



THE DRAXLER DAILY

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Catch up with Section 2!

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STATE OFFICER UPDATE

Amalia Draxler

Section 2 State Vice President



Hello friends!

Wow - it has been an amazing 3 months since my last newsletter went out! From FLWs to FIRE, I Am/Connect, Chapter Visits, and more-we have been having a blast together.

One of my favorite parts of this school year so far has easily been getting to know you all. Whether it be chapter visits or conferences, every time I see WI FFA members

it feels like home. Thank you for welcoming me into your chapters and being friends with me! It's an honor to know and serve you all.

As we look forward, I can't wait for more events together! I want to challenge each of you to be bold and take risks. Try a new LDE or CDE, meet someone new, and start a new project! As I always say, you don't have to be *good* at something to *do* something! You all have the potential to grow exponentially. I want to be able to see everyone's success. Please remember that I am always in your corner. Let's start this section of the year strong!

Your friend,

Amalia Draxler

NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

I hope you all enjoyed the 2024 National FFA Convention! It was full of great memories. There were many high-achieving members! Here we will acknowledge all of Section 2's accomplishments!



American Degree Recipients

<i>Rylee Bovee</i>	Ellsworth FFA
<i>Alan George</i>	Mondovi FFA
<i>Sophie Koehler</i>	Chippewa Falls FFA
<i>Grace Mansell</i>	St. Croix Central FFA
<i>Kayden Miller</i>	Mondovi FFA
<i>Owen Razeboom</i>	St. Croix Central FFA
<i>Abbygail Schlough</i>	Boyceville FFA
<i>Elizabeth Schmoldt</i>	Chippewa Falls FFA
<i>Nathan Stanek</i>	Augusta FFA
<i>Olivia Taylor</i>	Mondovi FFA

NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



State Honors Chorus

Abby Sauvola - New Richmond FFA; Alto



Agriscience Fair

Food Products and Processing Systems (Division 2):

Jianna Scheffer & Sophie Pernsteiner - Osseo-Fairchild FFA Chapter
5th Place

Plant Systems (Division 2):

Henry Cash and Holden McCray - Osseo-Fairchild FFA
9th Place

Plant Systems (Division 5):

Alexis DeFlorin - Hudson FFA
4th Place



NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

CDEs

Agricultural Communications:

Stanley-Boyd FFA
30th Place

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems:

Hudson FFA
28th Place

Farm & Agribusiness Management:

Cadott FFA
16th Place
Henry Danielson
16th Place



National Chapter

Three Star

Stanley-Boyd FFA

Two Star

Chippewa Falls FFA, Osseo-
Fairchild FFA



FALL HIGHLIGHTS

FLWs



Fall Leadership Workshops were an amazing time! Thank you to all those who attended. This is a great memory!

To recap, Fall Leadership Workshops are a 3-week series where the State Officer Team travels to each section and facilitates an evening workshop about officer positions and leadership. It is a night filled with dancing, learning, and fun! My workshops were for middle schoolers and FFA etiquette. I hope that we were all able to take something away from this opportunity!

F.I.R.E. Conference, which stands for Foundations in Reaching Excellence, is a conference that is open to 5th-9th graders around the state. We had three conferences in the fall in the locations of Fox Valley Technical College, UWSP-Marshfield, and UW-River Falls.

I have many great memories from FIRE! I remember dancing my heart out and meeting so many new friends. FIRE created silly inside jokes that will last all year! I can't wait to see all the members from FIRE once again!



FIRE

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

World Dairy Expo



We took a break in the middle of FLWs to attend the famous World Dairy Expo! World Dairy Expo is an annual event that brings together the global dairy industry in Madison, WI.

Specifically, our role as State FFA Officers was to meet with Indonesian Delegation, meet with the American Farm Bureau, help with the dairy show, assist with the dairy forage quiz, facilitate a workshop, and speak on a panel for college students. It was great to see so many FFA members there! Thank you for your participation!

I Am/Connect has honestly been one of my favorite events so far this year. I really enjoyed seeing members from FIRE, FLWs, and Chapter Visits, as well as meeting new friends! There were so many silly jokes and memories made.

I Am/Connect Conferences are workshops that are facilitated by National FFA. I Am highlights content for 11th and 12th grade members and Connect is for 9th and 10th graders. In the Connect room, I learned about how to make connections and a lasting impact on others!



I Am/ Connect

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

National Convention



This was a great year of National FFA Convention. We got to meet new people from all around the country, see WI FFA members, and see Mary Schrieber elected as the Central Region Vice President for National FFA! These were all core memories!

Our duty specifically at National Convention was to serve as National Delegates. We got to conduct business and give National FFA recommendations on what they should do for important topics! It was a great week!

CTSO Government Days was a chance for our team to advocate for CTSOs. CTSO stands for Career and Technical Student Organizations. We worked with all of the other CTSOs, namely DECA, FBLA, HOSA, Skills USA, and FCCLA, to craft a legislative ask. We talked to our state Senators and Representatives to ask for their support on CTSO funding that was recently proposed by the Department of Public Instruction Superintendent, Dr. Jill Underly. This was a huge learning moment for us as we got to network and advocate for what we're passionate about!

