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*Annual Report*

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# Thank you!

Thank you for your time, wisdom, and contributions to the future of agricultural education and Wisconsin FFA!

As our team reflects on a year of "returning to normal," we are continuously grateful for the support of our donors, supporters, alumni members, parents, volunteers, and community members who helped to make this a great year for our FFA members and agricultural students.

With your partnerships, the Wisconsin FFA Foundation was able to provide more than 500 FFA members with financial support through awards, scholarships, and grants, and the Wisconsin FFA was able to provide 23,000 students with leadership, career development, and agricultural industry opportunities.

These members have shown us how they are seizing the opportunities and living the "Time is Now" motto. Your contributions make a difference in these students lives every day.



# PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

**252**

Chapters

**128**

American Degrees



**331**

State Degrees

**640**

Proficiency Applications

**23,180**

Members

## Leadership Development Events:

Fall Leadership Workshops

**2,578** members

**229** chapters

Connect and I Am Conferences

**744** members

FIRE Conferences

**493** members

**67** chapters

# WHAT YOU SUPPORT

Each year, hundreds of industry and individual financial partners like you support agricultural education, Wisconsin FFA and its 23,000 members. During the 2021-22 fiscal year, your commitment helped the Wisconsin FFA Foundation direct approximately \$370,000 in funding to:

## Local FFA Chapters - \$50,000+

- Chapter grants program
- Membership awards
- Career & leadership development event awards
- National band, chorus and talent stipends

## Individual FA Members - \$140,000+

- Supervised Agricultural Experience grants
- Post-secondary scholarships
- Proficiency awards

## State-Level Programming - \$130,000+

- State officer training
- Leadership conferences and workshops
- Wisconsin FFA Convention
- Proficiency award programming
- Various state-level awards

## Wisconsin Agricultural Education Partners - \$50,000+

- Star Mission Program grants to aid a need or goal of the total Wisconsin Agricultural Education program, including strengthening a education programs from advisor to student
- Greatest-needs funding to the Wisconsin Association of FFA, the Wisconsin FFA Center, the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators



Thank you for your partnership and for ensuring the future of agricultural education and Wisconsin FFA!



# “Here by the Owl”

## First Female to Serve as National FFA Advisor and Board Chair

By Cheryl Zimmerman

These are very familiar words to FFA members and advisors as officers of the organization participate in the Official Opening Ceremonies. I have had the opportunity to share in that ceremony many times on a chapter and state level. However, I never imagined that at a point in my life I would say those words as the National FFA Advisor.



What many may not know is National FFA is one of the few organizations that has a Federal Charter, which was granted in 1950. To make a long story short, National FFA was the only chartered organization that has stipulations within the charter that mandated the U.S. Department of Education selects or approves a majority of its members of the board of directors, including the national advisor/board chair and national executive secretary.

Fast forward to November 2019. Changes in the Federal Charter allowed the positions of National FFA Advisor/Board Chair and the National FFA Executive Secretary to be elected from a wider pool of qualified, dedicated candidates. After a lengthy process, I was selected as the National FFA Executive Secretary and performed my duties in this role until May 2022 when I also started serving as the Interim National FFA Advisor, becoming the first female to serve in this role.

Never would I have imagined the opportunity to serve in this role. With this came the responsibility to chair the upcoming National FFA Board of Directors meetings, work closely with National FFA CEO, Scott Stump, in discussions around key issues of the organization, and share a message on stage at the National FFA Convention among other responsibilities.

A wonderful coincidence is Cortney Zimmerman, my daughter, was also serving as the National FFA Central Region Vice President. We were the first daughter/mother duo to serve on the National FFA Board of Directors. Sitting across the table from Cortney during National FFA Board meetings and then participating in the National FFA Convention with her was a dream of a lifetime. I am so proud of what she has accomplished as an FFA member.

While I serve as National FFA Executive Secretary along side newly elected National FFA Advisor, Dr. Park, I continue to be humbled by the tremendous honor and experience of my service.

So the moral of the story is: You never know what opportunities might come your way. Don't let opportunities pass you by, take those moments and cherish them. As a young FFA member wearing a Pecatonica FFA jacket that was a few sizes too big, I had only dreamed of the things I could do in FFA.

