof, Powers Lake

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT

15 individuals participated in the 2017 Extemporaneous Public Speaking Event. State Champion who will represent the North Dakota FFA Association in the National Event is ***Cole Ketterling*** of the ***Wishek*** FFA Chapter. The winner receives a Baby Bison Trophy. The contest is sponsored by ***Dean Moos***. The traveling trophy is sponsored by ***the 2012-2013 North Dakota State Officers in memory of Mike Wehri***.

Gold (5)

*Cole Kettering, Wishek
Brianna Maddock, Kindred
Skylar Dockter, Dickinson
Grace Hove, Powers Lake
Hope Scheresky, Max

Silver (5)

Traci Lagein, Munich
Alexa Young, Napoleon
Eve Stegner, New England
Maiah McCowan, Mandan
Lindsey English, Harvey

Bronze (5)

Shiloh Schmid, Bismarck
Abby Lester, Minot
Mikayla Lacher, Richland 44
Grace Bachmeier, Granville
Jayden Leiseth, Watford City

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT EVENT

32 teams participated in the 2017 Farm Business Management CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Farm Management Event is the **Grant County** FFA Chapter. Team coach is Pete Hetle. 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.

TEAM

<u>Gold (7)</u>	<u>Silver (9)</u>	<u>Bronze (10)</u>
*Grant County	Turtle Lake/Mercer	Garrison
Oakes/Sargent Central	Mandan	South Prairie
Kindred	Bismarck	Richland 44
Harvey	Lakota	Stanley
	Lisbon	Wilton
	Max	Hettinger
	Rolla	Leeds
	Mott/Regent	Rugby
	Velva	Beulah
		Grafton

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Gold (24)</u>	<u>Silver (32)</u>	<u>Bronze (41)</u>
*Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central	Alexa Ketterling, Wishek	Sean Hertz, Mott-Regent
Ryan Muggli, Grant County	Nathan Steffan, Lakota	Brittany Barnhardt, Mandan
Evan Friesz, Grant County	Alex Abrahamson, Rolla	Savanna Horst, New Salem
Nick Mathias, Kindred	Cassidy Walth, Wishek	Michael Thomas, Velva
Caleb Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central	Adam Gorseth, Carrington	Jewelina Siegler, Wahpeton
Kurt Muggli, Grant County	Jayden Macdonald, Bismarck	Britton Bina, Park River
Brianna Maddock, Kindred	Morgan Pedersen, Harvey	Angel Bobbe, Hazen
Grace Schimke, Harvey	Seth Berg, Mandan	Ben Goven, Turtle Lake Mercer
Donald Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer	Miranda Ness, South Prairie	Gavin Reinke, Lisbon
Hope Scheresky, Max	Katelyn Youngs, Garrison	John Rath, Bismarck
Sean Hermes, Oakes/Sargent Central	Phillip Steffan, Lakota	Ethan Schaffner, Napoleon
Alexa Young, Napoleon	Tyler Long, Napoleon	Devon Olson, Max
Drew Weigel, Napoleon	Erich Scheffert, Oakes / Sargent Central	Levi Schwab, Lisbon
Chantel Mertz, Harvey	Jameson Ellingson, Mandan	Laurana Lynds, Enderlin
Chase Bader, Wishek	Ryeleigh Laib, Turtle Lake Mercer	Hunter Wolf, Wishek
Kyle Leapaldt, Carrington	Kaitlyn Peterson - Bismarck	Rhett Hanson, Stanley
Brett Berginski, Rugby	Morgyn Miller - Wilton	Kaylyn Obert, Stanley
Alex Ruff, Wishek	Mikayla Lacher - Richland 44	John Munro, Rolla
Emily Christmann, Kindred	Cade Blickensderf - Mott-Regent	Tate Benson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Cory Schmaltz, Harvey	Aaron Klain - Turtle Lake Mercer	Tyler Linneman, Larimore
Beth Holzkamm, Scranton	Spencer Schwab - Lisbon	Allison Smith, Mandan
Kara Levorsen, Grant County	Teresa Wald - Napoleon	Cassidee Calhoun, Garrison
Sean Nichols, Carrington	Samuel Peterson - Mandan	Wyatt Hanson, Stanley
Vincent Carruth, Oakes/Sargent Central	Colton Bergemann - Lisbon	Julian Kalamaha, South Prairie
Cassie Faul, Harvey	Zach Kvamme - Kindred	Lane Sayler, Garrison
	Aaron Dean - Velva	Wyatt Hanson, Velva
	Alissa Volk - Rugby	Chance Porsborg, Bismarck
	Nathan Elverud - Leeds	Michael Mayer, Mott-Regent
	Justin Lee - Carrington	Casey Rudnik, Grafton
	Brenden Bergquist - Turtle Lake Mercer	Braden Janz, Max
	Dalton Reinke - Lisbon	Cole Hanson, Grafton
	Mack Buckmier - Hettinger	John Haverland, Richland 44
		Zach Rickertsen, Hettinger
		Brody Cahill, Rolla
		Jack Steffan, Lakota
		Benjamin Lindbo, South Prairie
		Shaye Yeager, Beulah
		Maddy Severson, Leeds
		Ethan Losterman, Wahpeton.
		Tucker Ellingson, Hettinger
		Phyllis Mcfarlen, Wilton

FLORICULTURE EVENT

There were 51 teams that participated in the 2017 Floriculture CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National FFA **Floriculture Event** is from the **Kindred** FFA Chapter. Their Advisors are Mitchell Becker and Brooke Thiel. 174 individuals participated in this event. *The High Individual is **Brianna Maddock** of the **Kindred FFA Chapter** received a \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy. State sponsors are **Jerry and Judy Tuhy, Sigma Alpha Professional Ag Sorority and Steve Zimmerman.**

TEAM

<u>Gold (8)</u>	<u>Silver (9)</u>	<u>Bronze (11)</u>
*Kindred	Fessenden-Bowden	South Prairie
Richland 44	Mandan	Max
Mohall	Edgeley	Des Lacs/Burlington
Harvey	Rugby	Mott-Regent
	Medina	Wyndmere
		Granville
	Center	Napoleon
	Garrison	Towner
	Ray	Hettinger
	Minot	McClusky
		Berthold

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Gold (33)</u>	<u>Silver (55)</u>	<u>Bronze (34)</u>
*Brianna Maddock, Kindred	Mara Bornemann, New Salem	Samantha McClouds, Minot
Abby Myers, Richland 44	Hayley Southam, Mohall	John Munro, Rolla
Abigail Martel, Richland 44	Michael Schmidt, Beulah	Amber Lies, Garrison
Ben Saewert, Kindred	Addie Hanson, Edgeley	Brittney Reister, Medina
Nick Mathias, Kindred	Abby Carlson, Medina	Regan Jones, Fessenden-Bowden
April Hagemeister, Fessenden-Bowden	Chase Driscoll, Mohall	Grace Dinius, New England
Andrea Buechler, Harvey	Allison Roth, Kidder County	Ebony Musonda, Scranton
Shannon Asheim, Mohall	Grace Buckeye, Edgeley	Teigan Hankel, Max
Madison Feist, Napoleon	Ryley Lee, Max	Jessica Kuchera, Wyndmere
Laura Biewer, Kindred	Megan Goldade, Glenburn	Gracie Dahl, Watford City
Grace Solemsaas, Mohall	Makenna Binder, Kidder County	Madeline Schauer, Wishek
Katelyn Voeller, Harvey	Haley Schmaltz, Rugby	Avarie Carlson, Edgeley
Grace Ransiear, Velva	Taylor Mathern, Edgeley	Haillee Jones, Towner
Reggan Dolbeare, Minot	Jaidyn Brummond, Granville	Jillian McDonald, Beulah
Annika Towe, Center	Greta Florence, Velva	Rebecca Knutson, Hettinger
Jill Endres, Carrington	Emma Leppert, Edgeley	Isabella Armstrong, Harvey
Jacob Weigel, Beulah	Aubrey Bornemann, New Salem	Ashlyn Williams, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Brianna Letzring, New Salem	Race Jacobson, Divide County	Nate Adams, Wyndmere
Kelsi Knutson, Beulah	Kariann Sahl, Richland 44	Rayman Zimmerman, Grant County
Kelsey Perdue, Ray	Kyra Schwartz, Des Lacs Burlington	Megan Gebro, Grafton
Emily Klein, Garrison	Haylea Ammon, Harvey	Kristine Hopfauf, Mandan
Hannah Gress, Mandan	Nicole Neumiller, Fessenden-Bowden	Paige Beckman, Center
Willow Johnson, Carrington	Alyssa Ball, Des Lacs Burlington	Tatum Fitch, Hettinger
Hope Brewer, Velva	Amber Schmaltz, Rugby	Isabelle Sundby, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Alisha Letzring, New Salem	Abby Hintz, Center	Maci Wehri, Mott-Regent
Sadie Magnuson, Carrington	Abigail Hickel, Ray	Skyla Folden, Garrison
Jessica Peterson, South Prairie	Madison Jones, Fessenden-Bowden	Morgan Erickson, Velva
Hanna Johnson, Richland 44	Rylee Kuntz, Rugby	Angel Bobbe, Hazen
Amber Vanepps, Medina	Brittany Barnhardt, Mandan	Baleigh Ripplinger, McClusky
Rachel Mack, Velva	Amy Klain, Turtle Lake Mercer	Shelby Meckle, Center
Rj Hutcherson, Richland 44	Kinsey Schepp, Berthold	Skylynn Cummings, Hettinger
Christin Vetsch, Rugby	Brooke Bailey, Towner	Alexa Ketterling, Wishek
Victoria Braaten, Kindred	Jolene Kuchera, Wyndmere	Karagan Friedt, Mott-Regent
Kathryn Slavick, Mandan	Jacquely Mcclary, Enderlin	Emma Mahle, Rugby
Tatiana Friese, Harvey	Kiana Haugen, Carrington	Kelsey Marschke, Enderlin
	Sydnee Anderson, Mott-Regent	Ryan Larson, Larimore
	Emily Beck, Fessenden-Bowden	Jordyn Clapper, Granville
	Cassidy Zook, Garrison	Riley Pister, Granville
	Carlee Gifford, Mandan	Dawson Neshem, Berthold
	Shelby Faul, McClusky	Morgan Vachal, Stanley
	Kaitlyn Berg, South Prairie	Lacey Bell, Stanley
	Samantha Condon, Mott-Regent	Kayla Vovilla, South Prairie
	Makayla Meicher, Max	Jolee Mann, Des Lacs Burlington

Kathryn Herring, Mott-Regent

Kamre Boltz, Killdeer
Quinn Mellmer, Scranton
Melanie Anderson, Towner
Jaime Danks, Max
Tenlee Cancade, Ray
Hannah Anderson, Grafton
Alee Searles, Wyndmere
Benjamin Juelfs, Medina

FOOD FOR AMERICA

Center
Powers Lake
Richland 44

Rolla
Scranton
Stanley

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

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

49 teams participated in the Food Science CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National FFA Food Science Event is the Kindred FFA Chapter. Their Advisor is Mr. Mitchell Becker and Mrs. Brooke Thiel. 177 individuals participated in this event. The High Individuals are Lindsey English of the Harvey FFA Chapter and Ellie MacFarlane of the Kindred FFA Chapter *High Individual receive a \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy. State sponsors are *Cavendish Farms, Inc. and Beulah FFA*. The high team's travel stipend to National Convention is sponsored by *Cavendish Farms, Inc.*

TEAM

Gold(8)

*Kindred Wishek
Carrington Medina
Napoleon Garrison
Edgeley/Kulm Glen Ullin

Silver(7)

Killdeer Wyndmere
Washburn Rugby
Fessenden/Bowdon South Heart
Turtle Lake/Mercer

Bronze(10)

