

Welcome

Welcome to the 96th North Carolina FFA State Convention! We are excited to welcome members and advisors from across the state for three days of celebrating your accomplishments over the past year.

As we reflect on the tremendous strides made by our FFA members, advisors, and supporters, it is evident that our organization remains unwavering in its commitment to fostering agricultural leadership, promoting innovation, and empowering the next generation of agricultural professionals who will change the world.

There is plenty to do while at State Convention, so be sure to check out the career show, social, leadership workshops, and everything else convention has to offer. Through FFA and agriculture education, we each have the power to create a timeless legacy that will shape the future of agriculture for generations to come.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

10:00 am

Virtual Interviews

National Delegates

2:00 pm

State Officer Candidate Interviews

Greensboro, NC

Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:00 am

State Officer Candidate Interviews

Greensboro, NC

Friday, June 20, 2025

8:00 am

State Officer Candidate Interviews

Greensboro, NC

Monday, June 23, 2025

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Convention Registration

Main Lobby of the Raleigh Convention Center

(Advisors Only)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Special Note: All Career Development Events, Leadership Workshops, and Activities are located at the Raleigh Convention Center unless otherwise noted in this program.

7:30 am – 8:00 pm

Convention Registration

Main Lobby of the Raleigh Convention Center

(Advisors Only)

8:30 am

Agricultural Communications CDE

Parts I: Communications Quiz &

Part II: Writing Practicum

Rooms 306A, 306B, 306C

8:30 am

Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Written Exam

Room 304

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Career Success Tours - AGI

Bus pick-up in front of main lobby by 8:45 am

(Pre-registration required)

9:00 am

Forestry

Clemmons ESF, Clayton

(Must provide your own transportation)

9:00 am

Floriculture CDE - Check-In

Exhibit Hall A

9:00 am

Introduction to Horticulture CDE - Check-In

Exhibit Hall A

9:30 am

Floriculture CDE

Exhibit Hall A

9:30 am

Introduction to Horticulture CDE

Exhibit Hall A

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Alumni Store Open

Main Lobby

10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Career Show & Expo Open

Exhibit Hall B and C

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Alumni Living to Serve - Meals of Hope Service Project

Exhibit Hall B - *Pre-Registration Required*

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Alumni Food Drive Drop-Off

Exhibit Hall C

10:00 – 11:30 am

DELTA - FFA State Convention Teacher Experience

For current DELTA teacher participants only
Room 304

11:30 am

**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for First General Session Seating
Pre-session Activities**

12:00 – 5:00 pm

Alumni Silent Auction

Main Lobby

12:00 pm

First General Session

Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C
(All award winners should be in reserved seating on the left-hand side of the convention hall 20 minutes prior to the session start.)

The First General Session is sponsored by

Opening Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Posting of Colors

NC Forest Service Honor Guard

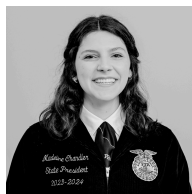
National Anthem

Ashtyn Worthington, Whiteville

Reflections

Madeline Chandler

2023-2024 State FFA President



Title Sponsor Remarks

Session Sponsor Remarks

Greetings

Mr. Joshua Bledsoe

State FFA Advisor

State Agricultural Education Leader

Membership Growth Awards

Recognition of National Chapter Award Winners

-North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission

Recognition of Previously Held

Career Development Event Winners

Dairy Evaluation – Senior Division

-North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation

Dairy Evaluation – Junior Division

-North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation

Dairy Handlers

-North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation

Horse Evaluation – Senior Division

-North Carolina Horse Council

Horse Evaluation – Junior Division

-North Carolina Horse Council

Livestock Evaluation – Senior Division

- North Carolina Cattlemen's Association*
- Wilkes Community College-Animal Science*

Livestock Evaluation – Junior Division

- North Carolina Cattlemen's Association*
- Wilkes Community College-Animal Science*

Poultry Evaluation – Senior Division

- Barnhardt Farms of Rowan County*
- North Carolina Egg Association*
- NC State Prestage Department of Poultry Science*

Poultry Evaluation – Junior Division

- NC State Prestage Department of Poultry Science*
- Perdue, Inc.*
- Wilkes Community College-Animal Science*

Veterinary Science

- Central Carolina Community College*
- *NC State College of Veterinary Medicine*

Retiring Address

“Title”

Alanna Greene
State FFA Vice President

Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners

Beef Production - Entrepreneurship

- Walker Production Agriculture, LLC*

Beef Production - Placement

- North Carolina Cattlemen's Association*

Dairy Production - Placement

- North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation*

Diversified Livestock Production
-*Carmen & Derrick Bracey*

Equine Science - Placement
-*North Carolina Horse Council*

Goat Production
-*Kay Becton Jones*

Poultry Production
-*Wayne Community College*

Sheep Production
-*Allison & Brent Jennings*

Small Animal Production and Care
-*Care First Animal Hospital, Dr. Joe Gordon*

Swine Production - Placement
-*Hog Slat, Inc.*

Veterinary Science
- *Sponsor*

Closing Ceremony

State FFA Officers

1:30 – 2:30 pm

LDE Judges' Orientation

Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, Spanish Creed Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure
Room 304