# YOUR SUPPORT, STUDENT'S SUCCESS

## *National Convention Awards*

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### **National Proficiency Award Winner**

Agricultural Processing: Ethan Meissner, Marshfield FFA

### **FFA American Star Finalist**

American Star in Farmer Finalist: Emily Makos, Juda FFA

### **National FFA Career Development Events Gold Winners**

4th Place Team: Dairy Cattle Management/Evaluation: Marshfield FFA

Gold Individuals: Emma Bangart (*7th Place*); Faith Beining, Sara Dorshorst and Wyatt Dorshorst

16th Place Team: Veterinary Science: New London FFA

Gold Individuals: Brooke Casey and Jake Flocker

### **National FFA Career Development Events Silver Winners**

Ag. Technology & Mechanical Systems: Kiel FFA

Gold Individual: Ausen Vogel

Dairy Handlers: Courtney Glenna, Amery FFA

Environmental Science/Natural Resources: Sun Prairie FFA

Gold Individual: Emma Washington

Farm and Agribusiness Business Management: New London FFA

Floriculture: Shullsburg FFA

Gold Individuals: Elsie Ennis and Ella Woodworth

Food Science and Technology: Slinger FFA

Gold Individual: Marie King

Livestock Evaluation: Mineral Point FFA

Milk Quality and Products: Milton FFA

Poultry Evaluation: Brillion FFA

### **National FFA Career Development Events Bronze Winners**

Ag. Communications: Shullsburg FFA - Gold Individual: Ella Paquette

Agronomy: River Ridge FFA

Ag. Sales: East Troy FFA

Forestry: Marshfield FFA

Marketing Plan: Dodgeland FFA

Meat Evaluation and Technology: Pardeeville FFA

Nursery and Landscape: Green Bay Preble FFA



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## *National Convention Awards*

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### **Leadership Development Events**

Employment Skills: Random Lake FFA

Gold Individual: Amy Jentges

Conduct of Chapter Meetings: Marshfield FFA

Parliamentary Procedure: Menomonie FFA

Ag Issues: East Troy FFA

Creed Speaking: Denmark FFA; Bronze Individual: Erica Allen

Extemporaneous Speaking: Big Foot FFA; Bronze Individual: Ethan Jackowski

Prepared Speaking: Oregon FFA; Bronze Individual: Kate Davis

### **National Agriscience Fair Gold**

1st Place: Plant Systems: Stevens Point FFA

Div. 5: Clare Viau

2nd Place: Food Products and Processing Systems: St. Croix Central FFA

Div. 5: Grace Mansell

3rd Place: Plant Systems: New Auburn FFA

Div. 1: Whitney Gotham

5th Place: Environmental Services & NR Systems: New Auburn FFA

Div. 6: Katie Reimer and Cole Pederson

6th Place: Plant Systems: Granton FFA

Div. 3: Jordan Berg

### **National Agriscience Fair Silver**

5th Place: Food Products and Processing Systems: New Auburn FFA

Div. 2: Allison Moos and Lily Lemmons

6th Place: Power, Structural and Technical Systems: New Auburn FFA

Div. 4: Andrew Gotham and Stanley Lang

7th Place: Power, Structural and Technical Systems: Bloomer FFA

Div. 1: Joseph Peterson

7th Place: Social Science: Adams-Friendship FFA

Div. 1: Jackson Dahlke

10th Place: Environmental Services & NR Systems: Big Foot FFA

Div. 1: Jonah Henningfeld

10th Place: Environmental Services & NR Systems: New Auburn FFA

Div. 3: Joseph Reimer

10th Place: Plant Systems: New Auburn FFA

Div. 6: Kylee Traaseth and Madison Church

10th Place: Social Science: Big Foot FFA

Div. 2: Reid Henningfeld and Elijah Henningfeld



# YOUR SUPPORT, STUDENT'S SUCCESS

## National Convention Awards

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### 2022 National Chapter Awards

**Three Star Chapters:** Badger, Big Foot, Columbus, DeForest, Denmark, Elkhorn, Freedom, Kewaskum, Manawa, Marshall, Slinger, Stanley-Boyd, Thorp, Waupaca, Waupun, Weyauwega-Fremont

**Two Star Chapters:** Bonduel, Clintonville, Dodgeland, Granton, Kiel, Lodi, Prairie Farm, Reedsburg, River Ridge

## State Convention Awards

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### Environmental Services/Natural Resources

Elsie Ennis | Schullsburg FFA  
Henry Koerner | Big Foot FFA  
Joe Reimer | New Auburn FFA  
Jonah Henningfeld | Big Foot FFA  
Maria Lee | Random Lake FFA

### Plant Systems

Amanda Bender | Big Foot FFA  
Clare Viau | Stevens Point FFA  
Emily Zimmerman | Big Foot FFA  
Jordan Berg | Granton FFA  
Rebecca Konkel | Big Foot FFA  
Wittney Gotham | New Auburn FFA

### Food Products & Processing Systems

Evan Henningfeld | Big Foot FFA  
Grace Mansell | St. Croix Central FFA

### Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Joseph Peterson | Bloomer FFA  
Ty Sheets | Kiel FFA

### Animal Systems

Brandon Boyd | Watertown FFA  
Jaylynn Dallman | New London FFA  
Meredith Shanks | Portage FFA  
Olivia Beth | Union Grove FFA