Oakes/Sargent Central Velva
Maddock AS Gibbens Max
Center Tioga
McClusky Bowman County
Powers Lake Lisbon

INDIVIDUAL

Gold (35)

*Lindsey English, Harvey
*Ellie Macfarlane, Kindred
Kathryn Slavick, Mandan
Molly Bollinger, Glen Ullin
Ben Saewert, Kindred
Kourtney Bitz, Napoleon
Brooke Goven, Turtle Lake Mercer
Emily Duval, Kindred
Jacie Osier, Kindred
Alexa Young, Napoleon
Anna Stopplesworth, Kindred
Emma Arstein, Rolette
Brett Berginski, Rugby
Willow Johnson, Carrington
Cole Ketterling, Wishek
Jill Endres, Carrington
April Hagemester, Fessenden-Bowden
Alissa Volk, Rugby
Hannah Chrest, Washburn
Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison
Emily Scheresky, Washburn

Silver (47)

Annika Towe, Center
Tyler Larson, Harvey
Alexa Ketterling, Wishek
Charlynn Klebe, Towner
Lucas Rath, McClusky
Nicole Neumiller, Fessenden-Bowden
Troy Betz, Garrison
Aubrey Lemer, Berthold
Logan Sieg, Harvey
Jacob Arnold, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Janaya Huff, Medina
Beau Jeffers, Bowman
Rachel Voigt, Killdeer
Grace Mogen, Velva
Tyler Johnson, Belfield
Megan Rodine, Oakes/Sargent Central
Holly Vetsch, Rugby
Courtney Reister, Medina
Casey Mack, Carrington
Cauy Ellingson, Edgeley/Kulm
Garrett Kuhn, Glen Ullin

Bronze (52)

Madison Reimche, Bottineau
Dakota Petersen, Kenmare
Mckaden Musland, Edgeley
Madison Iverson, Oakes / Sargent Central
Teanna Hintz, Center
Braden Knudtson, Harvey
Chloe Meicher, Max
Cheyenne Boeddeker, Northern Cass
Seth Wolf, Wishek
Cameron Taylor, Tioga
Hannah Rebsom, Killdeer
Sam Roehrich, Oakes / Sargent Central
Jalen Granlie, Turtle Lake Mercer
Chelsey Duppong, Glen Ullin
Lilli French, Rugby
Tyler Zahn, Edgeley
Hadley Thompson, Bottineau
Laurana Lynds, Enderlin
Lexi Gietzen, Glen Ullin
Hannah Anderson, Grafton
Victoria Woodbury, Northern Cass

David Linehan, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Chase Bader, Wishek
Claire Moffet, Wyndmere
Avarie Carlson, Edgeley/Kulm
Veronica Schwartzenbe, Napoleon
Kenadee Kudrna, South Heart
Kylee Grabow, Hazen
Katelyn Youngs, Garrison
Alex Naser, McClusky
Shaun Heier, Edgeley/Kulm
Alex Ruff, Wishek
Kaylee Beachler, Kidder County
Evan Braaten, Wyndmere
Kiana Haugen, Carrington

Hannah Benz, Killdeer
Danielle Benz, Killdeer
Kylee Hendrickson, Bowman
Kalie Gudmestad, Medina
Grace Hove, Powers Lake
Christin Vetsch, Rugby
Aaron Kuntz, Belfield
Michaela Fischer, Bowman
Katlyn Olson, Washburn
Conner Fike, Fessenden-Bowden
Hope Smith, Mandan
Becky Binstock, South Heart
Kristin Schaaf, Glen Ullin
Jacob Juelfs, Medina
Christyn Knudtson, Harvey
Iris Dukart, Killdeer
Leah Schmidt, Tioga
Jessica Rosencrans, Powers Lake
Zach Even, Wyndmere
Jacey Retzlaff, Carrington
Gunnar Hagen, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Jacob Strobel, McClusky
Sadie Maruskie, Powers Lake
Olivia Effertz, Velva
Brett Hlebechuk, Belfield
Stephani Bingham, Max

Emma Olson, Washburn
Payton Granger, Fessenden-Bowden
Evan Kary, Flasher
Stetson Scott, Lisbon
Bryson Haman, Velva
Chase Benson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
Kylie Hildre, Velva
Cora Wagner, Lisbon
Reese Wetzstein, Mandan
Jacob Hanson, Berthold
Derek Reister, Medina
Carly Bitz, Napoleon
Sandra Kjelland, Park River
Julia Quam, Wyndmere
Max Binstock, South Heart
Bobbi Leighton, Towner
Brianna Honrud, Powers Lake
Kayiee Foiiman, Towner
William Laaveg, Park River
Cooper Hill, Wilton
John Gutschmidt, Gackle Streeter
Gavin Miller, Park River
Anna Muggli, Flasher
Gage Yellowbird, Max
Cole Turchin, Lisbon
Jaxon Mellmer, Scranton
Teegan Henke, Center
Breanna Olson, Max
Allison Grote, Powers Lake
Winston Lajesse, Wahpeton
Lydia Lyons, Lisbon

HORSE SELECTION

32 teams competed in the 2017 Horse Selection CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the **Dickinson FFA Chapter**. 99 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***.

TEAM

<u>Gold (5)</u>	<u>Silver (6)</u>	<u>Bronze (6)</u>
*Dickinson	South Heart	Garrison
Lisbon	Killdeer	Grant County
Stanley	Granville	Park River
Medina	Beulah	South Prairie
Harvey	Napoleon	Velva
	Maddock AS Gibbens	Rugby

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Gold (21)</u>	<u>Silver (24)</u>	<u>Bronze (31)</u>
*Logan Lapica, Stanley	Jocelyn Baranko, South Heart	Hailey Wright, Velva
Teresa Wald, Napoleon	Calli Hennessy, Stanley	Paige Jung, South Heart
Garrett Oland, Lisbon	Madilyn Berg, South Prairie	Hannah Remington, South Prairie
Lydia Lyons, Lisbon	Bethany Keller, Harvey	Evan Friesz, Grant County
Kristen Larson, Park River	Kalli Lauth, Lisbon	Tillee Moser, Medina
Alexa Price, Dickinson	Matt Johnson, Lisbon	Avery Roth, Grant County
Will Rice, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Kaitlyn Metzger, Towner	Kaitln Bartholmy, Scranton
Katelin Chinn, Killdeer	Victoria Trochez, Dickinson	Evan Bier, Beulah
Morgan Henke, New Salem	Troy Betz, Garrison	Stephan Ones, Velva
Kimberlee Leier, Rugby	Tia Horning, Beulah	Casitee Miller, Scranton
Madison Kadrmas, Dickinson	Taylor Downing, South Heart	Lane Bachmeier, Granville
Ashley Wolff, Medina	Cora Wagner, Lisbon	Tessa Peterka, Park River
Becky Binstock, South Heart	Cassidee Calhoun, Garrison	Cole Janz, Velva
Kia Ward, Dickinson	Madison Myers, Garrison	Ashlie Mauch, Wyndmere
Dixie Posey, Harvey	Karlee Sailer, Beulah	Sierra Schaff, Hebron
Caleb Cross, Granville	Mackenzi Woodall, Granville	Kelly Swanson, Rugby
Colby Dukart, Killdeer	Christina Schmidt, Beulah	Carlee Moser, Medina
Morgan Pedersen, Harvey	Hailey Maddock, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Grace Bachmeier, Granville
Abby Helm, Medina	Megan Thompson, Harvey	Shelby Getzlaff, Velva
Paige Gefroh, Medina	Brody Skaar, Stanley	Bryce Mutschelknaus, Grant County
Sierra Kunz, New Salem	Hope Smith, Mandan	Bailey Schock, Mandan
	Mckenzy Deannz, Tioga	Abbi Steeke, Scranton
	Kara Levorsen, Grant County	Rachel Voigt, Killdeer
	Hailey Wright, Velva	Kylee Grabow, Hazen
		Isaac Gross, Napoleon
		Chase Huelle, Stanley
		Sydney Horner, Napoleon
		Jaeden Thompson, Fessenden-Bowden
		Allison Cross, Granville
		Jacob Arnold, Maddock A.S. Gibbens
		Natasha Baranko, South Heart

JOB INTERVIEW

12 individuals participated in this event. *High Individual receives a \$100 scholarship, travel stipend, a Baby Bison Trophy and a traveling trophy. State sponsors are **First International Bank & Trust**.

<u>Gold (3)</u>	<u>Silver (4)</u>	<u>Bronze (5)</u>
*Chase Pederson, Carrington	Samuel Larson, Garrison	Sean Hermes, Oakes/Sargent Central
Mary Hintz, Flasher	Cassidy Walth, Wishek	Brenden Bergquist, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Emily Christmann, Kindred	Lily McFadden, Killdeer	Tatiana Friese, Harvey
	Haley Kohler, Kenmare	Hayden Beck, Fessenden/Bowdon
		Grace Hove, Powers Lake

MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

35 teams participated in the 2017 Meats CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National FFA Meats Selection Event is the **Hebron** FFA Chapter. The advisor is Mr. Riston Zielke. High Team receives a Calvin Steeke Traveling Trophy sponsored by the **Steeke Family**. 119 individuals participated. *High Individual receives a \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy. State sponsor of this event is **North Dakota Beef Commission**. The winning team received hard hats and frocks donated by the **Animal Science Department at NDSU**.

TEAM

<u>Gold (5)</u>	<u>Silver (6)</u>	<u>Bronze (7)</u>
*Hebron Edgeley/Kulm Minot	New Salem Turtle Lake/Mercer Kidder County South Heart Kindred	Beulah Munich Des Lacs/Burlington Dickinson Lisbon Carrington South Prairie Glen Ullin Velva Oakes/Sargent Central

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Gold (24)</u>	<u>Silver (30)</u>	<u>Bronze (34)</u>
*Breanna Thompson, Rugby Jacob Scheresky, Minot Zane Woroniecki, Hebron Kiana Schatz, Hebron Morgan Krizan, Hebron Abigail Henderson, Edgeley/Kulm Breanna Hosman, Hebron Brinley Mathern, Edgeley/Kulm Lucas Nitschke, Edgeley/Kulm Anthony Heier, Edgeley/Kulm Braxton Rolle, Hebron Shaye Koester, Kidder County Ben Van Berkomp, Des Lacs Burlington Marissa Tuhy, South Heart Ryeleigh Laib, Turtle Lake Mercer Josh Dodd, Minot Sam Poland, South Heart Dreyton Rud, New Salem Jennifer Becker, New Salem Rhea Laib, Turtle Lake/Mercer Logan Becker, New Salem Madelyn Schmidt, Kidder County Dawson Biby, Munich Brianna Maddock, Kindred	Brittany Binstock, Dickinson Kia Ward, Dickinson Shaye Yeager, Beulah Caleb Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central Aaron Klain, Turtle Lake Mercer Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central Miranda Ness, South Prairie Sophie Sparrow, Turtle Lake/Mercer Christin Greuel, Kindred Nathan Barron, Beulah Caleb Woodrow, Munich Brenna Hoger, New Salem Thomas Schauer, Berthold Jacob Gartner, Glen Ullin Austin Schmidt, Kidder County Jayd Novak, Minot Makayla Heinrich, Kindred Tate Novodvorsky, South Prairie Jacob Bear, Lisbon Chayla Kuss, Carrington Bradyn Lachenmeier, Kidder County Robert Bodine, Velva Jakob Vanberkom, Des Lacs Burlington Kristin Schaaf, Glen Ullin Grace Solemsaas, Mohall Brad Lawson, Velva Evan Bornemann, New Salem Kyle Kostelecky, South Heart Austin Weippert, Kidder County Weston Cline, Beulah	Morgan Weddell, South Prairie Baileyh Severson, South Prairie Kutter Blumhagen, Velva Cody Matehs, Rugby Erika Simpson, Munich Grayson Pease, Des Lacs Burlington Tyler Erickson, Beulah Jazmine Beardsley, Velva Zach Kvamme, Kindred Nathan Sadowsky, Killdeer Mathias Kubal, Carrington Zach Bear, Lisbon Hunter Christianson, Minot Colton Bergemann, Lisbon Vincent Carruth, Oakes / Sargent Central Amy Klain, Turtle Lake Mercer Jacob Strobel, McClusky Michael Thomas, Velva Jeff Laib, McClusky Cody McClean, Carrington Hayden Thingvold, Rugby Tyra Lysne, Rugby Carson Houser, McClusky Jared Lovro, Granville Jacob Hanson, Berthold Samuel Jager, Minot Addie Urness, Carrington Alexis Vandenberghe, Medina Tristan Ridl, Bowman Victoria Trochez, Dickinson Carlie Kieffer, Central Cass Kendra Myers, Lisbon Jarod Jeglum, Divide Co LJ Wells, Granville

MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS

47 teams participated in the 2017 Milk Quality & Products CDE. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Milk Quality and Products CDE is the *New Salem* FFA Chapter. Their team coach is Mr. Shawn Feiring. 179 individuals also participated in this event. *High Individual receives a Baby Bison Trophy a \$100 scholarship. State sponsors are AMPI and Wahpeton FFA Alumni.