2:30 pm

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Preliminary Rounds

Room 302B, 302C, 303

2:30 pm

Jim Graham FFA Creed Speaking Preliminary Rounds

Room 202, 203

2:30 pm

Spanish FFA Creed Speaking Preliminary Round

Room 201

2:30 pm

Parliamentary Procedure Preliminary Round

Room 301A, 301B, 302A

2:30 pm

Prepared Public Speaking Preliminary Rounds

Room 204, 205

2:30 pm

Nursery Landscape CDE - Check-in

Upper Exhibit Hall A

2:30 pm

Meats Evaluation - Check-In

Exhibit Hall B

2:30 pm

Chapter Delegate Check-In

Room 305B

(Advisors MUST register their delegate name)

2:30 pm

State Star Interviews

Room 206

3:00 – 5:30 pm

Career Success Tours of NC State Feed Mill

Bus pick-up in front of main lobby at 2:45 pm

(Pre-registration required)

3:00 pm
Meats Evaluation CDE
Written Exam
Exhibit Hall A

3:00 PM
Nursery Landscape CDE
Exhibit Hall A
*Phase 2 practicums will be held off-site on
Wednesday, June 25.*

3:30 pm
Food Science CDE - Check-In
Exhibit Hall B

3:30 pm
Delegate Committee Work
Growing Leaders – Room 306A
Building Communities – Room 306B
Strengthening Agriculture – Room 306C

4:00 pm
Food Science CDE
Team Activity
Exhibit Hall A

5:00 pm
Teach Ag Signing Reception
Invitation Only - RSVP Required
Sponsored by TheAET
Room 402

6:00 pm
**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Second General
Session Seating**

6:15 pm
Teach Ag Ed Signing Event

7:00 pm

Second General Session

Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C

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The Second General Session is sponsored by

Opening Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Session Sponsor Remarks

Brittany Chester, Council President

North Carolina FFA Alumni & Supporters

Alumni Grant Recipients and Award Winners

Greetings

North Carolina 4-H Council

Recognition of State Officer Candidates

Recognition of Schools & Advisors of State FFA Officers

Recognition of Future Agriculture Teachers

Recognition of American Degree Candidates

Retiring Address

“Title”

Walter Moore

State FFA Vice President

State Star Awards

State Star in Agriscience

State Star in Agricultural Placement

State Star Farmer

Recognition of NC FFA Scholarship Recipients

Alpha Gamma Rho Michael E. Bayne Memorial
Scholarship

Cy Vernon FFA Endowment Scholarship

NCATA Rising Freshman Scholarship

NCATA Current Student Scholarship

NC State CFFA Endowment Scholarship

FFA Blake C. Lewis, Jr. Scholarship

Recognition of SLC Scholarship Recipients

-F.T. Willey

-Anonymous Donor

Recognition of WLC Scholarship Recipients

-Bryan Family Endowment

-North Carolina FFA Alumni & Supporters

Keynote Address

Mary Schrieber

2024-2025 National FFA Central Region Vice

President

State FFA Degree Ceremony

-Ernest Ellis Trust Fund Endowment

Closing Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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Leadership Workshops, and Activities are located
at the Raleigh Convention Center unless otherwise
noted in this program.*

7:30 am

Agricultural Mechanics CDE – Check-In

NC State University, Weaver Labs

3110 Faucette Dr, Raleigh, NC 27607

(Must provide your own transportation)

7:30 am

Nursery Landscape CDE – Practicum

For qualifying teams only, phase 2 practicums will be held off-site. Bus pick up in front of the convention center lobby at 7:00 am.

7:30 am

Milk Quality & Products – Check-In

Exhibit Hall B

8:00 am

Parliamentary Procedure Finals

Ballrooms A, B, & C

8:00 am

Agronomy – Check-In

Upper-Level Exhibit Hall A

8:00 am

Milk Quality and Products

Exhibit Hall A

8:00 am

Employment Skills

Room 206

8:00 am

Agricultural Communications

Part III: Press Conference & Presentation

Rooms 201, 202

8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Alumni Store & Silent Auction Open

Main Lobby

8:00 - 9:45

Agriscience Fair - Check-In and Set Up

305B

8:00 am

Agricultural Mechanics CDE

NC State University, Weaver Labs

3110 Faucette Dr, Raleigh, NC 27607

(Must provide your own transportation)

8:30 am

Agronomy

Exhibit Hall A

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Career Show & Expo Open

Exhibit Hall B & C

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Alumni Food Drive Drop-Off

Exhibit Hall C

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Farm Credit Associations of NC Teachers'

Lounge Open

Room 402

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Career Success Tours - NC State Prestage

Department of Poultry Science

Bus pick-up in front of main lobby at 8:45 am.

(Pre-registration required)

9:00 am

Leadership and Career Success Workshops

Sponsored by Army ROTC

**Descriptions for each workshop can be found at the end of this program.*

What Fills Us?

Mary Schriber

National FFA Central Region Vice President

Room 301A

Forever Blue

Brittany Chester

NC FFA Alumni President

Room 301B

Meet the Meat

Currey Nobles

NC State Animal Science

Room 302A

I Believe in the Future of Agriculture

Michelle Pace

Pace Family Farms

Room 302B

Roots to Results

2024-2025 North Carolina FFA State Officer
Team

Room 302C

Hats off to Ag Teachers!