### Social Science

Ella Woodworth | Schullsburg FFA  
Jackson Dahlke | Adams-Friendship FFA



### Conduct of Meetings

Marshfield FFA

### Discussion Meet

Simone Ciran | Richland Center FFA

### Marketing Plan

Dodgeland FFA

### Creed Speaking

Eric Allen | Denmark FFA

### Extemporaneous Speaking

Simone Ciran | Richland Center FFA

### Parliamentary Procedure

Menomonie FFA

### Prepared Speaking

Kat Davis | Oregon FFA

### Employment Skills

Amy Jentges | Random Lake FFA

# STATE AWARDS

Star Awards Sponsored by Compeer Financial

## Star in Agribusiness - Cameron Pokorny

Waupun FFA



As the owner and manager of Cam's Coop, Cameron makes all decisions related to finances, marketing, inventory, and sales for his business. What began with just a few egg-laying birds expanded as Cameron's passion for poultry grew. His business grew to 200 live birds, and he began to consider how he could use his agribusiness to help others. Cameron began donating eggs to his local food pantry and growing vegetables. Most recently in 2021, Cameron donated 220 pounds of produce, 155 broilers, and 2,200 dozen eggs to his local food pantry. Cameron's SAE has helped him decide to pursue a career in agricultural engineering, as he learned how much he enjoyed designing, building, and troubleshooting projects related to his poultry.

## Star in Agriscience - Wyatt Gotham

New Auburn FFA

Spending time on his family's farm sparked Wyatt's interest in agriscience research. He developed a research project to determine if salt water could be filtered using various combinations of sheep wool, which earned him 5th Gold at the National Agriscience Fair. Wyatt shared that this project was what motivated him to continue his agriscience research SAE, later researching erosion techniques and organic fertilizers. Most recently, Wyatt determined if broiler chickens fed a ration of 50% cracked corn and 50% commercial broiler feed would have more tender meat than store bought chicken.



## Star Farmer - Brayden Peter

Howard Grove FFA



Brayden raises breeding and market show pigs on his family farm, Peter Family Show Pigs. He currently owns both sows and boars. Brayden has invested in improving the genetics of his show pigs and has seen this pay off at a variety of shows, including the Wisconsin State Fair. Beyond care and management of his herd, Brayden has learned about identifying when and how to give medications and managing breeding through artificial insemination.

## Star in Agricultural Placement - Luke Sprecher

Sauk Prairie FFA

Luke started to work at Kevin Enge Farms after his neighbor asked if he would be interested in assisting to milk cows. When he first started working, he only milked cows and fed calves. Since then, his knowledge surrounding the dairy industry has not only increased, but he learned how to repair the milking equipment, tractors, and other pieces of machinery around the farm. Through Luke's management of the herd, he was able to improve the genetics within the herd and increase the profitability on the farm.



# Zimmerman's Year of Service

By Courtney Zimmerman



Anxiously, I stood with thirty-six nervous candidates as the nominating committee chair's voice boomed over the speaker. "Your Central Region Vice President, from the state of Wisconsin, Courtney Zimmerman." Still trying to catch my breath I met the five individuals who instantly became my best friends and family. This moment was surreal



Our team dove in headfirst as we started training the day following the convention. Our first few months were overwhelming yet none of us could contain our excitement as we looked ahead to the best part of our year, traveling across the country to meet the FFA members we are fortunate enough to represent.



As the days continued to get checked off the calendar, I was fortunate to spend time in New Hampshire and New Jersey for FFA Week, travel with Lori Randle, a National FFA Foundation Regional Director to different sponsor visits, including John Deere, Merck Animal Health, and Zoetis. Of course, one of the most memorable parts of my year was the traveling from state convention to state convention!



Through all of the travels, there was a group of people I knew that I could always lean on and chat about anything with because they would know exactly what I was going through. My teammates. They are easily some of the hardest working, driven, and FFA member-oriented people I know. They were always one call away and would do anything they possibly could just to make your day a little bit better.



Yes, this was the fastest year of my life and yes, I would do it all again if I was given the chance, but because it is only one year that is what makes everything so special. It was one of the most difficult yet rewarding years of my life and at the end of it, I can confidently say, the people are what made it all worth it.



# New Auburn FFA: Tractor Restoration Project

New Auburn High School's Agriscience Department is central to the activities of the New Auburn FFA Chapter. In October of 2019 a team of FFA chapter members shared their enthusiastic request to restore a tractor and within weeks of their request a 1947 Minneapolis-Moline ZTU was donated as a project restoration tractor. Major work completed during this tractor restoration included a new ring gear and clutch; replacement fenders; replacement of a rear tire rim; new wiring harness; new gauges; new front tractor tires; and new steering joint.



Additional repairs included new air cleaner parts; generator rebuild; new belt replacements; oil filter; reupholstered seat; new decals; new battery; repairs on magneto; repairs on starter and condenser; replacement lights; replacement radiator; replacement battery cable, sediment bowl, fuel hose; and replacement solenoid.