TEAM

<u>Gold (8)</u>			<u>Silver (9)</u>			<u>Bronze (12)</u>
*New Salem	Harvey	Grant County	Belfield	Minot		McClusky
Kindred	Killdeer	Mandan	Velva	Towner		Rolla
Wyndmere	Carrington	Kidder County	Napoleon	South Prairie		Beulah
Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Granville	Lamoure	Hebron	Wilton		Kenmare
		Leeds		Des Lacs/Burlington		Park River
				Turtle Lake/Mercer		Gackle/Streeter

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Gold (35)</u>	<u>Silver (46)</u>	<u>Bronze (54)</u>
*Ellie MacFarlane, Kindred	Thomas Lothspeich, Wyndmere	Haley Mittleider, Gackle/Streeter
Ben Saewert, Kindred	Evan Follman, Leeds	Tyler Kahl, Belfield
Emily Sears, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Kaylee Beachler, Kidder County	Alyson Lucy, Minot
Gabe Lothspeich, Wyndmere	Aaron Kuntz, Belfield	Kevin Friedt, Harvey
Jolie Sanders, New Salem	Drew Weigel, Napoleon	Paige Bennington, Park River
Logan Becker, New Salem	John Gutschmidt, Gackle Streeter	Laiken David, Wyndmere
Anne Manstrom, Wyndmere	Landen Veil, Mandan	Lilly Bina, Park River
Bethany Anderson, Harvey	Akala Knatterud, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Hayle Boechler, Wilton
Alex Sadowsky, Killdeer	Fayth Hoger, New Salem	Reganne Ritterman, Leeds
Samantha Johnson, New Salem	Greta Florence, Velva	Hannah Hagen, Mohall
Bryce Mutschelknaus, Grant County	Sadie Magnuson, Carrington	Tyler McCuaig, Minot
Eva Lahlum, Lamoure	Emily Duval, Kindred	Jaiden Krizan, Hebron
Ryan Woroniecki, Hebron	Grace Bachmeier, Granville	Chase McCone, Hebron
Liam McFadden, Killdeer	Alex Moch, Mandan	Trey Klain, Turtle Lake Mercer
Tristan McMahan, Granville	Nathan Elverud, Leeds	Jeff Laib, McClusky
Chayla Kuss, Carrington	Cheyenne Olien, Kindred	Kaylee Follman, Towner
Brady Kallenbach, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Jonah Enochson, Wahpeton	Christy Shockley, Wishek
Isak Olson, Beulah	Justin Lee, Carrington	Dalton Dockter, Medina
Jacklyn Pazdernik, New Salem	Brett Hlebechuk, Belfield	Harley Clemensen, Parshall
Sean Nichols, Carrington	Jaden Reiser, Turtle Lake/Mercer	Aidan McMahan, Granville
Claire Moffet, Wyndmere	Shayla Sauer, Des Lacs/Burlington	Tristan Ridl, Bowman County
Maiiah McCowan, Mandan	Jonnah Lee, Velva	Toby Wolf, Belfield
Isaac Preble, Harvey	Shelby Faul, McClusky	Goldie Loepp, Oakes/Sargent Central
Hannah Pierson, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Zach Kvamme, Kindred	Isaiah Lee, Wahpeton
Steven Schumacher, Napoleon	Paige Beckman, Center	Tara Binstock, Wing
Alicia Hellman, Harvey	Alexius Holter, Des Lacs/Burlington	Landon Smith, Lamoure
Taylor Foss, Maddock A.S. Gibbens	Dakota Schaefer, Grant County	Mariah Evans, Bottineau
Danielle Benz, Killdeer	Nick Fagerberg, South Heart	Neeleigh Wollenzien, Towner
Levi Darulis, Minot	Baleigh Ripplinger, McClusky	Brody Cahill, Rolla
Wyatt McGee, Mandan	Mathias Kubal, Carrington	Spencer Mellmer, Beulah
Cassie Pierson, Grant County	Calista Heley, Lidgerwood	Annika Christensen, Kenmare
Garret Krein, Kidder County	Mack Buckmier, Hettinger	Kaylee Blumhagen, Velva
Morgan Ziesch, Kidder County	Jarrel Mcgarvey, Leeds	Angela Kuhnhenh, Towner
Colby Dukart, Killdeer	Brandon Lalim, Rolla	Jared Loing, Rolla
Allison Cross, Granville	Austyn Rafteseth, Grant County	Amber Lies, Garrison
	Jackson Lindbo, South Prairie	Morgan Reiser, Gackle Streeter
	Mackenzi Woodall, Granville	Carson Farhart, Stanley
	Arabella Roering, Kenmare	Ethan Galbreath, Kidder County
	Kerrigan Krueger, Velva	Kalorada Eagon, Bowman
	Rachel Mack, Velva	Billy Ciser, South Prairie
	Reed Wendel, Lamoure	Kassidee Logsdon, McClusky
	Seth Berg, Mandan	Katie Cargo, Towner
	Anna Heley, Lidgerwood	Trinity Serfling, Hebron
	Grace Schimke, Harvey	Nickolas Backman, Wilton

Zachary Lahlum, Lamoure
Emily Tranby, Des Lacs/Burlington

Mckenzie Foltyn, Mohall
Alison Betz, Garrison
Cole Rhein, Minot
Devon Olson, Max
Grace Schmitt, Towner
Ashley Bauer, Kenmare
Dale Boe, St John
Pacey Feist, Napoleon
Cody Mack, Medina
Jayden Ochsner, Wilton

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

25 teams participated in the 2017 Nursery CDE team event. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the ***Kindred*** FFA Chapter. The advisors are Mr. Mitchell Becker & Mrs. Brooke Thiel. 83 individuals participated in this event. *High Individual receives a chain saw from ***Intermountain Stihl***, \$100 scholarship and a Baby Bison Trophy. State sponsor is the ***Bottineau FFA Chapter***.

Gold (3)

*Kindred
Harvey
Minot

TEAM

Silver (5)

Hebron
Mandan
Des Lacs Burlington
Bismarck
Napoleon

Bronze (6)

Velva
Medina
Rugby
Beulah
Wishek
Powers Lake

Gold (16)

*Matthew Voeller, Harvey
Morgan Krizan, Hebron
Chantel Mertz, Harvey
Julia Beck, Minot
Anna Stopplesworth, Kindred
Jacie Osier, Kindred
Makayla Heinrich, Kindred
Olivia Svanes, Napoleon
Ben Van Berkom, Des Lacs Burlington
Hannah Gress, Mandan
Nathan Ball, Minot
Elizabeth Saewert, Kindred
Kenzie Opdahl, Beulah
Abby Lester, Minot
Kiana Schatz, Hebron
Samantha Mogard, Bismarck

INDIVIDUAL

Silver (24)

Brian Friedt, Harvey
Regan Hartwig, Minot
Alex Ruff, Wishek
Faith Gress, Mandan
Kaitlyn Peterson, Bismarck
Emily Howe, Velva
Cory Schmaltz, Harvey
Tyler Larson, Harvey
Jakob Vanberkom, Des Lacs Burlington
Amber Vanepps, Medina
Jon Twedt, Kindred
Austin Haakenson, Medina
John Rath, Bismarck
Kaitlynn Klebe, Towner
Olivia Effertz, Velva
Bailee Williams, Velva
Bryson Haman, Velva
Breanna Johnson, Napoleon
Maria Blessum, Rugby
Jessica Rosencrans, Powers Lake
Garrett Snyder, Des Lacs Burlington
Abby Carlson, Medina
Sara Stier, Rugby
Cole Seidler, Garrison

Bronze (24)

Kristine Hopfauf, Mandan
Jacob Leier, Napoleon
Tristin Lunde, Rugby
Hanna Grubb, Powers Lake
Carlee Gifford, Mandan
Kylee Bitz, Napoleon
Chloe Bourdeau, Velva
Kailin Fazekas, Bismarck
Kolin Westman, Garrison
Jacie Ankenbauer, Kenmare
Seth Bettenhausen, Wishek
Jacob Weigel, Beulah
Brooke Christensen, Enderlin
Courtney Reister, Medina
Laurana Lynds, Enderlin
Alyssa Ball, Des Lacs Burlington
Janaya Huff, Medina
Claira Kees, Bowman
Jacob Blessum, Rugby
Sydney Titus, Powers Lake
Hunter Wolf, Wishek
Adam Wolff, Wishek
Terek Enget, Powers Lake
Calli Hauck, Oakes / Sargent Central

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT

14 individuals participated in the 2017 Prepared Public Speaking Event. The State Champion representing North Dakota in the National Event is **Morgan Krizan** of the **Hebron** FFA Chapter. The winner receives a Baby Bison Trophy. Sponsors for this event is **Michael Anderson**.

Gold (5)

*Morgan Krizan, Hebron
Cierra Dockter, Medina
Alyssa Johansen, Max
Gabe Lothspeich, Wyndmere
Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison

Silver (5)

Alicia Hellman, Harvey
Emily Sears, Maddock
Kadey Holm, Oakes/Sargent Central
Madeliene Nichols, Carrington
Skylar Dockter, Dickinson

Bronze (4)

Jenna Cameron, Finley/Sharon
Dakota Schaefer, Grant County
Alex Abrahamson, Rolla
Chase Huelle, Stanley

QUIZ EVENT

16 Teams participated in the 2017 Quiz Event. The Championship Team is the **Max** FFA Chapter. 73 Individuals participated. *High individuals receive a Baby Bison Trophy and a \$100 scholarship. State sponsors are ***Rick Vannett, Red River Farm Network, Farm Credit Services of Mandan, Farm Credit Services of ND and Ag Country Farm Credit Services.***

TEAM

Gold (6)

*Max Beulah
Harvey Medina
Carrington Kindred

Silver (5)

Garrison Rugby
Maddock AS Gibbens Killdeer
Oakes/Sargent Central

Bronze (5)

Flasher Kenmare
Scranton Finley/Sharon
Powers Lake

INDIVIDUAL

Gold (19)

*Kenzie Opdahl, Beulah
Isak Olson, Beulah
Matthew Voeller, Harvey
Chantel Mertz, Harvey
Gage Yellowbird, Max
Sean Nichols, Carrington
Lindsey English, Harvey
Jill Endres, Carrington
Alyssa Johansen, Max
Ashley Wolff, Medina
Ben Saewert, Kindred
Cierra Dockter, Medina
Jacey Retzlaff, Carrington
Emily Christmann, Kindred
Emily Klein, Garrison
Katelyn Voeller, Harvey
Iris Dukart, Killdeer
Abby Volk, Rugby
Jacob Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central

Silver (29)