Jose Hernandez-Galguera, Cecelia

Maxwell, Chelsea Pham, and Emily Taylor

NC State Agricultural Education Students

Room 303

People and Agriculture

NC State Agricultural and Human

Ambassadors

Room 304

10:00 am

Creed Speaking Finals

Ballrooms A, B, & C

10:00 am

Agricultural Issues

Room 205

10:00 am

Meats Evaluation and Technology – Check-In
Exhibit Hall B

10:30 am

Meats Evaluation and Technology
Exhibit Hall A

11:00 am

Leadership and Career Success Workshops

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the end of this program.*

What Fills Us?

Mary Schriber
Room 301A

Creepy Crawly Cuisine

NCSU Department of Food Science
Room 301B

**A Fun and Tasty Adventure with the
Howling Cow Crew**

Alex Ives
NC State Dairy
Room 302A

Programs and Opportunities

Joanna Eglinton
*The College of Agriculture and Life
Sciences at NC State*
Room 302B

I Believe in the Future of Agriculture

Michelle Pace
Pace Family Farms

Room 302B

Paving the Future of Agriculture

Will Crodick, Alana Hodges, Lilly Murphy,
and Junior Torres Diaz

NC State Agricultural Education Students

Room 303

**Teacher Recruitment and Exploration
Event (TREE)**

Presenter

Room 304

11:00 am

Spanish Creed Speaking Finals

Ballrooms A, B, & C

11:30 am

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking Holding
Room**

Room 206

12:00 pm

Agricultural Tools & Materials ID – Check-In

Upper-Level Exhibit Hall A

12:00 pm

Prepared Public Speaking Finals

Ballrooms A, B, & C

12:00 pm

Agriscience Fair - Judges Orientation

305B

12:30 pm

Agricultural Tools & Materials ID

Exhibit Hall A

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Career Success Tours - NC State Dairy
Education Unit**

Bus pick-up in front of main lobby at 12:15 pm.
(Pre-registration required)

1:00 pm

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Finals

Ballrooms A, B, & C

1:00 pm

Agriscience Fair Interviews

305B, 306A, 306B, 306C

1:00 pm

Quiz Bowl

Room 304

1:00 pm

Food Science and Technology – Check-In

Exhibit Hall B

1:00 pm

**Gator Wars Finals and Career Opportunity
Presentations**

Exhibit Hall B

*-Hosted by the John Deere FFA Alumni &
Supporters*

*All chapters and members are encouraged to
observe!*

1:00 pm

Leadership and Career Success Workshops

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the end of this program.*

What Fills Us?

Mary Schriber
National FFA Central Vice President
Room 301A

Fantastic Foliage

Jodi Songer Driedger
NC State Horticultural Science
Room 301B

Workshop 3

Young Farmers and Ranchers
Room 302A

Planting Knowledge, Harvesting Success

Jayden Bumpus, Savannah Dennis, Nate
Hayman, and Christina Welch
NC State Agricultural Education Students
Room 302B

**What Does It Take To Become an Ag
Teacher?**

Emery Donlan, Brogan Gilbert, Amethyst
Joseph, and Kanyon Tyner
Room 302C

Say It Like a Leader!

2023-2024 North Carolina FFA State Officer
Team
Room 303

1:30 pm

Food Science and Technology

Exhibit Hall A

3:30 pm

**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Third General
Session Seating
Pre-session Activities**

4:00 pm

Third General Session

Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C

(All award winners should be in reserved seating on the left-hand side of the convention hall 20 minutes prior to the session start.)

The Third General Session is sponsored by

Opening Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Session Sponsor Remarks

Greetings

Recognition of Previously Held

Career Development Event Winners

Agricultural Education

-Dr. Wendy Warner

Agricultural Sales – Senior Division

-North Carolina State Grange

Agricultural Sales – Junior Division

-North Carolina State Grange

Envirothon/Environmental & Natural Resources

-Darling Ingredients

Envirothon/Environmental & Natural Resources -
Middle Grades

-Darling Ingredients

Farm Business Management – Senior Division

-Andy VonCanon & Brittany Whitmire

Farm Business Management – Junior Division

-Andy VonCanon & Brittany Whitmire

Marketing Plan

*-Corn Growers Association of North
Carolina*

-First Bank and Trust

Middle Grades Exploring Biotechnology

-North Carolina FFA Foundation

Middle Grades Exploring Biotechnology - Quiz Bowl

-North Carolina FFA Foundation

Middle Grades Prepared Public Speaking

-North Carolina FFA Foundation

Middle Grades Ritual & Parliamentary Procedure

-North Carolina FFA Foundation

Hunter Safety

-NC State Agricultural Institute

Land Judging – Senior Division

-Duke Energy

-Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina

Land Judging – Junior Division

-Duke Energy

-Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina

Retiring Address

“Title”

Lindsey Hockstra

State FFA Vice President

**Recognition of Middle Grades SAE Award
Winners**

Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners

Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship

-Sponsor

Agricultural Sales - Placement

-North Carolina State Grange

-Brian Wood

-Kara & Peyton Holland

Agricultural Services

-Jennifer Broadwell & Stefanie Goblet

Diversified Agricultural Production

-Walker Production Agriculture, LLC

Outdoor Recreation

-MarshMcLennan Agency

-Jones & Lisa Loffin

Wildlife Production and Management

-Sponsor

Closing Ceremony

State FFA Officers

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Friends of NC FFA Reception (*Invitation only –
RSVP Required*)

Room 402

6:30 pm

**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Fourth General
Session Seating**

7:00 pm

Alumni Silent Auction Closes

Main Lobby

7:00 pm

Fourth General Session

Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C

(All award winners should be in reserved seating on the left-hand side of the convention hall 20 minutes prior to the session start.)