In December of 2020 the New Auburn FFA Chapter was one of forty chapters from across the state to receive a Chapter Assistance Grant. These Chapter Assistance Grants were sponsored by the Foundation's Star Mission program and its sponsors: Alliant Energy Foundation, Armor Animal Health, Compeer Financial, Culver's, Investors Community Bank, Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative, and Rural Mutual Insurance Company. This grant helped offset the tractor restoration project expenses.



Over the course of three years, the tractor restoration was accomplished. There was a number of businesses that contributed and assisted with the project including Hometown Repair of New Auburn, WI; NAPA Machine Shop of Rice Lake, WI; Noble's Tire Service, Inc. of Barron, WI; Red Cedar Collision Classics of Menomonie, WI; and Specialty Welding, LLC of New Auburn, WI.



Three years of work and time investment in the tractor project resulted in the final goal of a raffle tractor. New Auburn's chapter conducted a raffle in 2022 and began selling tickets at the New Auburn FFA Alumni Annual Dairy Breakfast held on June 4th, 2022. Official drawing of the FFA Fundraiser Raffle was held on October 7th, 2022 during the New Auburn Homecoming Football Game. Grand prize drawing went to Blake Rivard of Rice Lake, WI.



In reflection, the New Auburn FFA Chapter is thankful for the cooperation of the School District of New Auburn. Special recognition is given to Austin Rayburn, Technology Education Instructor, for his knowledgeable contribution towards the project. New Auburn FFA Alumni was actively involved at many different levels of the project including assisting FFA members with project repairs and assembly. Throughout the New Auburn community, along with surrounding communities, there has been a wide array of support. Shortly after the raffle drawing, New Auburn FFA Chapter was able to provide financial assistance to 15 New Auburn FFA members and 4 chaperones to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Their attendance resulted in New Auburn FFA Chapter members being honored with eight National FFA Agriscience Fair awards. New Auburn's High School FFA Chapter is advised by Brenda J. Scheil.

New Auburn Agriscience students/FFA members shared their comments in regard to their work experience with the tractor restoration project:

Wyatt Gotham, a 2022 New Auburn High School Graduate, shared, "Inspiration for the FFA project tractor came from noticing tractor restoration projects from other chapters. A highpoint was hearing the tractor operate after the restoration was complete. Persistence is a word that will always stay with me as there is always some challenging points through the tractor restoration process."

New Auburn 8th grade FFA member, Spencer Glaser, responded with his thoughts. "I learned that when you place hard work into a challenging project, the restoration is well worth the effort. I appreciated hearing all of the positive comments when we displayed the tractor at the Hungry Hollow Show in Rice Lake, WI this past June."

Caleb Gotham, 2021-22 FFA Chapter President, stated, "My favorite part of rebuilding and restoring the tractor project was noticing progress and seeing the final product."

Another FFA member, Cole Ludwigson, shared his thoughts, "One of the highlights of restoring this tractor was working with fellow FFA members. It gave me a sense of teamwork. I learned a great deal about the importance of sanding, painting and finishing. I appreciate all of those who supported the raffle of our restored tractor project." Cole is a sophomore and rural agriscience student where his additional interests reside in his SAE of Beef Production.

Allison Moos, New Auburn FFA member, conveyed her thoughts. "We definitely experienced teamwork on our FFA tractor restoration project." Allison is a freshman and carries out work efforts in her SAE of Agriscience Research connected to Food Products & Processing Systems.