Abbi Steeke, Scranton
Trevor Schmidt, Max
Hannah Pierson, Maddock AS Gibbens
Weston Cline, Beulah
Katelin Chinn, Killdeer
Cassidy Zook, Garrison
Akala Knatterud, Maddock
Makayla Meicher, Max
Taylor Foss, Maddock AS Gibbens
Anna Muggli, Flasher
McKayla Jacobson, Finley/Sharon
Michael Schmidt, Beulah
Kimberly Kolden, Garrison
Anna Stopplesworth, Kindred
Jacy Hauge, Flasher
Rachel Voigt, Killdeer
Dalton Dockter, Medina
Emily Sears, Maddock AS Gibbens
Ellie MacFarlane, Kindred
Katelyn Youngs, Garrison
Aubrey Whiteowl, Max
Kylee Dockter, Harvey
Caleb Hauck, Oakes/Sargent Central
Cade Majeres, Garrison
Jacie Osier, Kindred
Adam Gorseth, Carrington
Kalie Gudmestad, Medina
Casey Mack, Carrington
Katherine Filler, Rugby

Bronze (24)

Jordan Dilse, Scranton
Samantha Oase, Scranton
Evan Kary, Flasher
Lilli French, Rugby
Harley Eckert, Powers Lake
Caleb Becker, Flasher
Megan Rodine, Oakes/Sargent Central
Maria Blessum, Rugby
Sadie Maruskie, Powers Lake
Jillian MacDonald, Beulah
Abigayle Sulzman, Scranton
Holly Vetsch, Rugby
Madeline Hill, Killdeer
Emma Condit, Kenmare
Grace Jochim, Flasher
Hannah Rebsom, Killdeer
Tillee Moser, Medina
Jessica Rosencrans, Powers Lake
Marissa Jensen, Kenmare
Hannah Grubb, Powers Lake
Goldie Loepp, Oakes/Sargent Central
Kaylee Bolen, Powers Lake
Abbi Glander, Oakes/Sargent Central
Taylor Schroeder, Kenmare
Connor Dilse, Scranton

REPORTER BOOK

State Sponsor is the *Garrison FFA Alumni*

Gold (16)

Taylor Sevland, Granville
Annika Towe, Center
Lexi Boe, Rolla
Cheyenne Olien, Kindred
Iris Dukart, Killdeer
Christina Bingham, Max
Brenna Hoger, New Salem
Christyn Knudtson, Harvey
Justin Lee, Carrington
Carson Houser, McClusky
Alexa Young, Napoleon
Ashley Wolf, Medina
Kelsi Knutson, Beulah
Ryeleigh Laib, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Emily Hoffman, Finley/Sharon
Cassidy Zook, Garrison

Silver (2)

Madeline Schauer, Wishek
Morgan Adams, Richland 44

Bronze (1)

Rebecca Knutson, Bronze

SECRETARY BOOK

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

Gold (12)

Jacey Retzlaff, Carrington
Shelby Meckle, Center
Abby Myers, Richland 44
Cassie Pierson, Grant County
Morgan Grade, McClusky
Brody Cahill, Rolla
Emily Duval, Kindred
Breanna Thompson, Napoleon
Emily Boehm, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Alyssa Johansen, Max

Silver (5)

Morgan Henke, New Salem
Katelynn Lane, Killdeer
Cassidy Walth, Wishek
Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison
Irene Hale, Minot

Bronze (3)

Warren Swenson, Beulah
Jacy Hauge, Flasher
Taylor Mathern, Edgeley/Kulm

SMALL ANIMAL PRODUCTION & CARE

67 teams participated in the 2017 Small Animal Care CDE event. The team selected to represent North Dakota in the National Event is the ***Kindred*** FFA Chapter. 247 individuals participated in this event. *High Individual receives a Baby Bison Trophy and a \$100 scholarship. State sponsors are ***Dylan Zubke with Edward Jones***.

TEAM

<u>Gold (12)</u>	<u>Silver (12)</u>	<u>Bronze (16)</u>
*Kindred	Richland 44	Fessenden-Bowden
Rugby	New Salem	Killdeer
Wahpeton	New England	Des Lacs Burlington
Hebron	Towner	Velva
Harvey	Dickinson	Center
Wyndmere	Beulah	Garrison
		Mandan
		Medina
		Mott-Regent
		South Prairie
		Napoleon
		Granville
		Flasher
		Edgeley
		Wishek
		Minot
		Max
		Northern Cass
		Stanley
		Powers Lake
		Ray
		Nedrose
		McClusky
		Berthold
		Gackle/Streeter
		South Heart
		Tioga
		Finley-Sharon

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Gold (51)</u>	<u>Silver (61)</u>	<u>Bronze (73)</u>
*Haley Conlon - Hebron	Eva Lahlum - Lamoure	Kaylee Blumhagen Velva
Lindsey English - Harvey	Miranda Reister - Medina	Madison Alyea - Flasher
Breanna Thompson - Rugby	Addie Hanson - Edgeley	Lexi Gietzen - Glen Ullin
Eve Stegner - New England	Madison Kadrmas - Dickinson	Grace Dinius - New England
Michael Mccall Wahpeton.	Isabella Armstrong - Harvey	Lily Pyle - Central Cass
Brooke Rossow - Kindred	Haylea Ammon - Harvey	Alyssa Haman - Minot
April Hagemeister - Fessenden-Bowden	Emily Tranby - Des Lacs Burlington	Taylor Skretteberg - Flasher
Jacie Osier - Kindred	Kelsi Knutson - Beulah	Irene Hale - Minot
Sarah Senechal - Velva	Dawn Traver - Dickinson	Hailey Gunderson - Leeds
Mara Ballard - Dickinson	Karagan Friedt - Mott-Regent	Emily Beck - Fessenden-Bowden
Kenzie Opdahl - Beulah	Christi Schmidt - Beulah	Kaitlyn Bartholmy - Scranton
Lakota Mollohan - Kindred	Kimberly Lara - Towner	Dazey Sevlund - Velva
Mindee Boyce - Nedrose	Abigail Hintz - Center	Sadie Dinwiddie - Velva
Natalie Opp - Hebron	Hannah Remington - South Prairie	Abigail Hickel - Ray
Matty Koenig - Rugby	Anna Muggli - Flasher	Jada Reiser - Gackle Streeter
Annika Towe - Center	Kathryn Slavick - Mandan	Megan Goldade - Glenburn
Morgan Oppen - Rugby	Chloe Meicher - Max	Kaden Schauer - Hettinger
Katie Sundseth - Wahpeton	Breanna Johnson - Napoleon	Logan Lapica - Stanley
Sierra Streng - Wyndmere	Kelsey Perdue - Ray	Aubrey Lemer - Berthold
Tia Wallner Wahpeton	Jenna Cameron - Finley-Sharon	Tia Horning - Beulah
Levi Stegner - New England	Trinadee White - Hebron	Morgan Weddell - South Prairie
Taylor Sevlund Granville	Kyla Larson - Northern Cass	Leah Schmidt - Tioga
Anne Manstrom - Wyndmere	Brooke Kunz - New Salem	Maci Wehri - Mott-Regent
Morgan Adams - Richland 44	Grace Hove - Powers Lake	Jaidyn Brummond - Granville
Katie Gehrig - Kindred	Kathryn Herring - Mott-Regent	Caitlyn Enger - Stanley
Kimberly Kolden - Garrison	Hannah Chrest - Washburn	Tate Nordby - New England
Cristian Ohara Wahpeton	Skyler Dockter - Dickinson	Alee Searles - Wyndmere
Kiersten Boehm - Richland 44	Jade Harbaugh - Minot	Goldie Loep - Oakes / Sargent Central
Shayla Sauer - Des Lacs Burlington	Cassidy Zook - Garrison	Sydney Titus - Powers Lake
Logan Kummer - Richland 44	Alexius Holter - Des Lacs Burlington	Kamre Boltz - Killdeer
Allison Roth - Kidder County	Cate Fredericks - Killdeer	Morgan Reiser - Gackle Streeter
Kaitlynn Klebe - Towner	Olivia Svanes - Napoleon	Alex Naser - McClusky
Brooke Goven - Turtle Lake Mercer	Dawson Neshem - Berthold	Benjamin Juelfs - Medina
Gracie Wagner - Towner	Erika Jungberg - Towner	Abriella Galvan - Tioga
Alisha Letzring - New Salem	Grace Buckeye - Edgeley	Abigail Henderson - Edgeley
Molly Nies - Killdeer	Madilyn Ber - South Prairie	Teegan Henke - Center
Jennifer Becker - New Salem	Megan Kramer - Max	Taylor Downing - South Heart
Mara Bornemann - New Salem	Savanna Bader - Wishek	Emma Olson - Washburn
Jolene Kuchera - Wyndmere	Samantha Condon - Mott-Regent	Natasha Baranko - South Heart
Madison Jones - Fessenden-Bowden	Bailey Severson - South Prairie	Cheyenne Boeddeker - Northern Cass
Jacob Juelfs - Medina	Sydney Anderson - Mott-Regent	Ally Feland - Mohall
Jake Doll - Finley-Sharon	Thomas Lothspeich - Wyndmere	Katie Woessner - Parshall

Tatiana Friese - Harvey
 Tessa Smith - Richland 44
 Kristen Larson - Park River
 Courtney Haverland - Richland 44
 Faith Gress - Mandan
 Charly Klebe - Towner
 Brittany Binstock - Dickinson
 Halie Schmaltz - Rugby
 Kayla Brew - Killdeer

Kylee Bitz - Napoleon
 Caylee Walth - Wishek
 Rivers Bachman - Velva
 Paiten Elkins - Hebron
 Jessica Peterson - South Prairie
 Tessa Peterka - Park River
 Braden Knudtson - Harvey
 Kiara Johnson Granville
 Kaylyn Obert - Stanley
 Madison Myers - Garrison
 Kassidee Logsdon - McClusky
 Emily Boehmm - Turtle Lake Mercer
 Grant Schafer - Flasher
 Jayden Ochsner - Wilton
 Laura Wolf - New Salem
 Alyssa Thompson - Mandan
 Kelli Gropper - Wishek
 Elizabet Bartholmy - Scranton
 Stetson Mollohan - Kindred

Derek Reister Medina
 Kayla Hovland - Northern Cass
 Rebecca Knutson - Hettinger
 Victoria Woodbury - Northern Cass
 Taylor Bergquist - Wilton
 Veronica Schwartzenber - Napoleon
 Robert Englund - Powers Lake
 Teanna Hintz - Center
 Jayden Krivoruchka - South Heart
 Kaitlyn Hajicek - St John
 Kailin Fazekas - Bismarck
 Isabelle Gilbertson - Stanley
 Skyla Folden - Garrison
 Kasen Anderson - Lisbon
 Carlie Kieffer - Central Cass
 Shelby Brekhus - Kenmare
 Megan Kleingartner - Gackle Streeter
 Destiny Stolp - Glen Ullin
 Abbi Glander - Oakes / Sargent Central
 Megan Jerkovich - McClusky
 Tasia Horning - Beulah
 Zach Bear - Lisbon
 Nicolas Costa, Bottineau
 Lydia Hickel - Ray
 Steven Baardson - Hazen
 Nash Hastings - Nedrose
 Stephani Bingham - Max
 Brady Leiseth - Watford City
 Cheyanne Lunde - Granville
 Aiden Nordloef - Powers Lake
 Samantha Mogard - Bismarck

SUPERIOR/NATIONAL CHAPTERS

Superior Chapter awards are sponsored by *North Dakota Building Trades Unions*.