The Fourth General Session is sponsored by

Opening Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Session Sponsor Remarks

Recognition of North Carolina FFA

Foundation Advisory Board

Mrs. Allyson Farmer

Associate Director of Philanthropy

Recognition of Lifetime Achievement Honoree

William Teague

Recognition of Premier Partner Award

North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission

Recognition of 2025 National Convention

Delegates

Gator Wars Recognition

-Hosted by John Deere

Quiz Bowl Recognition

-North Carolina FFA Foundation

Recognition of Previously Held

Career Development Event Winners

Tractor Driving

-Eastern NC IH Club

-Kubota Tractors

-Southern Shows

Truck Driving

-Capital Chevrolet

-Southern Shows

Retiring Address

“Title”

Regan Honeycutt

State FFA Vice President

Recognition of Agricultural Mechanics CDE Winners

Agricultural Mechanics

-In honor of Tom Bowman by Kevin Franklin

*-NC State Department of Biological and
Agricultural Engineering*

C.V. Tart Agricultural Tools and Materials

-C.V. Tart FFA Endowment

Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners

Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication

-Johnny Jessup

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance -
Placement

-Abilene Machine

Past State Officer Recognition

2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021- 2022; 2020-2021;
2019-2020; 2014-2015; 2009-2010; 2004-2005;
1999-2000; 1994-1995; 1984-1985; 1974-1975

Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Convention Social

Immediately following the Fourth General Session
until 10:30 pm
Exhibit Hall B

Thursday, June 26, 2025

7:00 am

Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Business Session

7:30 am

Delegate Business Session

Ballrooms A, B, & C

(Registered delegates only)

8:30 am

**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Fifth General
Session Seating**

Pre-Session Activities

9:00 am

Fifth General Session

Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C

*(All award winners should be in reserved seating on
the left-hand side of the convention hall 20 minutes
prior to the session start.)*

The Fifth General Session is sponsored by

Opening Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Session Sponsor Remarks

Greetings

North Carolina State Grange Youth Team

Greetings

Dr. Travis Park

National FFA Advisor

North Carolina FFA Board of Directors Recognition

Recognition of Agriscience Fair Winners

- Syngenta*
- Naderman Career Development Event Fund*

Recognition of Plant Science CDE Winners

Agronomy

- North Carolina Peanut Growers*

Floriculture

- Kiefer Landscaping & Nursery*

Forestry

- Mr. David & Mrs. Beverly Harris*
- Wayne Community College*

Introduction to Horticulture

- North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Nursery/Landscape

- NC State Agricultural Institute*
- Wilkes Community College*
- Morgan Landscape Group*
- Kiefer Landscaping and Nursery*

Retiring Address

“Title”

Carson Park

State FFA Vice President

Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners

Diversified Crop Production - Placement

- Wayne Community College*
- James Sprunt Community College*

Diversified Horticulture

- In memory of Mack Edwards by*

Gerald & Joan Barlowe

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

*-North Carolina Soybean Producers
Association*

Forage Production

-McLain Farms

Fruit & Nut Production

-Mr. Cy Vernon

-Pace Family Farms

Grain Production

-McLain Farms

-Dr. Joy Morgan Fleming & Rob Fleming

Landscape Installation

-Sponsor

Nursery Operations

-North Carolina FFA Foundation

Specialty Crop Production

-North Carolina FFA Foundation

Turf and Landscape Maintenance

-Sponsor

Vegetable Production

*-The Honorable Representative James H.
Langdon, Jr.*

Closing Ceremony

State FFA Officers

10:30 am

**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Sixth General
Session Seating**

11:00 am

Sixth General Session

Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C

(All award winners should be in reserved seating on the left-hand side of the convention hall 20 minutes prior to the session start.)

The Sixth General Session is sponsored by

Opening Ceremony

State FFA Officers

Sponsor Remarks

Greetings

Alumni Food Drive Winner Recognition

Recognition of Food Science CDE Winners

Food Science and Technology

*-Corn Growers Association of North
Carolina*

Meats Evaluation and Technology

*-Smithfield Foods
-Mr. Horace & Mrs. Janet Johnson*

Milk Quality & Products

*-North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation
-Ashe County Cheese*

**Recognition of Leadership Development Event
Winners**

Agricultural Communications

-NC State Agricultural Institute

Agricultural Issues

-North Carolina Farm Bureau

Extemporaneous Public Speaking
-*North Carolina Farm Bureau*
-*University of Mount Olive*

Employment Skills
-*NC State Agricultural Institute*

Ritual & Parliamentary Procedure
-*Care First Animal Hospital, Dr. Joe Gordon*

Prepared Public Speaking
-*Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Judy Miller*

Spanish FFA Creed
-*NC State Agricultural Institute*

Presentation of Spanish FFA Creed by State Winner

Jim Graham FFA Creed
-*Mr. Joshua Singleton*

Presentation of FFA Creed by State Winner

Retiring Address **"Title"**

Travis Cox
State FFA President

Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners Agricultural Communications -*UMO Collegiate FFA*

Agricultural Education
-*Julie Howard & Camber Howard Starling./*

Agricultural Processing
-*MarshMcLennan Agency*

Recognition of Parents of State FFA Officers

Delegate Business Session II

FFA Year in Review

Recognition of 2024-2025 State FFA Officers

Shelby Robertson, State FFA Coordinator

State Officer Nominating Committee Report

Election and Installation of 2025-2026 State FFA Officers

*-New State Officer jackets are sponsored by
Andy VonCanon & Brittany Whitmire*

Closing Ceremony

2025-2026 State FFA Officers

Tour Descriptions

Title: AGI Tour

Description: The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) and the Agricultural Institute (AGI) invite you to a bus tour of the farms and field laboratories used for teaching, research, and extension at NC State University. This tour provides a glimpse of a day in the life of an NC State CALS student. It will include animal and plant facilities, allowing participants to see innovative and exciting experiential learning opportunities.

