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Update From Natalie

Natalie Rieth



Hello again Section 8! The past few months have been a whirlwind of leadership conferences, chapter visits, and travel.

Between Fall Leadership Workshops, FIRE Conferences, National Convention, I Am/Connect Conference, my (so far) 16 local chapter visits, and other various events, I sure have stayed busy.

I've really enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk with FFA members from all over Section 8 and all over the state. What amazing leaders we have all around us! All these events have truly reinforced the confidence I already had in the future of agriculture and for the future of Wisconsin FFA.

As we look forward to competition season and the true middle of our FFA year, I wish all of our FFA members the best in preparing for their award applications, competitions, and other events. As always, please reach out to me with any questions, ideas, or events you would like me to attend. Thanks so much to all of you for being absolutely incredible, and making my first five months of serving as a state officer better than I ever could have imagined. Let's make the next few months just as amazing! See you all around!

With love from your Section 8 State VP,

Natalie Rieth

National Convention Recap

WI Section 8 Awards and Recognition

National Chapter Awards

Two Star Chapter

Oconto Falls FFA

Three Star Chapters

Freedom FFA
Manawa FFA
Waupaca FFA
Weyauwega-Fremont FFA



Proficiency Award Finalists

Small Animal Production & Care

Raedyn Vande Hei- Seymour FFA





Sheep Production

Evan Retzlaff- New London FFA

Outdoor Recreation

Belle Robinson- Waupaca FFA



Fall Recap in Photos



Fall Leadership Workshops











World Dairy Expo

Fall Recap in Photos



FIRE Conferences







I Am / Connect





Fall Recap in Photos

National Convention













Leadership Development Events

District Level Competitions



District 23 LDE

Pulaski Community Middle School

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2027

District 24 LDE

Winneconne High School

Monday, Feb 8, 2027

District 22 LDE

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Monday, Feb 15, 2027

Sectional Level Competition



Section 8 LDE

Oconto Falls High School

Thursday, March 4, 2027

Section 8 Chapter Visits

Completed Visits

Oconto Falls Middle
PCMS
Seymour
Shawano
Winneconne
Manawa
Oshkosh North
Wittenberg-Birnamwood
Lena
Weyauwega-Fremont
Oconto Falls High
Gillett
Antigo
Tigerton
Bonduel
New London

Thank you!!

Upcoming Visits

November

19.....Omro
20.....Clintonville
23.....Pulaski High
30.....Bowler

December

1.....Gresham
2.....Freedom
15.....Suring
17.....Waupaca
18.....Marion

January

11.....Coleman

Application Due Dates & Deadlines

Chapter Program of Activities, membership rosters, and constitution bylaws.....December 1st

National FFA Scholarship Application.....January 14th

American FFA Degrees.....January 15th

WLC Scholarship Application.....January 15th

Constitutional Change recommendations.....February 1st

State FFA Band and Chorus Application.....February 12th

SAE Award Application.....February 16th

WI State FFA Degrees.....March 2nd

Middle School Essay Contest.....April 15th

National Chapter Award.....April 20th

WI State FFA Officer Candidate Application.....April 23rd

Food for America Awards.....May 4th

Agriscience Fair Entries.....May 7th

Halftime Conference

Two FFA members of each chapter will get the opportunity to come together to gain new ideas to "uplift" their chapter for the rest of the year!

January 15-16
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point



FFA Week

National FFA Week will be coming up in February! Let's celebrate all the amazing ways FFA helps us grow and connect with others!

FFA Chapters, please let me know if you have an activity or event you would like me to attend, and I would love to see if I am available!

February 21-27th

FIRE Conferences
SWTC
Fennimore, WI
February 12 & 13

FFA Day on the Hill
Madison, WI
February 21-22

Wisconsin FFA's Goals 2026-2027

State Membership

30,000 FFA Members





Affiliated FFA Chapters

130 FFA Chapters

American Degrees

300 Degrees



These goals were set by the State Officer team this summer!

Let's work together to achieve our goals!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

THE STATE OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT OUTSTANDING FFA MEMBERS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS! SCAN THE QR CODE TO NOMINATE A MEMBER!

SECTION 8 MEMBERS OF THE MONTH SO FAR:

SEPTEMBER- SCARLETT POPPY, OMRO

OCTOBER- BRYSTAL ZIELKE, MANAWA

SAE SUNDAY

DO YOU KNOW A MEMBER WHO DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE? IF SO, SCAN THIS QR CODE TO NOMINATE THEM FOR RECOGNITION!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

THE STATE OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT AMAZING AGRICULTURE EDUCATORS AROUND WISCONSIN. SCAN THIS QR CODE TO NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER FOR RECOGNITION!

SERVICE RECOGNITION

DOES YOUR CHAPTER COMPLETE SERVICE PROJECTS? THE STATE OFFICERS WOULD LOVE TO HIGHLIGHT THE PROJECTS THAT YOUR CHAPTER IS WORKING ON! SCAN FOR MORE INFO!

State Officer Directory



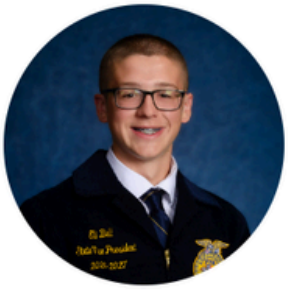
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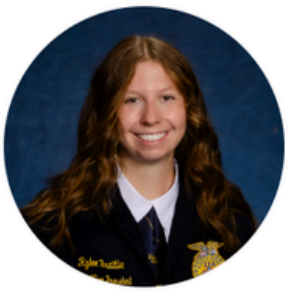
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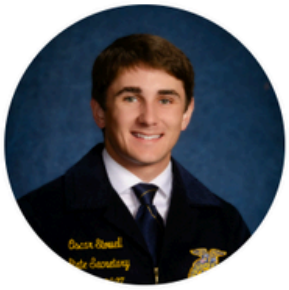
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LEADERSHIP PARTNERS

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Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board

Compeer Financial

GOLD

Air National Guard

CHS Foundation

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- Culvers
- Seneca Foods

BRONZE

- Anderson Pharms Endowment
- H.H. Thomsen Endowment
- GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Pork Association
- Festival Foods
- Case IH / CNH Capital
- Badger State Ethanol, LLC
- Elkhorn FFA Alumni