Carrington
 *Center
 *Garrison
 Granville
 *Kindred
 *Max
 Medina

*Napoleon
 *Richland 44
 New Salem
 *Rugby
 Rolla
 Scranton
 *Wahpeton

*Indicates Chapters with applications sent on the Nationals

TALENT

The individual selected to represent North Dakota at the National Talent Show is **Alexis Bachler** of the **New Salem FFA** Chapter. Participation Awards are sponsored by the **Grant County FFA Chapter**. **Alexis Bachler** of the **New Salem FFA** will receive a Traveling Trophy sponsored by the ND FFA Foundation.

*Alexis Bachler, New Salem
 Traci Lagein, Munich
 Madeline Schauer, Wishek

Michaela Fischer, Bowman County
 John Munro, Rolla
 Cassidy Walth, Wishek

Reagan Hildre, Velva
 Ebony Musanda, Scranton

TREASURER BOOK

State Sponsor is the *Divide County FFA Chapter*

Gold (13)

Brooke Goven, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Lexi Boe, Rolla
Kenzie Opdahl, Beulah
Kurt Muggli, Grant County
Sadie Johnson, Napoleon
Tyler Larson, Harvey
Katelyn Youngs, Garrison
MiKayla Lacher, Richland 44
Taylor Foss, Maddock AS Gibbens
Ben Saewert, Kindred
Emily Webb, Minot
Hope Scheresky, Max
Teanna Hintz, Center

Silver (1)

Brooke Kuntz, New Salem

Bronze (5)

Lucas Roth, McClusky
Jill Endres, Carrington
Gabriel Lothspeich, Wyndmere
Alexander Ruff, Wishek
Brooke Bailey, Towner

VICE PRESIDENT BOOK

State sponsor is the *ND FFA Foundation*.

Gold (11)

Paige Beckman, Center
Chantel Mertz, Harvey
Brianna Maddock, Kindred
Nathan Ball, Minot
Mary Hintz, Flasher
John Garrett Munro, Rolla
Kelsea McDowell, Garrison
Brad Hoppe, Carrington
Abby Martel, Richland 44
Caleb Cross, Granville
Trey Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer

Silver (7)

Will Rice, Maddock
Levi Hofer, Larimore
Calvin Tomlinson, Max
Cierra Dockter, Medina
Iris Dukart, Killdeer
Kara Levorsen, Grant County
Jacob Weigel, Beulah

Bronze (4)

Jacob Leier, Napoleon
Shelby Faul, McClusky
Chase Bader, Wishek
Zach Rickertson, Hettinger

*Video Streaming for the 88th North Dakota FFA State Convention was sponsored by *International Certification Services, Lynnes Welding Training and Thunder Seed*.

State Convention Delegate Committee Reports

Auditing Committee

Committee Members: Kinsey Schepp, Berthhold; Dakota Eastham, Bismarck; Kutter Moum, Bottineau; Ben Van Berkom, Des Lac Burlington; Taylor Sketteberg, Flasher; John Gutschmidt, Gackle/Streeter; Kelsey Stumvol, Garrison; Cole Hanson, Grafton; Tyler Klein, Hazen; Mikayla Cotton, Hillsboro; Dakota Peterson, Kenmare; Allison Roth, Kidder County; Nathan Steffan, Lakota; Kristine Hopfauf, Mandan; Alyssa Johanson, Max; Hayley Southham, Mohall; Morgan Henke, New Salem; Sarah Senechal, Velva; Isaiah Lee, Whapeton; Tara Binstock, Wing

Advisors: Mr. Dave Axt and Paul Moffet

Alternate Members: Kaley Sease, McClusky; Jayd Novak, Minot; Cade Blickensderfer, Mott/Regent; Cassidy Belcourt, Watford City

Committee Chairs: Jacquelyn McCleary and Jacob Gartner

Report: The Auditing Committee discussed the 2017-2018 budget which was presented by Mr. Anderson. The motion to approve the budget was made by Morgan Henke and seconded by John Gutschmidt, the budget approval was recommended to pass by the committee. There was discussion about FFA dues for the 2017-2018 year. The motion to keep the FFA dues at \$13 was made by Alyssa Johanson and seconded by John Gutschmidt, the committee recommended this motion to pass. There are three proposed amendments to the national constitution and one to the state constitution, that was discussed by the committee, the committee recommended these amendments to pass.

Action Recommended: Accept the 2017-2018 budget as presented to the Auditing Committee, Keep the FFA dues at \$13, Pass the three national and one state amendment to the constitution

Career Development Events Committee

Committee Members: Mckenzie Buckman (Belfield), Makenzie Neshem (Berthold), Brittan Binstock (Dickinson), Megan Goldade (Glenburn), Allison Cross (Granville), Matthew Voeller (Harvey), Casey Graybow (Hazen), Morgan Krizan (Hebron), Cate Fredericks (Killdeer), Ben Saewert (Kindred), Zach Bear (Lisbon), Shelby Faul (McClusky), Reagan Hartwig (Minot), Erika Simpson (Munich), Mara Bornemann (New Salem), Alyssa Bell (Northern Cass), Caleb Hauck (Oaks/SC), Caleb Boehm (Richland 44), Christine Vetsch (Rugby), Abbigale Steeke (Scranton), Caitlyn Enger (Stanley), Leah Schmidt (Tioga), Kendra Foreman (Watford City), Cassidy Walth (Wishek), and Claire Moffet (Wyndmere).

Committee Chairs: Kelsi Knutson (Beulah), and Cierra Dockter (Medina)

Date and location of meeting: The Career Development Event Committee met at 10:00 on Tuesday, June 6th in the North-East corner of the Convention Hall and adjourned at 11:30.

Report: After the committee called roll call, they began with new business. They briefly discussed each of the CDEs under review for this year's rotation. After discussion, the following suggestions were put forth.

Action Recommended:

Suggestion 1: Further the appointed time for the problem-solving portion of the Nursery/Landscape CDE.

Resolution 1: Add an additional 10 minutes to the previous 20 minutes for the problem-solving portion of the Nursery/Landscape CDE in relation to the national contest.

Suggestion 2: Review the duration/ time length of the Floriculture contest, and availability of the supplies.

Resolution 2: Thus, we recommend the North Dakota Board of Directors CDE Committee review the recommendations.

Suggestion 3: Review the point system of the Food Science CDE.

Resolution 3: Redistribute the point values equally between the different activities of the Food Science CDE.

Leadership Development Committee

Committee Members: Alicia Hellman (Harvey), Zane Woroniecki (Hebron), Jacob Weigel (Beulah), Casey Martel (Bismarck), Addie Ureness (Carrington), Emily Tranby (Des Lacs/Burlington), Kelsey Marschake (Gackle/Streeter), Kim Kolden (Garrison), Kate Ackerman (Hillsboro), Brianna Maddock (Kindred), Madi Dulmage (Leeds), Hope Scheresky (Max), Abby Lester (Minot), Kylee Bitz (Napoleon), Josh Russiff (Northern Cass), Kadey Holm (Oaks/SC), Becky Binstock (South Heart), Hope Parmeter (Stanley), Brooke Bailey (Towner), Christian O'Hara (Wahpeton), Katlyn Olson (Washburn), Alex Ruff (Wishek).

Members Absent: Seth Haugland (Divide County), Mia Fragoso (Kenmare), Anna Heley (Lidgerwood), Abby Martel (Richland 44), Parker Armstrong (Rolette).

Committee Chairs: Alicia Hellman (Harvey), Zane Woroniecki (Hebron).

Date and Location of Meeting: NW corner of Benson Bunker – June 6th, 2017 approx. 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Report: The committee meeting started with a short introduction of the co-chairs, and then moved right into discussion. We began by discussing district leadership suggestions, then moved on to the creed contest at a district and state level, next a potential leadership camp, and finally the extemporaneous speaking event.

Action Recommended:

District Leadership –

- The possibility of pre-registration would help advisors and state officers flow the district event more smoothly because it would give the host town a solid idea of how many students are coming, and what events they will be in.
- Addition of a Novice Parliamentary Procedure contest to every district (few districts already do this).

Creed Contest –

- Competitors should all be asked the same questions by judges to ensure an equal playing field.
- The “creed contest questions” on the FFA website should be changed to say “sample creed questions”, as it would allow for better viability.

Leadership Camp –

- During the summer, on a weekend in a month that isn't too busy.
- The age group targeted was junior high because this camp would expose younger members to FFA, and encourage them to become an involved member.
- Matt Stroh, the State Parliamentarian, also stated that other states already hold leadership camps, and we could model after them.
- Extend an invitation of a leadership camp to the western portion of the state in hope that a chapter may decide to host this event just as Maddock does with their officer retreat.

Extemporaneous Speaking –

- Organization of the competitor's speech should be on the rubric.
- Change the competition to be more in line with the national contest.
- Add topics related to technology in modern agriculture.

FFA Participation & Service

Committee Members:

Hannah Gress, Mandan; Gabe Lothspeich, Wyndmere; Nic Costa, Bottineau; Kiana Haugen, Carrington; Abby Hintz, Center; Izzy Garcia, Central Cass; Shayla Sauer, Des Lacs/Burlington; Dawn Traver, Dickinson; Kyle Ravnaas, Fessenden/Bowdon; Andrew Chapman, Finley/Sharon; Tucker Satterlund, Grafton; Tatiana Friese, Harvey; Victoria Braaten, Kindred; Eva Lahlum, LaMoure; Macy Engstrom, Leeds; Jacob Scheresky, Minot; Mindee Boyce, Nedrose; Sean Hermes, Oakes/Sargent Central; Joseph Kram, Park River; Robert Logan, Ray; Alissa Volk, Rugby; Riley Clapper, Scranton; Jessica Peterson, South Prairie; Kristen Bruce, St. John; Katie Cargo, Towner; Lianna Seibold, Wahpeton; David Stead, Westhope-Newburg

Alternate Members:

Annika Towe, Carrington; Adam Roden, Central Cass; Victoria Trochez, Dickinson; Abigail Higel, Ray

Committee Chairs:

Hannah Gress, Mandan; Gabe Lothspeich, Wyndmere

Date and Location of Meeting:

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 in the center of Benson Bunker Fieldhouse
Approx. 10:20 to 11:15

Report:

The committee discussed promoting SAE programs, community service projects, and general participation in the FFA. Members commented on ways to better implement the FFA Parent Handbook in chapters across the state and provide easier access to this resource for new FFA members and their families. The concept of statewide service projects was also discussed, as well as ways to encourage local chapters to participate in service projects throughout the year. The committee considered methods to boost member participation in all areas of the FFA, especially in the SAE program.

Action Recommended:

- Provide FFA advisors across the state with the FFA Parent Handbook with instructions to pass this information onto new FFA members, especially incoming freshman, as well as their families.
- Reinstate the ND FFA Serves program on social media and develop a series of statewide service projects to be conducted in local chapters throughout the year.
- Increase the promotion of Foundation grants to encourage members to take part in the SAE program.

State Program of Activities

Committee Members: Emily Hlebechuk; Belfield, Mitch Stuber; Bowman County, Jerrin Baumgarten; Central Cass, Grace Buckeye; Edgeley/Kulm, McKayla Jacobson; Finley/Sharon, Andrea Buechler; Harvey, Rebecca Knutson; Hettinger, Shelby Brekhus; Kenmare, Colby Dukart; Killdeer, Calista Heley; Lidgerwood, Lydia Lyons; Lisbon, Irene Hale; Minot, Sean Hertz; Mott/Regent, Breanna Johnson, Napoleon, Levi Stengner; New England, Harley Clemensen, Parshall, Jessica Rosencrans; Powers Lake, Kelsey Perdue; Ray, Abby Myers; Richland 45, Michael Kurtti; Rolla, Breanna Thompson; Rugby, Bailey Severson; South Prairie, Wyatt Hanson; Stanley, Tia Wallner; Wahpeton, Wyatt Lodoen; Westhope-Newberg, Hayle Boechler; Wilton

Members absent: Lydia Lyons; Lisbon, Abby Myers; Richland 45, Breanna Thompson; Rugby

Alternate Members: Cole Turchin; Lisbon, Aaron Myers; Richland 45, Holly Vetsch; Rugby

Committee Chairs: Kerrigan Krueger; Velva, Warren Swenson; Beulah

Date and location of meeting: SE corner of BBFH

Report:

The State POA discussed giving allotted times for all speaking and presenting events. This would ensure that all members get the most of their time here at our State Convention, the committee also believes that this will cause less conflicts with other events. The reason for this action is to benefit members are often waiting hours on hours to compete in an event by allotting each individual(s) in an event their own time to present. Along with this delegates discussed broadening our horizons of CDE events and opportunities to better our ND FFA Competitions. Next, delegates discussed generating a uniform dress code for all casual wear during State Convention where official dress is not required. By creating this dress code delegates believe it will benefit all members and everyone shall be treated equally. Affiliation was the last topic on our list, our delegates discussed the pros and cons of affiliation and what affiliation can do and not do for their chapters. A majority of our delegates agreed upon all of the ideas presented before them and believe these issues should be further reviewed.