Title: NC State Feed Mill

Description: The NC State Feed Mill Education Unit provides feed for many of the research farms at NC State University, including the Dairy, Swine, Chicken, and Talley Turkey Education Units located on the Lake Wheeler Field Laboratory. On this tour, we will guide you through the process of making feed, as well as how the feed mill supports the university's academic, Extension, and research missions.

Title: Prestage Department of Poultry Science

Description: This tour will walk students through a brief introduction to the Prestage Department of Poultry Science and then explore turkey brooding and management in conjunction with the Youth Market Turkey Show.

Title: NCSU Dairy Education Unit

Description:

Workshop Descriptions

Title: What Fills Us?

Host: Mary Schrieber, *National FFA Vice President*

Description: How do our words and actions impact others? In this workshop, we'll explore the concept of bucket filling as a simple yet powerful way to

help others feel full. Together, we'll learn how to fill each other's buckets and create a supportive and uplifting environment for everyone.

Title: Forever Blue

Host: Brittany Chester, *North Carolina FFA Alumni President*

Description: Juniors and Seniors, FFA has played a huge role in your life, but as graduation nears, you may wonder... what's next? Learn how you can stay involved post-high school no matter what your career or college track looks like.

Title: Meet the Meat: An overview of meat cuts and basic meat quality

Host: Currey Nobles, *NC State Animal Science*

Description: Come meet the meat! Learn the basic carcass anatomy for beef, pork, and lamb and identify where common retail cuts come from. Discuss why certain cuts are more suitable for specific cooking methods and the many factors that contribute to the eating experience of a meat product.

Title: I Believe in the Future of Agriculture

Host: Michelle Pace, *Pace Family Farms*

Description: How to use your voice for agriculture after graduation.

Title: Roots to Results: Aligning Your Goals with Your Values

Host: 2024-2025 North Carolina FFA State Officer Team

Description: Transform how we approach goal-setting in this workshop that bridges the gap between who we are and what we want to achieve. Learn how to create meaningful goals that truly resonate with our core values, leading to more sustainable and fulfilling success inside and outside of FFA.

Title: Hats off to Ag Teachers!

Host: Jose Hernandez-Galguera, Cecelia Maxwell, Chelsea Pham, and Emily Taylor, *NC State Agricultural Education Students*

Description: Ag teachers wear many hats, and through this workshop we will explore the diverse roles of an agriculture teacher and how they teach, grow, and inspire the next generation. Join us as we celebrate the impact of our agriculture teachers and discover how to balance the many hats with passion and purpose!

Title: People and Agriculture: Opportunities in Agricultural and Human Sciences at NC State

Host: NC State Agricultural and Human Sciences Ambassadors

Description: Do you love working in the agriculture field, but also have a strong passion for working with people? Are you exploring opportunities for your future after high school? Come explore opportunities within the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences with our AHS Ambassadors!

Title: Creepy Crawly Cuisine

Host: NCSU Department of Food Science

Description: Would you ever consider crickets the main course for dinner? If your answer is no, then you are a minority around the world. Our world is facing a shortage of protein as the population continues to increase. And insects might just be the answer to the problem! Come hear how food science is using insects to create creepy-crawly cuisine and a whole new outlook on protein at dinner.

Title: A Fun and Tasty Adventure with the Howling Cow Crew

Host: Alex Ives, *NC State Dairy Education Coordinator*

Description: Ever wondered how dairy products are made and why some taste better than others? Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll dive into the world of dairy processing and enjoy some delicious samples along the way. We'll kick things off by tasting whole, low-fat, and chocolate milk, exploring the differences in fat content, and seeing if you can taste the change. Next, get ready to savor a variety of cheeses made from both cows and goats, while learning about what makes each one unique. Finally, we'll indulge in a mouthwatering ice cream tasting, where you'll discover the secrets of butterfat content, overrun, and how that creamy base mix is made. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience—it's time to taste and learn!

Title: The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at NC State: Programs and Opportunities

Host: Joanna Eglinton, *NC State CALS*

Description: NC State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) offers the programs and support you need to succeed. Learn about our diverse undergraduate programs, unique opportunities, and personalized support system. Hear from current CALS students about their experiences and how we blend a close-knit community with the resources of a leading university.

Title: Paving the Future of Agriculture

Host: Will Crodick, Alana Hodges, Lilly Murphy, and Junior Torres Diaz, *NC State Agricultural Education Students*

Description: Through this workshop, we will dive into the Agricultural Education program at NC State. We will share the importance of the different concentrations in Agricultural Education at NC State and how it comes together to build the Agriculture Industry!

