# Wisconsin Foundation Annual Report

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2023-2024 Wisconsin State FFA Officer Team

# A Message from WI FFA Executive Director

Wisconsin FFA Foundation Sponsors and Supporters,

Thank you! Words alone cannot fully express how grateful we are for every individual, company, and organization that supports the Wisconsin Association of FFA and all of Team Ag Ed through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. Your contributions have a tremendous impact, starting locally and extending to our state association.

Our shared focus is on supporting the students who enroll in agricultural education and participate in FFA. Together, we have witnessed the transformational change that young people experience through these programs and their Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

The heart of our success lies in the dedication of agricultural education instructors and FFA advisors. Their commitment to creating cutting-edge programs and engaging chapters in schools across Wisconsin opens doors for students to be part of this life-changing experience. This year, we were thrilled to welcome new programs at Sun Prairie West, La Crosse High School, Nathan Hale in Milwaukee, and our first virtual chapter, Destinations Career Academy. Growth continues in La Crosse Middle School and Algoma. These programs exist because of the leadership of our instructors, but there is a continued need to expand agricultural education in our local districts.

This year, Wisconsin FFA achieved its highest membership ever with over 25,938 members, contributing to the national total of more than 1 million. As FFA grows, so do the leadership and career opportunities for students, now extending to 5th and 6th graders. Our goal remains that every student in agricultural education becomes an FFA member with an SAE to guide their career preparation. Your support is essential to making this possible.

Sponsors play a critical role in connecting students with the agricultural industry, developing future leaders, and growing the workforce to sustain this vital sector. Partnerships with businesses and industry leaders help build a network that both understands and meets the needs of feeding and supporting a growing global population.

Thank you again! We deeply appreciate your contributions of time, talent, and treasure to positively impact students, teachers, and the agricultural industry. You "ignite" the spark that drives us all to, as the FFA Creed says, "exert an influence in my home and community."