# YOUR SUPPORT, STUDENT'S SUCCESS

## Wisconsin FFA Proficiency Awards

### Ag. Mechanics Design & Fabrication (C)

Aaron Makos | Juda FFA

### Ag. Mechanics Design & Repair (E)

Matthew Kesler | Oconto Falls FFA

### Ag. Mechanics Design & Repair (P)

Joseph Robinson | Mineral Point FFA

### Agricultural Communications (C)

Amy Jentges | Random Lake FFA

### Agricultural Education (C)

Ben McMeeken | Slinger FFA

### Agricultural Processing (C)

Ethan Meissner | Marshfield FFA

### Agricultural Sales (E)

Allicon Loosen | Slinger FFA

### Agricultural Sales (P)

Amanda Bender | Big Foot FFA

### Agricultural Services (C)

Ethan Lulich | Mauston

### Agriscience Research - Animal Systems

Evan Henningfeld | Big Foot FFA

### Agriscience Research - Intergrated Systems

Madison Russell | Shullsburg FFA

### Beef Production (E)

Adam Zee | Marshfield FFA

### Beef Production (P)

Claire Duch | New London FFA

### Dairy Production (E)

Rainna Simone | Marshfield FFA

### Dairy Production (P)

Randall Winch | Fennimore FFA

### Diversified Agricultural Production (C)

Brandon Jakobi | Loyal FFA

### Diversified Crop Production (P)

Lora Korth | New London FFA

### Diversified Horticulture (C)

Ashley Warren | Weyauwega -  
Freemont FFA

### Diversified Livestock (C)

Megan Walter | Granton FFA

### Environmental Science & Natural Resources (C)

Kylie Lieven | Slinger FFA

### Equine Science (E)

Emily Sternitzky | Marshfield FFA

### Equine Science (P)

Ellie Pomrening | Weyauwega -  
Freemont FFA

### Food Service (C)

Henry Koerner | Big Foot

### Forage Production (C)

Colby Hall | Tomah FFA

### Forestry Management (C)

Karter Domine | Cochrane - Fountain  
City FFA

### Fruit Production (C)

David Tisch | Pecatonica FFA

### Goat Production (C)

Brooke Grossheim | Mishicot FFA

### Grain Production (C)

Owen Jones | Randolph  
Cambria - Friesland FFA

### Landscape Management (C)

Autum Kaminski | Denmark FFA

### Nursery Operations (C)

Olivia Bramstedt | Howards  
Grove FFA

### Organic Agriculture (C)

Austin Fahey | Edgar FFA

### Outdoor Recreation (C)

Carter Grove | Marshfield FFA

### Poultry Production (C)

Faith Beining | Marshfield FFA

### Service Learning (C)

Allison Loosen | Slinger FFA

### Sheep Production (C)

Lindsey Montgomery | Waupaca FFA

### Small Animal Production & Care (C)

Riley Landsverk | Rio FFA

### Specialty Animal Production & Care (C)

Ashley Johnson | Weyauwega -  
Freemont FFA

### Specialty Crop Production (C)

Leah Huchthausen | Stoughton FFA

### Swine Production (E)

Rylee Guajardo | Mauston FFA

### Swine Production (P)

Braxton Upmann | Shullsburg FFA

### Turf Grass Management (C)

Colton Alsum | Randolph Cambria -  
Friesland FFA

### Vegetable Production (C)

Samantha Anhalt | Mishicot FFA

### Veterinary Science (C)

Abigail Schmoltdt | Slinger FFA

### Wildlife Production & Management (C)

Brandon Schott | Sauk Prairie FFA



E = ENTREPRENEURSHIP | P = PLACEMENT | C = COMBINED | \* = NATIONAL FINALIST

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## Wisconsin FFA State Convention Awards

CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

# FFA

### Ag. Communicaitons

Slinger FFA Chapter

### Ag. Sales

East Troy FFA Chapter

### Ag Technology & Mechanical

Kiel FFA Chapter

### Agronomy

River Ridge FFA Chapter

### Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Marshfield FFA Chapter

### Veterinary Sciences

New London FFA Chapter

### Wildlife

Janesville-Craig FFA Chapter

### Middle School

Schullsburg FFA Chapter

### Dairy Handling

Amery FFA Chapter

### Environmental Sciences

Sun Prairie FFA Chapter

### Agribusiness

Mason Markham, Elkhorn;  
New London FFA Chapter

### Floriculture

Shullsburg FFA Chapter

### Food Science & Technology

Slinger FFA Chapter

### Forestry

Marshfield FFA Chapter

### Poultry Evaluation

Brillion FFA Chapter

### Horse Evaluation

Menomonie FFA Chapter

### Livestock Evaluation

Mineral Point FFA Chapter

### Meat Evaluation Technolgy

Pardeeville FFA Chapter

### Milk Quality & Products

Milton FFA Chapter

### Nursery & Landscaping

Greenbay-Preble FFA  
Chapter

## Membership Growth Awards

### Largest Membership Chapter:

Randolph Cambria-Friesland FFA

### Highest Percent Increase in Membership

Horicon FFA

### Largest Membership Increase:

Stevens Point FFA

### Largest Membership Increase - Sectional Winners

Section 1: Flambeau

Section 2: New Richmond

Section 3: Brookwood

Section 4: Riverdale

Section 5: Janesville Craig

Section 6: Portage

Section 7: Stevens Point

Section 8: Oshkosh West

Section 9: Denmark

Section 10: Horicon



Jared Bahr | *Randolph Cambria FFA*  
Owen Jones | *Randolph Cambria FFA*

Ashton Brusveen | *Randolph Cambria FFA*  
Ethan Hamann | *Randolph Cambria FFA*

*Dairy*

Sponsored by Crystal Farms Dairy, Saputo Cheese USA, Sartori Co. & WE Energies

Brenna Brooks | *Juda FFA*  
Landon Holewinski | *Pulaski FFA*  
Ella Raatz | *Colby FFA*  
Bryce Ciolkosz | *Thorp FFA*  
Lucas Kramer | *Prairie Du Chien FFA*  
Matthew Winch | *Fennimore FFA*

Jenna Foemmel | *Marshfield FFA*  
Chole La Crosse | *Southern Door FFA*  
Wesley Winch | *Fennimore FFA*  
Ainsley Noble | *Platteville FFA*  
Jenna Gries | *Valders FFA*