Title: Fantastic Foliage

Host: Jodi Songer Driedger, *NC State Horticultural Science*

Description: The art of designing and constructing arrangements using greenery and living materials. Students will observe a demonstration of how to create foliage arrangements and also create their own kokedama arrangement.

Title:

Host: YF&R

Description:

Title: Planting Knowledge, Harvesting Success: Why Ag Education?

Host: Jayden Bumpus, Savannah Dennis, Nate Hayman, and Christina Welch, *NC State Agricultural Education Students*

Description: Did you know that agriculture teachers don't just teach—they get to work with animals, build projects, grow plants, and help students become leaders? Join NC State Ag Ed students as we share why we chose this exciting career and let you try out some hands-on ag activities for yourself! If you like learning by doing, being creative, and making a difference, this workshop is the perfect way to explore a future in Ag Ed!

Title: What does it take to become an ag teacher?

Host: Emery Donlan, Brogan Gilbert, Amethyst Joseph, and Kanyon Tyner, *NC State Agricultural Education Students*

Description: This workshop will cover all of the different aspects people must complete in order to become an ag teacher, including high school courses, college courses, teacher licensure, internships, etc. in a fun and interactive way!

Title: Say It Like a Leader!

Host: 2023-2024 North Carolina FFA State Officer Team

Description: Great leaders don't just speak—they connect, inspire, and leave an impact. Join the 2023-2024 NC FFA State Officers for an interactive experience designed to help you communicate with confidence and purpose! Through engaging activities and real-world leadership scenarios, we'll explore how our words and actions shape the culture around us. Whether we are leading a chapter, advocating for a cause, or simply striving to make a difference, this workshop will equip us with the tools to leave a lasting legacy through the way we communicate!

First General Session

Membership Growth Awards

Highest Membership Growth

Highest Percentage Membership Growth

National Chapter Award Winners

Superior Chapters

Gold Chapters

Silver Chapters

Previously Held Career Development Events

Dairy Evaluation - Senior Division

High Scoring Individual:

Dairy Evaluation - Junior Division

High Scoring Individual:

Junior Dairy Evaluation - Middle Grades

Dairy Handlers

Horse Evaluation – Senior Division

High Scoring Individual:

Horse Evaluation – Junior Division

High Scoring Individual:

Junior Horse Evaluation - Middle Grades

Livestock Evaluation – Senior Division

North Buncombe

Davie County

Crest

High Scoring Individual: Clayton Hinnant, Southern Nash

Livestock Evaluation – Junior Division

Corriher-Lipe Middle

North Johnston Middle

East Burke

High Scoring Individual: Guy Deal, Corriher-Lipe Middle

Junior Livestock Judging - Middle Grades

Corriher-Lipe Middle

North Johnston Middle

West Stanly Middle

Poultry Evaluation – Senior Division

Union Academy

Crest

Alexander Central

High Scoring Individual: Lindsay Vanart, Union Academy

Poultry Evaluation – Junior Division

Union Academy

Burns

Parkwood Middle

High Scoring Individual: Hannah Kirby, Polk County

Junior Poultry Evaluation - Middle Grades

Parkwood Middle

Burns Middle

Corriher-Lipe Middle

Veterinary Science

Gray's Creek

Wakefield

Enka

High Scoring Individual: Dylan Lauf, Apex

Proficiency Awards (Scrambled Order)

Beef Production - Entrepreneurship

Laurel Mitchell, Alexander Central

Addison Sprinkle, North Buncombe

Beef Production - Placement

Lydia Crocker, North Johnston

Adrian Dobson, North Iredell

Joshua Hobbs, Lakewood

Dairy Production - Placement

Micah Chapman, Alexander Central

Kennedy Clawson, West Rowan

Diversified Livestock Production

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience

Jordan Melvin, Lakewood

Brittlyn Stubbs, Lumberton

Equine Science - Placement

Lindsey Cook, Fred T Foard
Jordan Melvin, Lakewood
Lilly Russell, Gray's Creek

Goat Production

Sarah Ball, Madison
Taylor Knox, North Iredell
Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton

Poultry Production

Aubri Austin, South Rowan
Levi Cranford, West Stanly
Dalton Jackson, Lakewood

Sheep Production

Omar Aguilar, Hobbton
Irvin Satterfield, Bartlett Yancey
Annalise Watts, Corriher-Lipe Middle

Small Animal Production and Care

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience
Aubrie Hoover, Rolesville
Dixie Smith, Alexander Central

Swine Production - Placement

Bryleigh Colbert, Southern Nash
Ella Jacot, West Johnston

Veterinary Science

Cheyenne Carpenter, Crest
Yazmine Garcia, South Johnston
Allie Lackey, Alexander Central

Second General Session

State Officer Candidates

Schools & Advisors of State Officers

Alanna Greene, Madison

Advisors: Chad Ayers, Adam Byrd, Lydia Pope,
Robin Huey

Walter Moore, North Pitt
Advisor: Lauren Wilmot

Lindsey Hockstra, Millbrook
Advisors: Jennifer Broadwell, Stephanie Goblet,
Ryan Berglund, Allison Nidiffer