Wisconsin FFA Executive Director National FFA Executive Secretary



# Wisconsin FFA by the Numbers



258

Chapters



Members

350

State Degrees

724

**Proficiency Apps** 

# **Leadership Opportunities:**

Fall Leadership Workshops FIRE Conferences

**2,668** members

870 members

National FFA Conferences

**1,431** members

# **Career Development Events:**

Regional Competition State Competition

**5,107** members **1,830** members

239 chapters

# YOUR SUPPORT, STUDENTS' SUCCESS

Wisconsin FFA State Convention Awards

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



# Ag. Communications

Gianna Kud, Big Foot FFA Chapter; Stanley-Boyd FFA Chapter

# Ag. Sales

Megan Doherty, Watertown FFA Chapter; Fennimore FFA Chapter

# Ag Technology & Mechanical

Alex Burnam, Hudson FFA Chapter; Hudson FFA Chapter

### Agronomy

Jacob Kirsling, Amherst FFA Chapter; Amherst FFA Chapter

# **Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

Summer Hammann, Barron FFA Chapter; Colby FFA Chapter

## **Veterinary Sciences**

Taryn Throm, Wausau FFA Chapter; Fennimore FFA Chapter

### Wildlife

Asher Lubchansky, Wisconsin Heights; Marshfield FFA Chapter

# **Dairy Handling**

Peyton Voegeli, Poynette FFA Chapter

### **Environmental Sciences**

Bay Port FFA Chapter

## Agribusiness

Henry Danielson, Cadott FFA Chapter; Cadott FFA Chapter

### **Floriculture**

Sophie Volenec, Iowa-Grant FFA Chapter; Mishicot FFA Chapter

# Milk Quality & Products

Lily Siegmann, Hartford FFA Chapter; Hartford FFA Chapter

### **Forestry**

Reddik Weber, Bay Port FFA Chapter; Marshfield FFA Chapter

### Land & Soil

Molly Olson, Monticello FFA Chapter; Monticello FFA Chapter

# **Poultry Evaluation**

Owen Hemling, Beaver Dam FFA Chapter; Green Bay Southwest FFA Chapter

### **Horse Evaluation**

Taylor Durst, Dodgeville FFA Chapter; Reedsburg FFA Chapter

### **Livestock Evaluation**

Luke Patterson; River Ridge FFA Chapter; River Ridge FFA Chapter

# Food Science & Technology

Rachael Sowinski, Mishicot FFA Chapter; New London FFA Chapter

# **Meat Evaluation Technolgy**

Iris Adams, Cassville FFA Chapter; Mineral Point FFA Chapter

## **Nursery & Landscaping**

Jenelle Andrus, Green Bay Preble FFA Chapter; Green Bay Preble FFA Chapter

# Membership Growth Awards

# **Highest Percent Increase in Membership**

Flambeau FFA Chapter

# **Largest Membership Chapter:**

Evansville FFA Chapter

# Largest Membership Increase:

Deforest FFA Chapter

# **Largest Membership - Sectional Winners**

SECTION 1: Flambeau SECTION 2: Eau Claire

SECTION 3: Lincoln ACHM

SECTION 4: Prairie du Chien

**SECTION 5: DeForest** 

SECTION 6: Mauston

SECTION 7: Spencer

SECTION 8: Oconto Falls

SECTION 9: Green Bay Preble

SECTION 10: Jefferson

# YOUR SUPPORT, STUDENTS' SUCCESS

State Convention Awards

# WISCONSIN AGRISCIENCE FAIR

# **Environmental Services/Natural Resources**

Kyle Johnston & Max Martinson | New Auburn FFA

Ayla Berrum & Kalliegh Robinson | New Auburn FFA

Easton Rust | New Auburn FFA Jacob McDonald | Rice Lake FFA

# **Food Products & Processing Systems**

Alaina Schultz | Wrightstown FFA
Julia Johnson | Bloomer FFA
Jianna Scheffer & Sophie Pernsteiner |
Osseo-Fairchild FFA
Kylee Schnell | Mauston FFA
Emily Elliott & Bailey Peterson | Oconto
Falls FFA

Evan Henningfeld | Big Foot FFA

# **Animal Systems**

Landyn Henningfeld & Jayce Henningfeld |
Big Foot FFA
Owen Hemling | Beaver Dam FFA
Morgan Sarauer and Madison Bowe |
Bloomer FFA
Aubrey Benz | East Troy FFA
Bridgette Baumgardt | Wausau FFA
Chloe Kussow & Victoria Watzka |

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Wrightstown FFA



# **Plant Systems**

Auburn FFA

Zoie Scholze | Lincoln ACHM FFA Henry Cash & Holden McCray | Osseo-Fairchild FFA

Alisa Forseth | Waupaca FFA Christiana Nordstorm | Wausau FFA Gavin Baxter & Rebecca Konkel | Big Foot FFA

Alexis DeFlorin | Hudson FFA Ava Hoodjer | DeForest FFA Jordan Berg & Faustina Thomas | Granton FFA

# Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Gage Sieg | Bloomer FFA
Gabriel Hoyles & Arthur Lang | New
Auburn FFA
Whittney Gotham | New Auburn FFA
Gesik Bailey & Allison Moos | New
Auburn FFA
Joseph Reimer | New Auburn FFA
Andrew Gotham & Stanley Lang | New

Social Science
Eryn Berrum & Madison Moen | New
Auburn FFA
Elijah Henningfeld | Big Foot FFA

# Ag. Issues

Bay Port FFA Chapter

Conduct of Chapter Meetings Amery FFA Chapter

**Marketing Plan** 

Pardeeville FFA Chapter

Parliamentary Procedure
Denmark FFA Chapter

**High School Quiz Bowl** 

Weyauwega-Fremont FFA Chapter

# **Creed Speaking**

Josie Roberts, Portage FFA Chapter

### **Discussion Meet**

Max Leudtke, Beaver Dam Lake FFA Chapter

# **Employment Skills**

Aubrey Behling, Edgar FFA Chapter

# Middle School Quiz Bowl

Marshall FFA Chapter

# **Extemporaneous Speaking**

Symone Cirian, Richland Center FFA Chapter

# **Prepared Speaking**

Luke Schraufnagel, Thorp FFA Chapter

# Middle School Essay Contest

Shell Lake FFA Chapter

# **OUR SUPPORT, STUDENTS' SUCCESS**

Wisconsin FFA Proficiency Awards

Ag. Mechanics Design & Fabrication (C)
Graysen Stalheim | Osseo-Fairchild FFA

Ag. Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (E)
Joseph Robinson | Mineral Point FFA