Action Recommended:

Resolution 1: Time slots should be implemented for all speaking and presenting events to keep all events running efficiently.

Resolution 2: Expanding CDE events will better suit all members by including more events to our competitions.

Resolution 3: Generating a uniform dress code for all members will ensure fair treatment for all members and creates a better image for our organization.

Resolution 4: Move to add a goal of encouraging FFA affiliation membership.

Resolution 5: Add a step to inform member more about affiliation rather than dues.

SAE Promotion/Recognition

Committee Members: Jacey Retzlaff (Carrington), Paige Beckman (Center), Conner Fike (Fessenden/Bowdon), Grace Bachmeier (Grantville), Cory Schmaltz (Harvey), Mack Buckmier (Hettinger), Phillip Steffan (Lakota), Landon Smith (LaMoure), Jon Fuqua (Larimore), Akala Knatterud (Maddock), Carlee Gifford (Mandan), Christina Bingham (Max), Ashley Wolff (Medina), Levi Darulis (Minot), Shannon Asheim (Mohall), Olivia Svanes (Napoleon), Mikyala Lacher (Richland 47), Miranda Ness (South Prairie), Emily Bahm (Turtle Lake/Mercer), Jonah Enochson (Wahpeton), Hunter Kamrath (Washburn), Gabby Kaufman (Watford City)

Members absent: Kenzie Volochenko (Drake), Maddison Reimche (Bottineau), Kara Levorsen (Grant Country)

Committee Chairs: Taylor Mathern (Edgeley-Kulm), Marissa Tuhy (South Heart)

Date and location of meeting: June 6th Benson Bunker room 203

Report:

Resolution 1: Whereas; there is a lack of information available to students and advisors regarding the AET program, therefore be it resolved that we make this information available through workshops at district leaderships or winter leadership conferences and set up SAE shadow opportunities.

Resolution 2: Whereas; there is little recognition for members with outstanding SAEs, therefore be it resolved that we recognize these individuals through an SAE spotlight on social media, personal success stories, and additional state awards.

Resolution 3: Whereas; there are few members and chapters participating on the AET, therefore be it resolved that we make the AET program and SAE work part of the agriculture education curriculum.

NOTE: Have state staff look in to reports to print for award/recognition meetings

Screening Committee Report

Committee Members: Race Jacobsen, Divide County; Brooke Goven, Turtle Lake Mercer; Billie Lentz, Rolla; Traci Lagein, Munich; Shaina Rasmusson, Lisbon; Morgan Ziesch, Kidder County; Jacy Hauge, Flasher; Dillion Eagon, Bowman County

Members Absent: All Present

Committee Chairs: Jennifer Becker, New Salem; Michael McCall, Wahpeton

Advisors: Mike Axt and William Fritz

Date and Location of Meeting: The Screening Committee met on the first two days of convention 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 Cole Ketterling from Wishek and Warren Swenson from Beulah. The nomination for the office of secretary is Marissa Tuhy from South Heart and Alicia Hellman from Harvey. The nomination for the office of vice president is Cierra Dockter from Medina. The nomination for the office of Treasurer is Hannah Gress from Mandan. The nomination for the office of Reporter is Jacob Gartner from Glen Ullin. The nomination for the office of sentinel is Abigail Volk from Rugby. The nomination for the office of Parliamentarian is Levi Larson from McClusky.

2016-2017 State Officer Retiring Addresses

“Always Hold On”

Alfred Schwalbe, State President

All the while I grew up, rodeo belt buckles surrounded me. My dad was a rodeo star, so was my mom and her sister, and definitely my grandparents. They all had countless belt buckles and saddles that labeled the when and the where to which my family found success. So naturally, I got into rodeo as well and tie-down roping was one of my events.

For those of you who might not know what “tie-down roping” is, it’s a rodeo event where a cowboy ropes a calf around the neck, shimmies his way off the horse, runs down the rope to the calf, tips him over, and then ties him up real fast. For me, it wasn’t the easiest thing. But the only way to get better is to practice. So, one day last summer, I was trying to do just that. In the arena was my family of champions, underneath me was my horse, and in the chute was a dairy calf. I backed my horse into his place, had my rope ready, and gave my grandpa the nod to open the chute. BANG cracked the gates as they opened, the calf shot out of the chute, and my horse and I were in perfect position as I swung my rope. “This is going to be SOOO fast,” I told myself and then counted my swings. ONE. TWO. And just as I was to deliver my trap, I leaned a little too much with my body and my horse stopped dead in his tracks which left me fly from my saddle. The next thing I remember, I had my arms and legs clenched tightly around his neck while looking up at my horse’s head with blue sky in the background. Immediately I released my grip and fell to the ground with a thud. Full of embarrassment and self-anger, I dug my hands into the dirt and flung everything at the fence.

I tell this story because it was a prime learning opportunity! I learned that if I didn’t want to plant my face in the dirt, then I had to do things right. But this was understood from a mistake. A MAJOR mistake which could have been avoided, but wasn’t. After awhile, I realized you learn more from your mistakes than from your success.

I, for one, have made a boatload of mistakes in my day. But what happened while I was practicing that day taught me that never ever would I make that error again. No way, no how would I end up in that same position. My grandpa told me not to lean but what did I do? I did it anyway and screwed up an awesome run. That embarrassment and anger made me want to leave the arena and toss in the towel all together. In no way is this a unique feeling reserved only for me. All of us have fallen (haha) short and felt the discouraging tug to walk away. But I plead with you all, don’t let the bad times stop you from continuing on your journey. I held on tight to my goal of being a successful cowboy. I may not be that good, but I’ve never let go of that goal.

Now, when I was a freshman I didn’t know what FFA really was, but it was the only club I had joined and I was excited as all get out to be a part of it. Mr. Zubke, my advisor, had mentioned we could sing at District Leadership and I told him to sign me up. As the day drew closer, I got the karaoke version of “Hurt” by Johnny Cash downloaded onto my phone and prepped like no other. Singing and humming during class, in the shower... you name it! Then district leadership was upon us and finally it was my turn to sing. As I walked to the front of this small civic center in Center, ND, the gal who had sang just before handed the microphone to me. I flipped the switch on the microphone and gave Mr. Zubke a head nod to start the track. Little did I know that the nice lady who handed me the mic had left it on for me, and I had just turned it off. Unknowing of that, I sang and then people applauded. But once I walked back to my advisor and found out no one could hear me because of my error, my face turned beet red and I was embarrassed. Defeated at my own game, I wasn’t sure if FFA was for me anymore.

I allowed the feelings of embarrassment during that practice run and my vocal solo to trip me up and question if venturing on was worth my time. My two goals were to become a good cowboy like my family and find success in the FFA. Welp. Those goals were tested.

Just because you fall doesn’t mean you shouldn’t get back up. Or in my case, just in case you lean while on a horse and fall off doesn’t mean you shouldn’t get back on and try another time. Mistakes aren’t made for no reason. A man once told me that when we seek our goals, think of it as going for a run. We start out at a good pace, but during the run we kinda get distracted and carelessly admire at the clouds or the flowers. And as we are distracted we suddenly trip over the curb. God allows us to fall down so when we pick ourselves up, we remember what we were striving for, and start running towards that goal faster than before. People, these things don’t just happen! The single being who knows our

intentions, wants, desires, and goals loves us each to unimaginable heights and wants you to hold on and achieve your goals! He's in your corner. But if we decide to let go of that dream because of the bumpy roads along the way, we'll probably end up in a van down by the river. Nothing worth having comes easy. Be proud of what you've accomplished and let your feelings push you to kick down wall after wall after wall.

Don't listen to negative thoughts in your mind. Remember that carelessness might have caused you to fall, but love is waiting to help you up. By no means is it simple but you learn more from the challenges in life and ten out of ten would recommend you keep moving forward. North Dakota FFA, never lose sight of the bigger picture and hold on tight to your dreams.

“THE DOMINO EFFECT”

Madison Bodine, State Secretary

Inspiration is a funny thing. Inspiration can come from the most random places. It can come from pictures, it can come from songs or YouTube videos, or inspiration can come from others.

It was the first day of eighth grade, I was excited to get back to school and start learning new things, but most of all, I was excited for my first ever shop class. You see, being in shop class meant that I wouldn't have to sit inside a desk for yet another hour and a half duration of class and listen to a teacher lecture me on something I really didn't have much interest in. Shop class meant that I would be able to build cool projects from wood and use them to benefit myself and others. All I could think was: “How cool is that!?” Anyhow, on that first day of eighth grade, when the bell rang, I remember walking from my locker to the ag. room and taking my seat in the small ag classroom. I sat anxiously, ready to get started and took longing looks at the shop through a set of windows in the wall, that's when my teacher then proceeded to explain how I would not be stepping to that shop for another long two weeks. He then started to lecture us on shop safety. “Great, this is just great. Now, I am officially bored.” So, given my boredom, I started to really look around the classroom, specifically at the numerous pictures hanging on the walls... and that's when I noticed it.

Laying down on a table, rather than hanging on the wall, was a picture collage near the back of the room. I instantly became curious of the collage, a weird mix of pictures were put into it. The pictures were mainly of upperclassmen at my school, people I looked up to; however, one picture, oddly enough, had a manatee in it. “What in the world? Why is there a manatee of all things in this picture collage?” I thought to myself. Then I proceeded to pay a little more attention to the pictures with the upperclassmen in them. As I looked through them, one in particular caught my eye due to the fact that the individuals in the picture were wearing a funky-looking blue jacket with an odd-shaped gold emblem on it. “Why are they all wearing those weird jackets?” “Man, this is a strange mix of pictures!” So many questions flooded my eighth grade brain by looking at that one collage, so after class I decided to ask my ag. teacher why such a random mix of pictures all came to be in one collage together. His answer was three simple letters: FFA.

“Oh, cool. Wait, what is FFA?” My ag. teacher then proceeded to tell all about the Then National FFA Organization, and after being informed about FFA, and all the great opportunities it gives a member, I added my name to the Velva FFA chapter's roster the very next day. That was the beginning of a new era in agriculture for my life, the dawning of an almost decade, and the start of something new.

In my sweet six years of being an FFA member, my life has definitely changed for the better. This organization has boosted my self-confidence, given me friendships that will last a life-time, and helped me discover how to be myself without fear of judgement from others. But that list didn't include the great opportunities it has given me, such as: competing and gaining knowledge in various CDEs, traveling all around not only North Dakota, but the country, and gave me the privilege to be standing before you this afternoon. However, this wouldn't have been possible without my ag. teacher in eighth grade telling me about The National FFA Organization. You see, just by simply telling me about FFA and encouraging me to join, he was a first-hand in changing my life for the better. I would not be who I am today without my time in the blue corduroy jacket. My eighth grade ag. teacher became a domino in my life.