Regan Honeycutt, Midway
Advisors: Scott Jolly, Jessica Varley

Carson Park, Garner
Advisor: Sarah Dinger

Travis Cox, Richlands
Advisors: Tracy Berg, Al Jones, Kelly Huffman

American Degree Candidates

State Star Awards

State Star in Agriscience

State Star in Agricultural Placement

State Star Farmer

North Carolina FFA Scholarship Recipients

**Alpha Gamma Rho Michael E. Bayne Memorial
Scholarship**

Cy Vernon FFA Endowment Scholarship

**North Carolina Agricultural Teachers
Association Current Student Scholarship**

**North Carolina Agricultural Teachers
Association Rising Freshman Scholarship**

NC State Collegiate FFA Endowment

FFA Blake C. Lewis, Jr. Scholarship

SLC Scholarship Recipients

F.T. Willey SLC Scholarship

SLC Scholarship

WLC Scholarship Recipients

Erik Hayes, Gray's Creek
Jazmin Palma, Uwharrie Charter
Penny Long, Bear Grass Charter
Mollie Sullivan, West Rowan
Lydia Whitten, Wheatmore
Kamryn Wise, Triton
Ethan Hammond, West Columbus

Old North State Degree Recipients **(A-Z by Chapter)**

Third General Session

Previously Held Career Development Events

Agricultural Education

Agricultural Sales - Senior Division

Millbrook
Cleveland
Southern Nash
High Scoring Individual: Josiah Saravia, Millbrooks

Agriculture Sales - Junior Division

Millbrook
Orange
West Johnston
High Scoring Individual: Sonja Sainovic, West Johnston

Envirothon/Environmental & Natural Resources

Envirothon/Environmental & Natural Resources - Middle Grades

Farm Business Management - Senior Division

Providence Grove

Millbrook

Green Level

High Scoring Individual: Hunter Ward, Providence
Grove

Farm Business Management - Junior Division

Northwood

South Johnston

Green Level

High Scoring Individual: Marlee Barbour, South
Johnston

Junior Farm Business Management - Middle Grades

West Millbrook Middle

Meadow Middle

Clayton Middle

Marketing Plan

Lumberton

West Rowan

South Johnston

Middle Grades Exploring Biotechnology

Cleveland Middle

Corriher-Lipe Middle

North Johnston Middle

Middle Grades Exploring Biotechnology - Quiz Bowl

Martin Middle

Princeton Middle

Carnage Middle

Middle Grades Prepared Public Speaking

Mia Owens, Martin Middle

Zoe Comerford, Southern Nash Middle

Summer Dearmon, West Rowan Middle

Middle Grades Ritual & Parliamentary Procedure

Madison Middle

Martin Middle

Mount Pleasant Middle

Hunter Safety

Land Judging - Senior Division

Lumberton

West Brunswick

West Columbus

High Scoring Individual: Tanner Pritchard, West Brunswick

Land Judging - Junior Division

Lumberton

Polk County

West Columbus

High Scoring Individual: Abigail Lewis, Polk County

Middle Grades SAE Winners (Scrambled Order)

Proficiency Awards (Scrambled Order)

Agricultural Sales - Placement

Kimsey Bagley, South Johnston

Fancy Bullard, Lakewood

Emily Ward, West Stanly

Agricultural Services

Reece Carson, West Johnston

Alexis Gonzales, Lakewood

James Ritchie, South Rowan

Diversified Agricultural Production

Joshua Hobbs, Lakewood
Seth Karriker, South Rowan
Chayden Locklear, Lumberton

Outdoor Recreation

Logan Champion, Corinth Holders
Rachel Noble, South Lenoir
Thomas Shumaker, North Iredell

Wildlife Production and Management

Mia Calton, West Johnston
Joshua Hobbs, Lakewood
Mary Murphy, Jones

Fourth General Session

North Carolina FFA Foundation Advisory Board

Dwight Armstrong
Joshua Bledsoe
Ashley Collins
DeShon Cromartie
Jimmy Gentry
Carrie Gray
Wells Hall
Allison Jennings
Skipper Jones
Brittany Lloyd
Sabrina Patton
Keelan Pulliam
Sterlina Smith
Ronald Tew
Howard Williams

Lifetime Achievement Honorees

William Teague

Premier Partner Award

North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission

**2025 National Convention State Delegate
Applicants**

Previous Career Development Event Winners

Tractor Driving

Ty Booker, Rockingham County
Bryce Burleson, North Stanly
Tanner Milner, Central Davidson

Truck Driving

Issac Simmons, Lumberton
Jacob Blackman, Midway
Michael Presnell, Tuscola

Proficiency Award Winners (Scrambled Order)
Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication

**Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance
- Placement**

2025 Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients

Cindy Adams
Dr. Logan Burleson
Dr. Ben Chapman
Pam Gibson
Aaron Greene
Ali Hicks
Lynn Isgrig
Jada Jackson
Sharon Jackson
Dr. J. Stephen Matthis
Beverly McMillen
Tyler Mitchell
Matthew Owen
Hailey Peeler
Susan Perry

Rex Sasser
Dr. Hugh Scott
John Michael Scott
Toby Sorrell
Bill Tarplee
Carl Tart
Connie Tart
Todd Williams
David Zimmerman

Fifth General Session

North Carolina FFA Association

Board of Directors

Dr. Wendy Warner
Dr. Chastity English
Dr. Jason Davis
Dr. Dominick Manusos
Brittany Chester
Travis Cox
Carson Park
Regan Honeycutt
Lindsey Hockstra
Walter Moore
Alanna Greene
Chris Hicks
Brett Capps
Jonathan Deese
Bill Walker
Anna Bruner
Donnie Henson
Hailey Peeler
Kate Kennedy
Kristina Brake
Johnny Jessup
Chris Hart