Ag. Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (P)

Collin Albrecht | Winneconne FFA

Agricultural Communications (C) Elisha Vogel | Denmark FFA

Agricultural Education (C)

Lizzy Reinart | Granton FFA

Agricultural Processing (C)
Kyra Chrostowski | Pecatonica FFA

Agricultural Sales (E)
Ashton Brusveen | Randolph-Cambria-Friesland FFA

Agricultural Sales (P)
Jack Schuster | Marshall FFA

**Agricultural Services (C)** 

Isaac Jakobi | Loyal FFA

Agriscience Research - Animal Systems Victoria Havlik | Clintonville FFA

Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems Evan Henningfeld | Big Foot FFA

**Agriscience Research - Plant Systems** 

Rebecca Konkel | Big Foot FFA

**Beef Production (E)** 

Hannah Oleson | Adams-Friendship FFA

**Beef Production (P)** 

Morgan Firlus | Mauston FFA

**Dairy Production (E)** Summer Hammann | Barron FFA

**Dairy Production (P)** 

Bethany Magdanz | Weyauwega-Fremont FFA

**Diversified Agricultural Production (C)** 

Kaleb Ellis | Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

**Diversified Crop Production (P)**Brandon Boyd | Watertown FFA

**Diversified Horticulture (C)** 

Emma Olson | Lake Geneva-Badger FFA

**Diversified Livestock (C)** Brinna Goplin | Whitehall FFA

**Equine Science (E)** 

Lindsey Montgomery | Waupaca FFA

Equine Science (P) Lincoln Laabs | Oakfield FFA

Fiber and Oil Crop Production (C)

Luke Schubert | Mineral Point FFA

Food Service (C-State Only) Corbyn Weber | Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

Forage Production (C)
Rylee Nelson | Waupaca FFA

Forest Management (C)
Caleb Schoessow | Granton FFA

Fruit Production (C)
Abigail Woller | Granton FFA

Goat Production (C) Elwood Riley | Waupaca FFA

Landscape Management (C) Kaden Wagner | Wisconsin Heights FFA

Nursery Operations (C) Kiara Quimby | Brodhead FFA

Organic Agriculture (C-State Only)
McKenna Jakubek | New Auburn FFA

Agricultural Sales (P)

Blaze White | Darlington FFA

**Outdoor Recreation (C)** Grace Radtke | Weyauwega-Fremont FFA

Poultry Production (C)

Wyatt Adamovich | New London FFA

**Sheep Production (C)** 

Nathan Seitz | Pulaski FFA

Small Animal Production & Care (C)

Brooklynn Holt | Beaver Dam FFA

Specialty Animal Production (C)
Catherine Kaczmarek | Watertown FFA

Swine Production (E) Talena Sprecher | Ithaca FFA

Swine Production (P)

Emily Zukowski | Menomonie FFA

Vegetable Production (C) Samantha Vosters | Freedom FFA

**Veterinary Science (C)** Mya Noyons | Pardeeville FFA

Wildlife Production and Management (C)
Thea Harpold | Sauk Prairie FFA















# STATE AWARDS

Star Awards Sponsored by Compeer Financial

# Star in Agribusiness - Allison Loosen

Slinger FFA



Continuing her family's legacy of being a Wisconsin Star, Allison Loosen of Slinger created a livestock show that has now brought a community together year after year. Inspired by her father, who was named Wisconsin Star Farmer in 1996, Loosen is appreciative of the recognition. Loosen has now transformed Southeast Wisconsin's first cattle jackpot show and recently finished her fourth managed show in Fond Du Lac with approximately 100 exhibitors. Loosen attends Lincoln Land Community College and will receive her associate's degree in agricultural arts. She desires to receive her bachelor's degree and contribute to marketing or sales for an animal agricultural company.