*Livestock*

Sponsored by Collegiate FFA, UW-Madisons

Haiden Van Treeck | *Montello FFA*  
McKinley Krueger | *Campbellsport FFA*  
Hanna Brattile | *Cambridge FFA*  
Joshua Lindow | *Marshfield FFA*  
Jessica Lindow | *Marshfield FFA*

Mason Davis | *Darlington FFA*  
Macy Cross | *Pardeeville FFA*  
Joey Gullixon | *Waupaca FFA*  
Olivia Zuehis | *Montello FFA*  
May Wallace | *Rice Lake FFA*  
Emily Skala | *Pulaski FFA*

*Organic Agriculture*

Sponsored by Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative

Gabe Olson - Jensen | *River Falls FFA*  
Evan Pedretti | *De Soto FFA*

Janelle Wolfe | *Cochrane-Fountain City FFA*

*Start-Up*

Sponsored Blue Scope Buildings, Mr. & Mrs. Paul % Kirsten Gross

Jordan Berg | *Granton FFA*  
Brin Freer | *Unity FFA*  
Anna Koehler | *Jefferson FFA*  
Emma Mullin | *Unity FFA*  
Jenna Brogley | *Platteville FFA*  
Samuel Hines | *Ellsworth FFA*  
Callie Burden | *Milton FFA*  
Cale Ollendick | *Tomah FFA*  
Carlton Miller | *Shell Lake FFA*

Adeline Gerke | *Tomah FFA*  
Julie Koeppel | *Mishicot FFA*  
Ashlynn Norgard | *Darlington FFA*  
Sara Wetter | *Fennimore FFA*  
Parker Boomsma | *Randolph Cambria FFA*  
Brock Stringfield | *Randolph Cambria FFA*  
Olivia Horsfall | *Fennimore FFA*  
Kira Schall | *Dodgeland FFA*  
McKenzie Moser | *De Soto FFA*  
Nevaeh Sanders | *De Soto FFA*



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# Honored Adults Awards

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## Honorary State Degree

Mary Ann Bays – hostess for traveling state FFA officers and co-owner of Bays Farm

Jennifer Bradley – former Wisconsin FFA Foundation Marketing Coordinator

Dennis Cooley – Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Public Relations Manager and Adjunct Faculty Member

Terry Erdmann – Pulaski Community Middle School FFA advisor and agricultural instructor

Audrey Fischer – Department of Public Instruction Financial Specialist for CTSOs

Samuela Geary – Kickapoo Area Schools physical education instructor

Becky Grabarski – Adams-Friendship FFA advisor and agricultural instructor

Patrick and Margaret Hicken – retired and life-long contributors to Lomira FFA

John Hromyak – former Wisconsin FFA Foundation Executive Director

Bud and Georgia Johnson – owners of MinnTex and major contributor to the Jeffrey Hicken Memorial Endowment

Jessica Kreke – outgoing President of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation

Julie Palkowski – former Art and Creativity Education Consultant at Wisconsin DPI

Abigail Roudebush – former Wisconsin FFA Foundation Marketing and Development Coordinator

Joshua Rusk – former Executive Director for the National FFA Alumni and Supporters, 1998-99 Wisconsin FFA Vice President

David and Karen Styer – parents of 2021-22 Wisconsin FFA President Ben Styer

Walter Taylor – Oconto Falls FFA advisor and agricultural instructor

Terri Wilfert – President of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association

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# Honored Adults Awards

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## Distinguished Service

Terry Bernick – 21 years as Executive Assistant at Wisconsin FFA Center

Roger King – outgoing President of the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators

John Deere FFA Alumni and Supporters – convention registration volunteers represented by Becky Hasburgh.

CHS Foundation – Philanthropist level donor represented by Craig Bollig

## Hall of Fame

Carlton Austin – 28-year agricultural instructor and FFA Advisor at Melrose-Mindoro and Fennimore

Ken and Victoria Harter – first husband and wife agriculture teaching team in Wisconsin

Allan Herrman – 28-year career with Wisconsin Public Service

Jeff Hicken – Wisconsin FFA Advisor 2006-2021 and Sauk Prairie FFA Advisor 1998-2006

Mark Zimmerman – 33-year agricultural instructor and FFA Advisor at Spencer High School

## VIP Awards

Janet Schneider – outgoing member of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation Board of Directors

Mark Zidon – Professor of Agricultural Education at UW-Platteville

## Experienced Retired Educator Mentors for New Teachers Program

Retired mentors work with new, nontraditional, and work-based teachers to provide 3 days of on-site visits to set up classrooms, prepare curriculum, set up and teach labs, etc. Mentors are paid for 3 days of work and mileage through a WI FFA Foundation grant.



## Hayden wins CHS Foundation's Top Grant

New educator Amelia Hayden at Osseo-Fairchild High School won a \$20K CHS Foundation grant for her work as an agriculture educator.