I have mentioned it before, an object that I carry in my FFA jacket everywhere I go, it's small, white with eight blue and pink dots, and is smooth to the touch. It is my domino. This domino to me represents the same thing my agriculture teacher in eighth grade did for me when he told me about The National FFA Organization, a simple answer that influenced my life forever.

Raise your hand if you are an FFA member because someone else told you about this awesome organization and said that you should join. *members raise hands* How wonderful! Someone in all of your lives' saw great potential in you and wanted great things for your future, so they told you about FFA because they knew that you have all the possibility to bloom to do great things.

Now raise your hand if you have told someone else about FFA and said they should join, or at least look into this organization. *members raise hands* You all are a **domino** effect.

Think about it, just as my life was changed for the better forever when I was informed about FFA and then added my name to a chapter roster, you all very well have possibly done the exact same for someone else. When you put on your jackets and strive to do well as an FFA member, you just may be inspiring someone else.

Nonetheless, this same effect doesn't have to just happen by getting someone else to be an FFA member. The domino effect may even occur while you are already an FFA member.

In my year of state office and traveling around the state to visit with many of you wonderful individuals, I have seen it. Countless times I have been at an FFA function where at the beginning there were FFA members trying to hide in the corner and not talk to anyone, but just a quick decision later another FFA member, a stranger to the one hiding, would go to the member and invite them in a conversation. It would be as simple as "What is your name?" Next thing you know, the FFA member who tried to hide and go unnoticed, is smiling and walking happily with their new friend. The best thing was, even after that one FFA function, I would see the two or more individuals who met together at other FFA functions down the road. The smile and friendship that now exists all started from a quick decision and a simple question. That's the domino effect.

One cool thing about the domino effect is that it doesn't have to just be used while wearing the blue corduroy, it may be used in all parts of life. A simple example would be this: holding the door so that another person may go through with ease. I will take my own two brothers in this example. With three years between them the maturity level does vary quite a bit. The older of my two brothers always does his best to hold the door not only for family members or friends, but he will do so for complete strangers as well. The younger of my two brothers originally would not do such a thing for strangers, he would only for people he knew. But when he saw his older brother holding doors for people he did not know, strangers to both of them, he began to do as well. Holding a door for another person is a kind and easy thing to do to make someone else's day a little better.

While this example was as small as holding a door, there are other ways to inspire others through the domino effect as well. Helping others study for various tests and competitions, being there as an ear for someone else to talk to, or just simply smiling and saying "Hello!" to people you see as you walk through a hallway. All of these occurrences will make a person's day a little brighter, and someone else may see you doing these things and decide to do the same. By another doing the same thing, that's another day that just got brighter.

The domino effect may happen with a picture, a smile, or simple question of "What's your name?" These seemingly small aspects of life could very well inspire and influence another to do great things. And remember, what others see, they may do. If someone else sees you striving to be and do great things, they may be inspired by you to do the same. Whether you are trying to get someone else involved in FFA, just simply trying to make another new friend, or attempting to brighten another day, you never know who you may inspire. North Dakota FFA members, I encourage you from this moment on to work to be the best domino effect you can be.

“Investments”

Stetson Ellingson, State Vice President

401Ks, IRAs, pensions, stocks, bonds, interest rates, capital, net worth, return on equity, return on assets, you name it, there are endless things to think about when you are deciding on how you can best put your money to work for you. Most of the time when we hear all of this “investment talk” we reflect back to our high school money management class where we got to watch a lot of Dave Ramsey videos. Our state treasurer says before every session, “I strive to build up our financial standing through savings and investments,” although I am here tonight to tell you that investments are not just exclusive to your finances.

Investments are truly a staple of growth, and therefore should be an integral part of what we do in FFA every single day. There are parents, advisors, and many others sitting in this room this evening that fully understand what it means to invest in others. I know I have, and some of you may sometimes have taken for granted all the time they commit towards your progress in a multitude of different areas. These individuals don’t ever expect to be repaid for their efforts, but instead, have lead by example in the hope that each one of you can carry on the torch of service in whatever endeavor you choose. Just as Maya Angelou once said, “We may not remember the details, but we’ll always remember the impact a person had on us,” we must never forget to thank those who have helped us get to where we are today. For them the most sincere thank you is to see you carrying their legacy of investing in others onward.

Before we can ever initiate an investment, we must first have a sense of care and be passionate about what the future may entail for whatever it is we are investing in. Without having an optimistic outlook for the future of the object we are investing in, our devoted time and resources for its growth will be wasted. Investing in others is a step towards living out the FFA motto’s last line, “Living to Serve.” In contrary to typical financial investments, when we invest in others we assume absolutely no risk, but the rewards can be just as prosperous. For you as an FFA member, that may mean devoting time to helping younger members practice for a new CDE contest, giving those extra words of encouragement, stepping up to give a ride to that student without a driver’s license who would otherwise would not be able to be involved in FFA, or maybe it is something as simple as making a fellow member aware that you can always be counted on to be a rock of friendship, mentorship, and support for them. We can not only apply this concept of investing in others to our counterparts in the FFA but also to all people in our communities, state, country and around the world. As I have traveled the state throughout this past year for FFA is has become quite apparent to me that this is a duty many North Dakota FFA members take to heart. Each week members of the Maddock FFA donate time to their local food pantry to assist in whatever task must be completed for the day. Also, their chapter works throughout the year to raise funds that go to helping keep the food pantry stocked and operating around the clock. I had the opportunity to witness first-hand the director of that food pantry receive a donation at Maddock’s banquet in April, and there were no words to describe the amount of appreciation her faced expressed. You may ask why these FFA members would be so dedicated to raising money and donating time for people they quite likely have never even met. The answer is that they found a mutual belief in wanting to invest for a better and stronger future for a community they all cared about. Their investment was the commitment of their time, and the reward was the satisfaction of seeing people in need were properly provided for. Some of my fondest FFA memories were teaching elementary students about agriculture. I felt we were both investing in a better future for agriculture and giving students the basic knowledge to be well-informed consumers. The few hours we had to sacrifice out of a few of our days to spend quality, educational time with those students will hopefully dividend into consumers that will provide a lifetime of support for the industry of agriculture.

To invest in ourselves, we must have the willingness to take opportunities in our high school careers and all throughout life. FFA offers an abundance of opportunities that cater to a wide variance of interests and backgrounds. Yet the most influential opportunity that you can take in FFA is the dedication of your time and talents towards others. There is no better way to grow ourselves than by helping grow others. I believe there is no larger benefactor from the rewards of service than the person who invests, which should be you as members of the largest youth organization in our country. When we invest in others, we often will find a deeper meaning to what it means to be a productive member of society. Those who make the time to invest in others will find a stronger passion for their own work in life. No matter what career field you plan on being a part of one day, there is a platform from within that job that will allow you to invest in others

and ultimately yourself. Winning awards and honors from opportunities taken are a great sense of accomplishment and pride, but none of that seems ever to be as powerful as the feeling you get from seeing a person who you have invested in succeeding at their dreams you helped them achieve.

I know that you as FFA members have been given the fundamentals of knowledge and will to make investments through service a reality. Let your vision for growth and a better tomorrow be the guiding light in all endeavors. Never stop thinking about what you can do to make yourself and others around you better. FFA members we need you to become investors!

“Never Lose Sight”

Jerrod MacDonald, State Reporter

Growing up on the farm, I’ve had just about any job and responsibility imaginable. It all began very young, when I somehow got an affection for keeping things very neat and clean. Dad quickly found a position for me, with the glorious title: “Chief Shop Sweeper.” To this day mom still wonders where that passion for cleanliness disappeared off to. Soon after those days as chief of the shop floor, I found myself in a new place on the ranch pecking order: Gate Operator. I was that guy who jumps in and out of the tractor all day long to open gates for the feed wagon. From gate opener I went on and was soon introduced to the art of calf-wrangling. Chasing baby calves that needed tagging or treatment, and believe me; it isn’t all that the movies make it out to be. Especially with this body as you see before you! (Displays with hands while simultaneously shaking head). If you’re just so curious as to wonder how athletically gifted I was then (cause I know you are!) just take all that you see here, and condense the height down to the height of an 8 year old, also known as the height I would remain at for the next five years of my life.

As I think back to my state of mind during those shop cleaning days, I can say now that I was fairly content with my position, or at least as content as a 4 year old can be with such an important position. But as I got older, I recall how as the gate opener, I couldn’t wait to be the guy sitting in the tractor seat. As the calf-wrangler, I couldn’t wait to be the guy that got to use the four-wheeler, do that tagging and treating. In fact, I even recall one day as I was walking across the yard with Dad, just trying to keep up, and I thought: “Man, I can’t wait until my steps are that big.”

Then, the days came where I could finally drive the tractor and treat the calves, and I was super excited! But after awhile, I would look back to the days of sweeping and think: “Man, it would be awesome to go back to the simple days of shop cleaning.” Or I would look ahead, and say “man, when can I start making some decisions around this place?!” Of course, knowing all the knowledge and input it requires to successfully run a farm or ranch operation, I think Dad and I are both glad I don’t do a whole lot of boss work around the place. The problem with this, is that I lost focus. I was so concerned looking back at how simple things were, or where I wanted to be in the future, that I lost sight of where I was in the present. It is so important for us to not get caught up in all of our ambitions, that we lose sight who we are now. At each stage in our lives, we are there for a reason, and we should try our best to never lose sight of that purpose.

One particular moment like this happened to me this year. After last year’s convention and I was elected on this stage, I was on top of the world, because one of my greatest dreams had come true! After the summer of getting to work with all of you and at home on the farm, I packed up and headed here to the big city of Fargo, to begin my life as a...College Student! I got to Fargo and quickly settled into school, meeting new people, making new friends, and learning new things. At the same time I was travelling all over for FFA, getting to hang out with all of you awesome people! Whether it was visiting a new chapter like Grafton, speaking at a banquet in Harvey, or hanging out with all the greenhands at 101 in Bismarck! I was so busy with college and FFA, that I began to think less and less about the farm, and my family back home. I would get calls from back home, just wanting to see how I was doing, but I always thought I was too “busy” at the time to merit an answer. I would say, “oh, I’ll just call back later,” and I rarely did. Or when I did answer a call, I would keep it pretty short, or I’d be too busy with other things that I would give a quick “I gotta go, love you bye.” One weekend I went home, and my wonderful Momma, well, she brought the hammer down. When I mean bring the hammer down, I’m not talking a hammer that you might find in the ag shop either. Do you all know who Thor

is? From the movies? Yeah the hammer that he had, that's the hammer that Momma brought down on me, because I needed it. I was getting so caught up in all the new life that I was starting out, that I had lost sight of what was important. My family. My roots. The people that helped to shape me into who I am today. That little reminder from my wise mother really caused me to re-evaluate where I was at in life, and where my focus was. That lesson taught me how important it was to Never Lose Sight of where you came from.

Ladies and gentlemen in the world that we live in today, it is easier than ever to lose sight of what's important. Not just where we came from, or where we are at in the present, but WHO we are. The world is telling us what we should do, what we should say, what we should look like, and what we are worth. It's a scary world out there! Believe me, when I got to college I was so excited! Eyes wide, I was like [Redneck accent] "Ma! Look at all these people!" But, after a couple of weeks on my own, I was needing to get back home, see a few less folks and few more cows. Never Lose Sight of who you are. Know what you stand for. Cause if you don't, the world will be trying it's hardest to drag you down, and bring you down to its standard. You might hear people all the time saying how much you can change the world. It's true! Especially here in the FFA, regular old high school students like yourselves can become extraordinary people, the kind that leave huge marks on the world. You want an example of someone who knows where they're meant to be? Look around the room, those people that came with you on the bus to convention. Your advisors and ag teachers. The countless hours that they spend making sure that you all have the chance to achieve your highest potential. They know what it means to Never Lose Sight of who they are or what their purpose is. When they said "I want to become an ag teacher" they were saying "I know that life isn't all about me." They leave big marks on us, so we can go and be the best we can be. The world outside these doors won't be changed by our opinion. It won't be changed by protesting, or rioting, or being offended by every little thing. The example you make for others, the encouragement you show to your friends, and the love you show to others are what people are going to notice. With this we can be that change the world needs. Ladies and gentlemen. Don't get distracted by the world around you. Don't lose sight of what's important. Live the life that the author of it intended. Never Lose Sight.