# Star in Agriscience - Andrew Gotham

Andrew's SAE began with an idea of seeing if a bean seed emergence will occur faster using a natural substance called biochar, which is created by burnt plant matter. His findings did prove that bean plants did grow faster with the use of biochar. Andrew's next project focused around engineering new plant growing structures with one of his structures being a small-scale ferris wheel attached to a motor. He concluded that this structure not only was efficient for plant-growth but attractive to one's eye. Andrew's third project researched the most efficient ice-melting substance. After testing ten different substances in three trials, Andrew discovered calcium chloride was able to dissolve ice the fastest. He has been able to share his findings with the town board president to spread awareness.



# Star Farmer - Taylor Maroszek



From a very young age, Taylor would go along with her dad to the barn to check on her piglets. This exposure at an early age led her to want to continue raising pigs. Taylor's Swine Production SAE started with just two crossbred females and a crossbred boar, and today she has nearly 50 pigs! Her SAE encompasses everything from farrow to finish as she breeds and farrows high-quality gilts and sows to show and sell. From the barn to the show ring, Taylor's love for her SAE continues to grow, despite challenges. Taylor plans to continue being a part of the agriculture industry as she pursues a career in the agricultural communication field hoping to become a livestock photographer. She will continue her degree at the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College this fall and transfer to a four-year institution after she receives her degree.

# Star in Agricultural Placement - Kaydence Hodorff

Kaydence grew up on her family's 1,200-cow dairy farm, Second Look Holsteins LLC. She has learned valuable skills in her Dairy Production SAE, including time management, work ethic, dairy farm operations, and many other skills working as a farm hand. Over the years, Kaydence's responsibilities have increased from administering shots and feeding calves to now playing a crucial role in the maternity barn and the hospital pen in addition to inspecting for symptoms of illness, treating, and milking cows. More recently in her SAE, she started working with Cowmanger ear tags to gather more accurate data about when cows were in heat, and it ultimately improved the farm's pregnancy rates.





# Grain Production

Sponsored by Wisconsin Corn Growers Association

Hunter Carlson - Unity FFA Sean Jones - Dodgeville FFA Reid Stalsberg - Fennimore FFA

# Organic Agriculture

Sponsored by Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative

Samantha Vosters - Freedom FFA Jorja Wolfe - Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

# <u>Dairy</u>

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

Hannah Fesenmaier - Elmwood FFA Ava Kolodzienski - Ellsworth FFA Ella Raatz - Colby FFA

Erika Sleznikow - Marshfield FFA

Matthew Winch - Fennimore FFA Eden Richter - Fennimore FFA Joseph Schuch - Oregon FFA

# Livestock

Sponsored by Collegiate FFA, UW-Madisons

Caleb Davis - Edgerton FFA Liv Lucas - Greenwood FFA Kallie Penk - Thorp FFA Skyleigh Schroedl - Jefferson FFA Carter Ollendick - Tomah FFA Launa Daniels - Unity FFA Ethan Fitzpatrick - Holmen FFA Jaci Kammes - Black Hawk

# Start-Up

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

Mckenna Keuler - Bangor FFA Sierra Bramstedt - Howards Grove FFA Caitlin Breunig - Edgerton FFA Megan Kesler - Oconton Falls FFA Grant Kilmek - Independence FFA

Patrick Reilley - Waupun FFA Josephine Sadogierski - Portage FFA Mariah Sandberg - River Falls FFA Jonathon Wellnitz - Edgerton FFA

# **Honored Adults Awards**

# **Honorary State Degree**

Dale Carlson – Sevastopol FFA Advisor and agricultural instructor

Jake Cramer - outgoing President of the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators

Ashley Hagenow – 76th Wisconsin Alice in Dairyland

Jan Hildebrandt – retired Eau Claire FFA Advisor and agricultural instructor

Emma Huber - Portage Middle School FFA Advisor and agricultural instructor

Deb Ihm - President of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation Board

Aaron Kilsdonk – Seymour FFA Advisor and agricultural instructor

Tom Knox - retired Glenwood City FFA Advisor and agricultural instructor

Dr. Alex Lendved - Dean, Mid-State Technical College Marshfield Campus

Adam & Therese Schrieber – parents of 2023-24 Wisconsin FFA President Mary Schrieber

Grant Staszak - President of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters Association

Dr. Muthu Venkateshwaran – Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Soil and Crop Sciences at UW-

Platteville

Aaron Zimmerman - FFA Convention Production Manager, and Edgerton FFA Advisor

# **Distinguished Service**

Andrea Brossard – co-owns Brossard Dairy Farm LLC, a third-generation family dairy farm. She excelled in the State CDE Ag Sales contest as an FFA member, achieving a gold rating at the national level. Passionate about Ag Sales, she has been the contest's state superintendent for over 20 years. Brossard promotes agriculture through farm tours and events, enhancing awareness in various roles within Farm Bureau at state and national levels. Reflecting on her FFA service, Andrea values the unmatched network and support for members.

AgCountry Farm Credit Services – proudly stands as a Patron Corporate Sponsor, providing crucial support for Chapter Grants and Scholarships. As a dedicated Convention and Leadership Partner, they offer a diverse range of program opportunities for FFA members and actively engage in the annual Convention Expo. With a central mission focused on serving agriculture and rural America, AgCountry Farm Credit Services has fostered a strong legacy of supporting youth and the FFA program.

Holiday Inn and Convention Center Stevens Point – for over a decade, the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point has stood as a vital hub for FFA members, playing host to impactful leadership events. The committed team at the center goes above and beyond, creating transformative FFA experiences that empower future leaders. Wisconsin FFA deeply appreciates the top-notch facilities and sends a warm thank you to Michelle and her outstanding team for their exceptional dedication.

# Hall of Fame

Frank Friar – with 45 years of experience, has been a dedicated figure in Wisconsin agriculture. From farming roots to roles in education, finance, and consulting, he's made a lasting impact. His support for agricultural education and workforce development has shaped the industry positively, benefiting farm families and future agriculturists. Thank you, Mr. Friar, for your unwavering commitment to agriculture.

Ralph Johnson – a dedicated agriculture instructor, spent 35 years inspiring FFA members. He established programs, guided students, and emphasized the importance of pursuing interests within the FFA. His impact on agricultural education is truly commendable.

Brenda Scheil – a dedicated FFA advisor and agricultural education instructor for 40 years, has contributed significantly to the field. She emphasizes the importance of agriculture in providing for humanity and has mentored numerous future leaders through her work. Recognized with multiple awards, including the WAAE and NAAE Region 3 citations, she inspires FFA members to embrace the work ethic of past agriculturists while looking forward with hope and purpose. Mrs. Scheil, your commitment to agriculture is truly appreciated.

Dr. Mark Zidon – a dedicated educator with a passion for agricultural education and mechanics, spent over three decades teaching and mentoring future agricultural educators at UW-Platteville. He was instrumental in developing innovative computer scoring programs for CDEs and contributed significantly to FFA events at both state and national levels. Thank you, Dr. Zidon, for your unwavering commitment to educating the next generation of leaders and teachers.

# **Honored Adults Awards**

# **VIP Award**

Cheryl Steinbach has dedicated 7 years as the Executive Director of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters, elevating the organization to new heights and championing various aspects of Team Ag Ed. Her contributions to the Wisconsin Association of FFA are numerous, from judging LDEs to mentoring State Officer candidates and reviewing State and American degrees.