## 2022 WAAE State Award Winners and Honorees

**Outstanding Secondary Middle/High School Agricultural Program**  
*Chippewa Falls, instructors Jeanna Burgan, Caitlin Foster*

**Outstanding Post-Secondary Agricultural Program**  
*Chippewa Valley Technical College, Farm Business Management, instructor Mark Denk*

**Outstanding Early Career Teacher**  
*Emma Huber, Tomah*

**Outstanding Teacher Mentor**  
*Jordan Donnerbauer, Stanley-Boyd*

**Outstanding Secondary Agricultural Educator**  
*Diane Morgan, Janesville Craig*

**Teacher Turn the Key**  
*CXierra Essock, Hustisford*

**Outstanding Post-Secondary Instructor**  
*Dr. Mark Zidon, UW Platteville*

**NAAE Outstanding Service Citation**  
*Cheryl Zimmerman*



# Ameila Hayden | Osseo-Fairchild Wins Top CHS Foundation Grant

Amelia Hayden, agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor at Osseo-Fairchild School District was the recipient of the top CHS Foundation Grant, earning \$20,000 to expand the agricultural education experience in her classroom. Hayden received the award at the 2022 CHS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN, on December 1, 2022.

Hayden shared a few comments about the importance of education and why continuing to support agriculture education is vital part to success.

"There's something different about a student who has been involved in agriculture and you can probably tell it from their work ethic, their leadership, and speaking skills. But also, their integrity and character that they have when they interact with people. So, an investment in agricultural leaders and students isn't just an investment in the future of agriculture but it's an investment in the people that are going to be making decisions for all of us as they become leaders in the workplace and in their own careers."

Hayden adds, "They are going to carry that mentality of being an agriculturist with them throughout everything they do. That hard work, leadership, and integrity is going to show up in every place that student leaves an impact. That's why I think it's important to invest in agriculture leaders, because those students are going to be impacting every sector of our world going forward.

I am so thankful for the CHS Foundation for offering this opportunity to ag teachers, for allowing us to pour back into our students and give them once in a lifetime experiences and opportunities they wouldn't have otherwise."





**20,000 + Members**

In 2022, Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters and Wisconsin FFA Foundation collaborated on a raffle that raised almost \$34,000. With these funds, the organizations opened a 50/50 Alumni Matching Gift program to support local FFA Alumni and Supporter Chapters with the funds to support their FFA Chapter leadership opportunities. Award recipients are:

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# Outstanding Alumni: Charlotte Johnson



Rudy Kaderly, Past President, (L) with Charlotte "Char" Johnson (R) at the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters Convention

When you hear “Outstanding Achievement Award” there is a person who appears in your mind. For Granton FFA Alumni and students, that person is Charlotte “Char” Johnson. This year, Char was recognized as one of three Outstanding Achievement Award winners at the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters Convention, held in February and one of three national winners selected at the 95th Annual National FFA Convention, held in October 2022.

While Char was not an FFA member when she was in school, she became an active supporter when her two kids got involved in the Granton FFA chapter. Thankfully, Char continued to be an enthusiastic member after her kids graduated.

“Char exemplifies the type of leader that every chapter and advisor love to have,” said Cheryl Steinbach, Executive Director of Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Now, Char has not only been a member of the Granton FFA Alumni and Supporters, but she has also served in multiple officer roles, starting in the role of Secretary, and making her way to Past President, with a few roles and wonderful experiences in between.

Throughout the past decade, Char continued to grow, in her leadership, personal development, and passion for FFA. She said her favorite component of FFA is the leadership opportunities students have within the organization. This is one of the main reasons why she continues to chaperone FFA events and activities, assist in planning events to financially support the local chapter, and attend various conventions and meetings to bring back rejuvenating ideas to their chapter.

Char is on the planning committee and is an active volunteer during one of the major fundraisers for Granton FFA Chapter, their annual Dairy Breakfast, which was able to get back to the farm in 2022. She enjoys supporting her chapter through these activities because it allows their students to be able to engage in the opportunities that Char has seen change lives and develop deep agricultural roots.

Her generosity does not stop there. Char is also a coach for the chapter's Floriculture CDE Team. Her role with the team goes beyond simply giving them the material she has developed; she is there to assist them in learning and studying for the competition, something she finds quite a bit of joy in. Almost as much joy as seeing the growth that happens within the students, year after year.

For Char, joy comes in many forms, especially during the holiday season when her family volunteers alongside other FFA families to support families in need in Clark County.

This past year, the Granton FFA and school staff sponsored 26 children in the Clark County Christmas Angel program. While each year looks a little different, the Johnson family has assisted in various ways and plans to continue that tradition. From sponsoring a child to wrapping gifts or packaging and delivering food, Char enjoys knowing the work they are doing, the time they are putting in, and the dollars being raised are going to support a neighbor in need.