Proficiency Award Winners (Scrambled Order)

Diversified Crop Production - Placement

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience

Eli Manning, Southern Nash
Nathan Sutton, South Lenoir

Diversified Horticulture

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience
Karyme Medrano, Hobbton
James Thomas, Cleveland

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience
Joshua Hobbs, Lakewood

Forage Production

Andrew Roberts, South Johnston

Grain Production

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience
Joshua Hobbs, Lakewood

Landscape Installation

Caden Bowman, Millbrook
James Ritchie, South Rowan
Bo Samson, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience

Nursery Operations

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience
Rachel Noble, South Lenoir
Thomas Shumaker, North Iredell

Specialty Crop Production

Eli Manning, Southern Nash
Josue Sanchez - Medrano, Hobbton

Turf and Landscape Maintenance

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience
Logan Morrison, Hobbton

Vegetable Production

Anthony Gamboa, Northeast Regional School of
Agriscience
Chayden Locklear, Lumberton
Hadley Pridgen, Southern Nash

Sixth General Session

Proficiency Award Winners (Scrambled Order)

Agricultural Communications

Caitlyn Bass, Lakewood
Jazmin Palma, Uwharrie Charter
Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton

Agricultural Education

Michael Powell, Farmville Central
Lilly Russell, Gray's Creek
Luanna Sessoms, Lakewood

Agricultural Processing

Jacob Gatlin, Lakewood
Shae Moore, North Moore
Haley Queen, Alexander Central

Family of State Officers

Matthew and Nicole Cox
Dr. Travis and Lacy Park
Carlton and Linda Honeycutt
Darrin and Debbie Hockstra
Arthur and Kimberly Moore
Cameron and Carmen Greene

Career Show Vendors

On-Stage Recognition Summary

DO NOT SEND STAND-INS ON STAGE.

If a student is not able to accept his/her award, awards can be picked up backstage after the session or from the FFA office at a later date.

For the following awards/recognition, one advisor and one member will be recognized on stage:

- Membership Growth
- National Chapter Awards
- State Stars

For the following awards/recognition, only recognized member(s) will be recognized on stage:

- Agriscience Fair – Top three in each category/division
- American FFA Degree Candidates
- National Convention Delegates
- North Carolina FFA Scholarships
- Proficiency Award Winners -Top three in each category
- State FFA Degree Recipients
- State Officer Candidates

For leadership and career development events, one advisor along with the team/individual will be recognized on stage.

Convention Seating

- All convention sessions will be held in Grand Ballrooms A, B, & C of the Raleigh Convention Center.
- The seating capacity for the ballroom is 3,000 individuals. Session seating will be on a first come-first-serve basis.
- There will be reserved seating during each session for those being recognized, award recipients, parents of state officers, and special guests.
- Courtesy Corps members will be stationed throughout the ballroom to help convention attendees find seating.
- Convention attendees who are receiving awards on stage must be in their seats **20 minutes prior** to the session start time. Those being recognized on stage are required to be in Official Dress.
- State Degree recipients will be asked to sit in the reserved seating on the left-hand side of the convention hall by 6:30 pm on Tuesday night.
- Badges and lanyards are required to be worn at all times during the convention, except while on stage. Please remove badges and lanyards before going backstage.

COUNTY CHALLENGE

North Carolina FFA's reach spans an incredible 98 of our 100 counties! But we're not stopping there. The challenge is on: **Can you connect with and collect a signature from a fellow member in every North Carolina county that has an FFA Chapter?**

Alamance _____
Alexander _____
Alleghany _____
Anson _____
Ashe _____
Avery _____
Beaufort _____
Bertie _____
Bladen _____
Brunswick _____
Buncombe _____
Burke _____
Cabarrus _____
Caldwell _____
Camden _____
Carteret _____
Caswell _____
Catawba _____
Chatham _____
Cherokee _____
Chowan _____
Clay _____
Cleveland _____
Columbus _____
Craven _____
Cumberland _____
Currituck _____
Dare _____
Davidson _____

Davie _____
Duplin _____
Durham _____
Edgecombe _____
Forsyth _____
Franklin _____
Gaston _____
Gates _____
Graham _____
Granville _____
Greene _____
Guilford _____
Halifax _____
Harnett _____
Haywood _____
Henderson _____
Hertford _____
Hoke _____
Hyde _____
Iredell _____
Jackson _____
Johnston _____
Jones _____
Lee _____
Lenoir _____
Lincoln _____
Macon _____
Madison _____
Martin _____
McDowell _____
Mecklenburg _____
Mitchell _____
Montgomery _____
Moore _____
Nash _____
New Hanover _____

Northampton _____
Onslow _____
Orange _____
Pamlico _____
Pasquotank _____
Pender _____
Perquimans _____
Person _____
Pitt _____
Polk _____
Randolph _____
Richmond _____
Robeson _____
Rockingham _____
Rowan _____
Rutherford _____
Sampson _____
Scotland _____
Stanly _____
Stokes _____
Surry _____
Swain _____
Transylvania _____
Tyrrell _____
Union _____
Vance _____
Wake _____
Warren _____
Washington _____
Watauga _____
Wayne _____
Wilkes _____
Wilson _____
Yadkin _____
Yancey _____

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