Before her tenure with the Alumni and Supporters, Mrs. Steinbach served as an agricultural educator at Granton High School for 28 years, culminating in 30 years of teaching agriculture. Under her guidance, the Granton FFA and FFA Alumni programs garnered numerous state and national accolades. Notably, in 2011, the school made headlines by sending almost every student to the National FFA Convention.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Steinbach has impacted countless students, nurturing 162 State FFA Degree recipients, 72 American FFA Degree recipients, 2 state FFA officers, and a multitude of proficiency award, speaking contest, and career development event winners. Her influence on Wisconsin FFA is immeasurable, as she continues to be a beacon of mentorship, partnership, support, and friendship.

# Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Program - De Soto Middle and High School

De Soto FFA Chapter, named Wisconsin's Outstanding Agricultural Secondary Program winner for 2024, focuses on hands-on learning that connects students to real-world experiences. At De Soto Middle/High School, students don't just learn about agriculture—they live it. For example, soil sampling projects begin on the football field, with students providing fertilizer recommendations to the school's maintenance team. This approach helps make challenging scientific concepts, like pH and soil chemistry, more accessible and meaningful.



The program aligns with community needs, helping students engage with their local environment and economy. They create fruit baskets for students in need, practice soil conservation to preserve local farmland, and explore career paths through industry tours. Community service is a cornerstone, with students organizing events like a drive-through spaghetti dinner, raising \$10,000 for Freedom Honor Flight, and delivering "Thank a Farmer Buckets" to local farmers.

De Soto offers diverse courses ranging from Veterinary Science and Food Processing to Ag Mechanics and Small Gas Engines. Unique experiences include a student-run greenhouse and "The Meat We Eat" course, where students produce and sell brats to the community. All students engage in Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs), which can range from commercial fishing on the Mississippi to sturgeon tagging at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery.

The De Soto FFA chapter emphasizes leadership development through participation in



conferences and events. To ensure no student misses an opportunity, Bark earned a CDL license to drive a school bus to FFA activities. The chapter also revived the school's award-winning Food for America program, ranking silver in 2023, and continues to build community connections through impactful projects.

Hillary Bark's commitment to relevant, hands-on education ensures students develop both technical and life skills, equipping them for future careers and meaningful community impact.

# Derrick Papcke: A Beacon of Leadership and Dedication in Wisconsin FFA

Derrick Papcke is a well-known figure in Wisconsin FFA and agriculture circles. Starting as a member of Elkhorn FFA and eventually becoming a State FFA Officer, Derrick's journey is a testament to his unwavering dedication and deep passion for the Wisconsin FFA. From his alumni leadership to volunteering on the Wisconsin FFA Foundation Board, he continues to make meaningful contributions to the organization, leaving a lasting impact.

At the Alumni & Supporters Convention held on February 3-4, 2023, in Waukesha, WI, Papcke was honored with the Outstanding Young Member Award, recognizing his valuable contributions to the FFA. His commitment to empowering and inspiring young agricultural leaders has been evident throughout his organizational involvement.

As an alumni member, Papcke tirelessly promotes and advances agricultural education across Wisconsin. He holds leadership roles within the Elkhorn FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter. He leads the Walworth County FFA Grill and Chill with the support of fellow members, including Marra Andreas, the current Past President of the Elkhorn FFA Alumni and Supporters. Together, they have played a crucial role in supporting FFA members and chapters throughout Walworth County, raising funds for scholarships, educational resources, and leadership development opportunities.

Papcke's advice to FFA members is profound: "Life is not a dress rehearsal." He emphasizes that every action and decision we make has a lasting impact, urging everyone to seize every opportunity and give their all.

In addition to his outstanding leadership in Wisconsin FFA, Derrick Papcke has also significantly impacted the future of the agriculture industry as a Blue and Gold Society Member of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. He has strongly advocated for agricultural education and the FFA, ensuring that future generations can access the same opportunities he once had.





# Message from the WI FFA Foundation Board President

The Wisconsin FFA Foundation remains committed to supporting and promoting agricultural education and the FFA organization in our state. This mission thrives thanks to the generous support of individuals, businesses, and organizations who believe in our cause.