It's no wonder Char is being recognized for her incredible generosity and leadership within Wisconsin FFA. We are grateful for her continued support and services as an agricultural education and FFA advocate, mentor, and volunteer.



# Message from the WI FFA Foundation Board President

The Foundation's mission is to build relationships and encourage philanthropy to support and grow agriculture education and FFA in Wisconsin. It was amazing to witness this mission come full circle as Abigail Quinlan signed on as the Foundation's Executive Director.

In 2022, the Foundation was able to provide over \$30,000 in scholarships to deserving FFA members and support more than 250 agricultural education programs across the state. These opportunities would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors and partners.

Looking ahead, the Foundation is committed to continuing its support of the next generation of agricultural leaders in Wisconsin. We are grateful for your support and look forward to working together to create even more opportunities for FFA members in the coming year.

I would like to mention a special thank you to Carolyn Rozell, Abigail Quinlan, the members of the Foundation Board, and our Team Ag Ed partners for your dedication to Wisconsin FFA and the future of agricultural education in our state.

With Gratitude,  
**Jessie Kreke**  
2021-2022 President,  
WI FFA Foundation



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## Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

<b>Assets</b>	2022	2021
Current Assets	\$581,596	\$494,048
Other Assets	\$1,519,006	\$1,711,486
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,100,602</b>	<b>\$2,205,533</b>

## Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$48,174	\$83,274
Net Assets Unrestricted	\$737,627	\$532,821
Temporarily Restricted	\$360,164	\$434,381
Permanently Restricted	\$1,024,489	\$965,509
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,074,106</b>	<b>\$1,849,437</b>

## Expenses

Personnel	\$123,152	\$131,922
Professional Fees	\$17,949	\$15,802
Office Expenses	\$31,087	\$31,532
Programming	\$240,505	\$326,049
Travel & Meetings	\$12,187	\$33,162
Advertising	\$1,072	\$0
Insurance	\$1,548	\$1,370
Occupancy	\$6,600	\$6,600
Fund raising expenses	\$12,031	\$20,150
Investment Mgmt Fees	\$0	\$0
Write off of Pledges Receivable	\$0	\$0
Misc	\$2,698	\$7,049
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$448,830</b>	<b>\$573,636</b>
<b>Changes in Net Assets</b>	<b>-\$69,852</b>	<b>\$189,569</b>
Net Assets, beginning FY	\$1,661,353	\$1,661,353
Net Assets, end FY	\$1,591,501	\$1,850,922

## Statement of Activities

For the year end July 31, 2022

<b>Support &amp; Revenue</b>	2022	2021
Contributions	\$458,788	\$488,529
In-kind Contributions	\$1,765	\$4,299
Fund Raising Events	\$18,910	\$35,318
Investment Return	-\$140,796	\$210,840
Miscellaneous	\$40,311	\$24,219
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$378,978</b>	<b>\$763,205</b>

## Foundation Highlight:

The Foundation managed donor restricted endowment funds totaling \$1,384,653

# WAYS TO SUPPORT WISCONSIN FFA

The Wisconsin FFA Foundation builds relationships and encourages philanthropy to support and grow agricultural education and FFA. Our vision is to ensure access to agricultural education and FFA to all students in Wisconsin through exceptional funding and partnerships.

## Annual Fund & Events -

Annual unrestricted gifts to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation's critical operation and programming needs make all other programs and impact possible. The Foundation holds events throughout the year. Proceeds from those events stay in Wisconsin.

## Endowments -

Through a contribution to the FFA Forever Endowment, a contribution to an existing named fund, or by establishing a new endowment, donors can leave a legacy and long lasting impact benefiting Wisconsin FFA for years to come.

## Planned & Estate Giving -

Make Wisconsin FFA a lasting part of your legacy through a planned outright gift of cash or securities, a gift in your will or living trust, a charitable gift annuity, a donor advised fund, as a beneficiary, designation, or other means.

## Partnership Opportunities -

Business, organizations, and individuals alike can directly sponsor Wisconsin FFA Programs or award areas. From Proficiency Awards, to Scholarships, to State Convention - with naming rights and additional benefits including engagement and recruiting time with Wisconsin FFA members.

## Social Media Fundraising -

Select the Wisconsin FFA Foundation as a recipient of your social media fundraising campaign.

## Blue & Gold Society -

Individuals and families who donate \$15,000 or more during a three-year period are inducted into the Blue & Gold Society. Planned gift commitments are eligible for induction and recognition.

## Give FFA Day -

Each year during National FFA week, the Foundation executes a single day fundraising campaign for Give FFA Day.

# DONORS

Below is the annual listing of all Wisconsin FFA Foundation partners and benefactors during the 2021-22 fiscal year.

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### Philanthropist (2,500+)

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National FFA Foundation, Inc.  
WI FFA Alumni & Supporters

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