"Thank You"

Paul Moffet, State Treasurer

I love the game of Baseball, you want to know why? Well truthfully I am not broad enough to be good at football, and I am way too tall to play basketball. Thats a joke, you can laugh. But picture arriving at the stadium and taking your seats right behind the catcher. You can see the entire field as you watch, you smell fresh cut grass and that delicious concession stand food. It's a perfect summer night under the lights when you hear that hard crack of the bat as the ball soars through the air for a home run. I've been playing baseball for as long as I can remember and it has taught me many things about my life. First, you have to trust your coach and teammates. Second we all have different strengths and play different position. Finally, we must be thankful for each and every game.

Now if I were to tell you about the most gifted player on our team, you would most likely think the starting pitcher or the best hitter right? Bear with me when I say you're going to have to imagine someone shorter than myself. I know that this is almost an impossible task, but this kid never missed a practice and he always wanted to get his shot to play, however he couldn't get the hang of hitting the ball. The coach told him he couldn't play like everyone else and he needed not to even think about swinging the bat. Now my teammate could have kept on doing his own thing and he probably would have been struck out, but he decided to trust our coach, and low and behold he was walked to first base. You see, this particular individual was short enough to where no pitcher was accurate enough to strike him out, and in baseball it really doesn't matter if you crush the ball or get walked, as long as you make it to first base. My teammate trusted our coach and learned he had a gift for getting walked. That season he made it to first base more than anyone else on the team.

We have all been given really amazing gifts, whether that be from your parents, friends, or from above. This year I have been given the incredible opportunity to meet many of you, and believe me when I say FFA members have some incredible talents and abilities and none of them are the same. While members from one chapter excel in a competition,

others excel in speaking events. Many of you in here have an impressive entrepreneurship, while others are leaders in their community. Even outside of the FFA, members of this organization are athletes, musicians, artists, actors, dancers, swimmers, pure geniuses, and the list goes on and on. These accomplishments are truly wonderful, but think of how many people are behind you to make it possible. Think of the opportunities that you have had to prepare you for those great moments in your life. We all know we couldn't have done it without our God given abilities, parents, teachers, coaches, friends, or sponsors. Think of how blessed you are to have these people in your lives, to have the skills and talents that have been given to you, and to have freedom living in the greatest country on earth. Remember when you were kids and your parents told you how important it was to never call a pickup a truck? Whoops sorry that must have just been mine! Anyway, even more important than that my parents taught me how powerful it is to say thank you.

T h a n k y o u is a combination of eight letters that make up two of the most important words in the English language. Have you ever done something really nice for another person and they don't appreciate it? We naturally get the feeling that maybe we shouldn't have given our time to help them in the first place.

I heard a story once about just how powerful it is to give thanks to another. There were these ten men sick with leprosy. They went to seek out a man who could heal them of their diseases. After finding this man he healed them and told them to go back into the city so they could again be accepted by society. However only one of the men returned to the healer to say thank you. For this he received the greatest gift of all, to live for all eternity in the most incredible place you could imagine.

Think about this, what would happen if you went to bed tonight and in the morning when you woke up the only things you had left were what you were thankful for the night before? Would you still have a place to call home or food on the table? What about the experiences you've had, the places you've been, the people you've met, your talents and abilities, or even your parents back home? Would you still have all of that? Much of what we have is taken for granted because we have never had to be without it. If any of you have ever experienced a power outage from a bad storm before you may have started to miss having electricity. After not having television or our cell phones for so long we start to realize how much we took the power for granted. This is the same with all of the people, talents, or experiences in our lives. Don't take anything for granted. Be thankful.

When we give thanks for what we have in life it reflects on our maturity. It shows others how grateful we are for what we have. It helps us to cherish the smaller things in life, and once you start practicing being grateful and thankful for what you have, you will notice that you start to attract more positive experiences, and people in your life. Take time out of your day to physically say thank you for what you have, whether that is a card to someone, a gesture of gratitude, or just reflecting on all of the gifts you have been given, this is important. Instead of counting sheep, count your blessings and in doing this, you will always wake up with everything you have come to appreciate in your life. North Dakota FFA never forget those eight incredibly important letters **T H A N K Y O U**. Thank You

“Trust the Process”

Colbey Steeke, State Sentinel

There it was right in front of my very eyes. The biggest match of my career. Everything I had worked for my entire career was right at my fingertips. I had the honor of running out of the tunnel with the smoke and the lights in the Fargodome. The referee calls us both to the center on the line. We shake hands. Wrestle. The only thing going to my head. Dominate. Leave no doubt. Leave no doubt that I am the best. Leave everything out there on the mat. Everything I have worked for is going to pay off right now. Leave it all out on the mat. So I take one shot it doesn't work. Take another. Bam all of a sudden, I'm on my back looking up at the lights of the Fargodome just thirty seconds into the biggest match of my career. All of my dreams were slipping right through my fingers. I had dreamt of this moment ever since I was that little kid running around the wrestling room. That day I had went through my match in my head and never did it cross my mind of how I was going to have to come back from the biggest deficit I had faced all year. That entire year I had never been down more than two points. But with my state championship match I had to come back from a 5-1 deficit.

But you see the point I had gotten too was because of all the hours I put in in the wrestling room. All the miles I had put on that old dirt road. I had wanted to be a state champ. 6:00 in the morning you can count on it I was running my 3 miles a day near my house. I was a man on a mission. There was nothing I had wanted more than that state title. I thought I had done everything in my power to accomplish my goal, to achieve my dream.

Now the year prior I had fell short of reaching the big stage under the light because I had played it safe I didn't go for it all I didn't lay it all on line. This year was going to be different. I was going to make a statement that I was the best. I was going to leave no doubt. I was going to push myself to the limits and I was going to control my own fate.

It was time for me to control my fate control my own destiny. Its in my hands now. I was determined no one was going to take it away from me. Little did I know that my opponent was just as ready as I was. I had a decision to make, do I give up? Or do I fight? I chose to fight. I fought off my back and for 5 minutes and thirty seconds I gave it everything I had to come back from this deficit. And I came up short... how do I handle this. I had only suffered two losses all year. I walk off the mat with my head down I was disappointed and devastated. My career was over and I was not a state champ.

Life is a process. It's not about the product that makes us into the people we are. Does it bother me that I had fallen short of my goal? Yes, it does. But I have come to realize that I learned more from that loss than I would have ever learned from winning. It's about all of the hours and hours of practice, all the miles I ran on that old dirt road. It's about learning how to be humble in victory and classy in defeat. I had learned more from all those things than I ever will standing first on the podium. Am I proud of what I achieved? You bet I am and I am forever grateful for what I had achieved. Does that second place plaque still hurt? You bet it does and it will, what matters is what I learned from that experience. Life is full of misfortune but the truest test of character is how you persevere. Accept the things you cannot change. Everything happens for a reason. You have to have to have faith that the things that you consider bad that happen in your life happen for a reason.

Now some of you know this story and some of you don't. But I had a brother that passed away at the age of four years old. It was a beautiful Sunday morning that was like any other day on our family ranch. We had breakfast with my grandparents and we headed out to do chores. But what happened later that day changed not only my life forever but the life of so many others. Calvin stayed home every day doing what he had loved with my dad. Calvin would help my dad with chores and he had his routine. Calvin was riding his four-wheeler doing his daily chores just like every day. But that day he hit a rock and the four wheeler flipped over on top of him and Calvin was taken from us. I remember that day just like it was yesterday. We all could live with regret and beat ourselves up about it or we could move on with our lives knowing that Calvin wouldn't want us to take a day off and live every day in his honor. We had to move on with our lives because I can promise you every day that little boy had a smile on his face and a sparkle in his eye. (Calvin picture with his cowboy hat on.) Calvin loved every day. Calvin was always there to brighten someone's day. And his life was ended far too soon. What gives us the right to feel bad for ourselves because something didn't go right. I promise there was a reason. Everything happens for a reason because there is someone out there that has already chosen our fate and there is nothing we can do about it. All we can do is trust the process. Because the process has made us into who we are today and will make us into the people we will become tomorrow.

But Don't wait for tomorrow to be great. We are never guaranteed tomorrow. Live life for today. tomorrow will come before we know it so don't miss the opportunity to live and love today just like Calvin did.

North Dakota FFA trust the process. The process has made you into the person we are today and will develop you into the person we will become tomorrow. Don't worry about tomorrow the only thing you have control over is what you do today so make today the best you can make it. Be the best you can be today. Live every day to the fullest. Calvin lived every day to the fullest and made the lives of those around him better. He didn't worry about the little things in life. Life will be full of misfortune and adversity but its those things that will make us into a better person. So trust the process.

“Work Those Gears”

Matthew Stroh, State Parliamentarian

In life, there always are some things that make us tick. Here are a few things that make me tick: family, FFA, Cows, Football, and Pickups. My first memory of being in a pickup is when I was about three years old. I went out tagging calves with my dad and my grandpa. Now, as we went out to tag, my grandpa informed my dad that this cow was a little spooky so being a Dad and grandpa got out and started doing their thing and all of a sudden the pickup was slowly rolling down the hill with me sitting quietly in the driver's seat. As an observant three year old it occurred to me that if you hit one of those pedals it will stop. Well I ended up hitting the wrong pedal and if my memory serves me correctly it was the clutch. My dad happened to look up, see the pickup start rolling down, and he started sprinting to catch up and save the reckless three year old. I still remember the look on his face--it looked like “my wife will kill me if she finds out!” I heard my Grandpa Stroh yelling “hit the brake” to me and to my dad who was running so fast, to come back and tag the calf. About that time the pickup came to a nice gentle stop after it had crashed through a fence. Dad came up seconds later and asked are you ok? Which I was and we went about our day fixing the fence and finished tagging calves. A couple days later mom put me into daycare.

In life we all have gears to work and **pedals** to hit. That day if the pickup was in the right gear or I hit the right pedal I wouldn't have that story to tell and wouldn't have gone to daycare. In today's world we work those gears and pedals and want to go Faster Faster Faster Faster and never want to hit the brake, slow down, and go back a gear. I know I am just as guilty as anyone. We are only given so many heartbeats and we want to do as much as we can, as quick as we can and experience the next thing. Sometimes we don't have the ability to handle the load we have, in the current gear we are in and we need to downshift to do what needs to be done the right way the first time. But, it's more than that. We need to slow down so that we can enjoy the ride that is life. Sometimes when we shift a gear and hit the gas pedal we are bringing good people and positive experiences into of our lives. Those experiences that will have a lasting impact on our future. You see we tend to have our foot on the accelerator at all times. In high school I was always thinking of graduation and I never thought to slow down and enjoy parts of it like football and FFA until my senior year. That is when I started hitting the brakes, but the momentum of that fast pace kept me going faster than I would have liked. This year as a state officer, I didn't believe it when all the past state officers said that it would go fast until I had to sit down and write this speech.

Thank goodness for fences that slow us down or people that step in our way to give us perspective and advice to downshift and enjoy it. But be careful, as there might not be a fence to slow you down and life can spin out of control. Sometimes those fences can exert a great influence on our life. One of my many fences is my Grandpa Stroh, he taught me not only to slow down and enjoy the ride but also has helped to instill a passion for agriculture and good Hereford cattle.

So to all you FFA members, parents, and guests in the audience I am going to say this “it won't always be easy, you may miss a gear or two and grind them sometimes, but I challenge you to “work those gears.”