Over the past year, your contributions have provided scholarships, leadership development programs, and classroom project grants, creating meaningful opportunities for our students. From funding Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) grants that encourage hands-on learning, to leadership workshops that equip students with skills for their future careers, the impact of your generosity is seen in the growth and success of these young leaders.

As we look to the future, your continued support is crucial. Together, we can inspire and empower the next generation of agricultural leaders, ensuring they are well-prepared to drive innovation and strengthen our agricultural communities. Thank you for making this possible.

With Gratitude, **Deb Ihm**2023-2025 President,

WI FFA Foundation



Trever Athorp - Treasurer, Internal Affairs Committee Chair VP- Agricultural & Business Banking Officer, Nicolet Bank

Jesse Singerhouse - Secretary General Manager/CEO, Dunn Energy Cooperative

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Jessie Kreke - At-Large Director Product-Operations Team Lead, Nelnet, Inc Joe Keller - At-Large Director President, Keller Farms

Nathan Weinkauf - At-Large Director Director - Central Region Sales, CNH Industrial Capital

Ethan Giebel - At-Large Director
VP/Commercial Loan Officer, Bank of WI Dells

**Chad Brusveen - Vice President** Strategic Account Manager, John Deere

Josh Joseph - At-Large Director Organic Valley

Natalie Killion - At-Large Director, Development Committee Co-Chair Agricultural Advocate, 56th Alice in Dairyland Tom Bressner - Past President Executive Director, Wisconsin Agri-Business Association

**Deb Ihm - President**Business Banker, Community First Bank



For our updated board members, scan here!

# WISCONSIN FOUNDATION

# Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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Assets	2024	2023
Current Assets Other Assets	\$526,168 \$1,790,060	\$681,874 \$1,571,467
Total Assets	\$2,316,227	\$2,253,341

# **Liabilities & Net Assets**

Current Liabilities Net Assets Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted Peramently Restricted	\$133,441 \$500,265 \$165,168 \$1,682,521	\$172,045 \$610,354 \$300,979 \$1,169,963
Total Liabilites & Net Assets	\$2,316,277	\$2,253,341

# **Expenses**

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Personnel	\$209,563	\$169,923
Professional Fees	\$16,650	\$14,983
Office Expenses	\$3,304	\$36,906
Programming	\$279,318	\$330,527
Travel & Meetings	\$13,315	\$30,872
Advertising	\$2,237	\$1,929
Insurance	\$4,220	\$2,625
Occupancy	\$7,150	\$6,600
Fund raising expenses	\$15,478	\$10,338
Investment Mgmt Fees	\$0	\$0
Write off of Pledges Rec.	\$22,790	\$0
Misc	\$25,388	\$8.708
Total Expenses	\$538,209	\$613,411
Changes in Net Assets	\$101,490	\$28,868
Net Assets, beginning FY Net Assets, end FY	\$2,081,296 \$2,182,786	\$2,052,428 \$2,081,296

# Statement of Activities

For the year end July 31, 2024

# Support &

Reveilue		
Contributions	\$445,374	\$557,031
<b>Fund Raising Events</b>	\$42,010	\$21,969
Investment Return	\$141,927	\$54,033
Miscellaneous	\$10,388	\$7,490

2024 2023

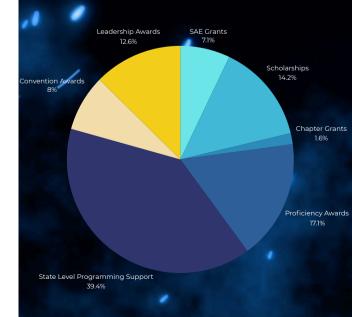
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Total Support & \$639,699 Revenue

# Foundation Highlight:

The Foundation managed donor restricted endowment funds totaling \$1,236,165.

# Wisconsin FFA Foundation Areas of Support



# INDUSTRY PARTNERS

# **Philanthropist**









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### **Supporter (\$250-\$999)**

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Badger Steel & Fabricating, Inc.

CentralStar Cooperative

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