CTSO Government Days



★ MEMBER OF THE MONTH ★



ELLA OMANN
BALDWIN-WOODVILLE FFA
SEPTEMBER



ELLIE SWOBODA
CHIPPEWA FALLS FFA
OCTOBER



ZACH ANDERSON
MONDOVI FFA
NOVEMBER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Half-Time Conference

January 17th-18th
Holiday Inn & Conference
Center
Stevens Point, WI

We're almost halfway through the school year! Come to this conference to learn how to be a leader and strengthen your chapter!

Leadership

Development Events

Show off your leadership skills by competing in an LDE! Try your hand at contests such as Prepared Public Speaking, Employment Skills, Discussion Meet, or Parliamentary Procedure.

District 4 - Spring Valley... February 5
District 4 - Durand-Arkansaw... January 27
District 6 - Augusta... February 12
Section 2 - Glenwood City... April 2

Upcoming Chapter Visits

Augusta FFA - December 3

Plum City FFA - December 17

Mondovi FFA - December 18

Osseo-Fairchild FFA - December 19

National FFA Week

February 15-22, 2025

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day. How is your chapter planning to celebrate?

See you soon!

UPDATES

UPCOMING DUE DATES



Dec 2nd - Initial Membership Roster & POA
Jan 3rd - Half-Time Conference Registration
Jan 9th - National FFA Scholarship Application
Jan 15th - WLC Scholarship
Feb 3rd - American Degree Application
Feb 13th - State Band and Chorus Application
Feb 14th - State Proficiency Application
Mar 3rd - State Degree Application

UPDATES

WI FFA CDE UPDATES

REGIONAL CDE DATES

Janesville- March 12
Mid-State Tech- March 18
UW-Platteville- March 20
Fox Valley Tech- March 28
UW-River Falls- April 5

STATE CDE DAY 1: APRIL 11 MADISON COLLEGE AREA

Ag Communications
Ag Mechanics - Q
Ag Sales
Environmental Science
Food Science
Horse Evaluation - Q
Middle School

STATE CDE DAY 2: APRIL 25 UW-MADISON AREA

Agronomy-Q
Dairy Handlers
Forestry -Q
Meats - Q
Vet Science - Q
Milk Products - Q
Farm Business Management - Q
Nursery Landscape
Dairy Cattle -Q
Floriculture - Q
Livestock - Q
Poultry - Q
Wildlife - Q

Q= Team must Qualify at a Regional Contest

MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE CDE

There will be a Middle School CDE hosted at State CDEs on Friday, April 11. This is open to 7th and 8th grade members.

Be sure to check the Middle School CDEs webpage often for updates as CDE season approaches.

<https://wisconsinaged.org/ms-cde>

NEW
NEW
NEW
NEW

AUCTIONEER CDE

Registration for the Auctioneer CDE is now open! This is an individual event held on Monday, January 27 in Marshfield. Registration is limited to the first 15 contestants.

Further information on the event can be found at:

<https://wisconsinaged.org/auctioneer>

MEATS TEAM

REGISTRATION INCREASE

As you plan your budgets for the year, please note that the cost of the State Meats Contest will be \$150 per team. This is due to the increasing cost of resources required to host the contest.



2025 STATE FOOD SCIENCE MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE

Information on the 2025 State Food Science CDE is now available on the CDE Website. This year's superintendent, Kerry Ingredients, has selected a really fun team activity scenario: Create a NEW Savory On The Go Menu Item for Starbucks. This could be a great activity to implement into a Food Science course to help generate interest in the contest! Check out the website for further details on the contest.

<https://wisconsinaged.org/fst>

UPDATES

Association Goals:

- Membership: 27,096
- Affiliated chapter: 116
- Chapter charters: 4
- State degrees: 400
- American degrees: 200
- Proficiency applications: 750
- State officer applications: 40
- National Chapter: 78
- Agriscience fair: 85
- Continue developing Onward Conference
- Keep enhancing State Delegate process



UPDATES

HUMBLE LEADERS

energized by the responsibility of shaping the future one student at a time.



NAAE #TeachAg Ambassadors want to connect with you about becoming an agricultural educator.

- The 2024-25 class of #TeachAg Ambassadors are passionate about agricultural education and want to encourage others to consider a career in ag ed.
- They have received training and lessons to use at local, university, and state levels.
- You can connect with them on a one-on-one basis or schedule them for a #TeachAg recruitment event.

Find a current Ambassador by clicking on the #TeachAg link at the top of www.naae.org.



LET'S CONNECT



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Section 2



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Member of the Month

Nominate outstanding members here to be the Section 2 Member of the Month!



Teacher Appreciation

Nominate amazing advisors here to be selected for the teacher appreciation program on the state social media page!



Service Project Saturday

Nominate service projects here to be featured on the State FFA Social Media!



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Platinum



Gold

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American Foods Group
Collegiate FFA, UW-Madison

Silver

Pioneer Hi-Bred
International, Inc.
Wisconsin Public Service

Bronze

BMO Harris Bank
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