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**JUNE 23-25, 2026**



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## **Welcome**

Welcome to the 97th 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 association 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.

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# SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

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## **Monday, June 22, 2026**

**4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

### **Convention Registration**

Main Lobby of the Raleigh Convention Center  
(Advisors Only)

## **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

*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)

**8:00 am**

### **Floriculture CDE - Check-In**

Exhibit Hall A

**8:00 am**

### **Introduction to Horticulture CDE - Check-In**

Exhibit Hall A

**8:30 am**

### **Agricultural Communications CDE**

#### **Part I: Communications Quiz &**

#### **Part II: Writing Practicum**

Rooms 306A, 306B, 306C

**9:00 am - 11:30 am**

### **Career Success Tours -**

### **NC State Agricultural Institute**

Bus pick-up in front of the main lobby by 8:45 am  
(Pre-registration required)

**9:00 am**

### **Floriculture CDE**

Exhibit Hall A

**9:00 am** - Forest Gates Open  
**Forestry CDE** - Check In  
Clemmons ESF, Clayton  
(No arrival before 9 AM, transportation not provided)

**9:00 am**  
**Introduction to Horticulture CDE**  
Exhibit Hall A

**9:00 am**  
**Parliamentary Procedure CDE**  
**Written Exam**  
Room 304

**10:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Alumni Store Open**  
Main Lobby

**10:00 am**  
**Career Show & Expo Ribbon Cutting**  
Supported in part by Harris Teeter  
Exhibit Hall B and C

**10:00 am - 4:30 pm**  
**Career Show & Expo Open**  
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Exhibit Hall B and C

**10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**DELTA - FFA State Convention Experience**  
For current DELTA teacher participants only  
Room 304

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**11:30 am**  
**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for First General**  
**Session Seating & Pre-session Activities**  
**Talent Showcase**  
Luke Hinton & Levi Martin, Crest FFA  
Gwendolyn Oates, High Rock FFA

**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 supported by**



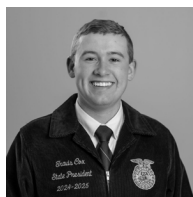
YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS

**Opening Ceremony**  
State FFA Officers

**Posting of Colors**  
NC Forest Service Honor Guard

**National Anthem**  
Lily Nance, Parkwood Middle

**Reflections**  
Travis Cox  
2024-2025 State FFA President



**Special Remarks**  
Rachel Hunt  
Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina

**Title Sponsor Remarks**  
Stephanie Darnell  
Technical Stewardship Manager  
BASF Agricultural Solutions

### **Session Sponsor Remarks**

Carrie Barnhardt

Chair

North Carolina Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers

### **Greetings**

Mr. Joshua Bledsoe

State FFA Advisor

State Agricultural Education Leader

### **Expo Sponsor Remarks**

Karin Humanik, Senior Director of Produce

Mike Hildebrand, Produce Field Buyer

Harris Teeter

### **Recognition of Previously Held Career Development Event Winners**

Agricultural Sales - Senior Division

- *North Carolina Grange*

Agricultural Sales - Junior Division

- *North Carolina Grange*

Farm Business Management - Senior Division

- *Andy VonCanon & Brittany Whitmire*

Farm Business Management - Junior Division

- *Andy VonCanon & Brittany Whitmire*

Marketing Plan

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

### **Greetings**

Steve Troxler

Commissioner of Agriculture

North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

## **Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners**

Agricultural Sales - Placement

- *North Carolina Grange*
- *Brian Wood*

Agricultural Services

- *Hog Slat*

Service Learning

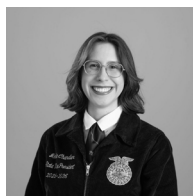
- *Jones & Lisa Loflin*

## **Retiring Address**

### **“Pockets Full”**

Mollie Chandler

State FFA Vice President



## **Special Remarks**

## **Recognition of Previously Held Career Development Event Winners**

Middle Grades Envirothon

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Envirothon

- *Darling Ingredients*

Hunter Safety

- *NC State Agricultural Institute*

Land Judging Senior

- *Farm Credit Associations of NC*

Land Judging Junior

- *Farm Credit Associations of NC*

Tractor Driving

- *Kubota Tractors*
- *Southern Shows*

Truck Driving

- *Capital Chevrolet*
- *Southern Shows*

### **Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners**

Diversified Horticulture

- *Gerald & Joan Barlowe*

Environmental Science & Natural Resources

- *Wayne Community College*

Forage Production

- *McLain Farms*

Forest Management & Products

- *Jimmy Roberts*

Fruit & Nut Production

- *Cy Vernon*

Landscape Installation

- *John Deere*

Nursery Operations

- *NC Soybean Producers Association*

Turf & Landscape Maintenance

- *John Deere*
- *Wayne Community College*

Vegetable Production

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

### **Recognition of Previously Held Career Development Event Winners**

Dairy Evaluation Senior

- *NC Dairy Youth Foundation*

Dairy Evaluation Junior

- *NC Dairy Youth Foundation*

Dairy Handlers

- *NC Dairy Youth Foundation*

Horse Evaluation Senior

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Horse Evaluation Junior

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Livestock Evaluation Senior

- *Wilkes Community College - Animal Science*

Livestock Evaluation Junior

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Poultry Evaluation Senior

- *NC Egg Association*
- *Wilkes Community College - Animal Science*
- *NCSU Prestage Dept. of Poultry Science*

Poultry Evaluation Junior

- *NC Egg Association*
- *NCSU Prestage Dept. of Poultry Science*

Veterinary Science

- *Central Carolina Community College*

**Closing Ceremony**

State FFA Officers

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**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**

**Chapter Delegate Check-In**

North Hallway

(All delegates' names must be registered to participate.)

**2:30 pm**

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE  
Preliminary Rounds**

Room 302C, 303, 304

**2:30 pm**

**Jim Graham FFA Creed Speaking LDE  
Preliminary Rounds**

Room 202, 203

**2:30 pm**

**Meats Evaluation & Technology CDE - Check-In**

Exhibit Hall B

**2:30 pm**

**Nursery Landscape CDE - Check-in**

Upper Exhibit Hall A

**2:30 pm**

**Parliamentary Procedure LDE  
Preliminary Round**

Room 301A, 301B, 302A, 302B

**2:30 pm**

**Prepared Public Speaking LDE  
Preliminary Rounds**

Room 204, 205

**2:30 pm**

**Spanish FFA Creed Speaking LDE  
Preliminary Round**

Room 201

**2:30 pm**  
**Employment Skills LDE**

Room 206

**3:00 pm - 5:30 pm**  
**Career Success Tours -**  
**NC State University Agroecology Farm**

Bus pick-up in front of the main lobby by 2:45 pm  
(Pre-registration required)

**3:00 pm**  
**Meats Evaluation & Technology CDE**

Exhibit Hall A

**3:00 PM**  
**Nursery Landscape CDE**

Exhibit Hall A

*Phase 2 practicums will be held off-site on  
Wednesday, June 24.*

**3:30 pm**  
**Delegate Committee Work**

Growing Leaders - Room 306A

Building Communities - Room 306B

Strengthening Agriculture - Room 306C

**5:00 pm**  
**Teach Ag Signing Reception**

*Invitation only – RSVP Required*

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Room 402

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**6:30 pm**  
**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Second General**  
**Session Seating & Pre-session Activities**  
**Talent Showcase**

Ava Bordeaux, West Bladen FFA

Freya Poteat, Millbrook FFA

**7:00 pm**

## **Second General Session**

**Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C**

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**The Second General Session is supported by**



### **Opening Ceremony**

*George Santiago, Havelock FFA*

*Moa Pedersen, Green Level FFA*

*Rutvi Zoya Karanam, Green Level FFA*

*Claire Tian, Apex Friendship FFA*

*Hasna Kowsar Salahudeen, Apex Friendship FFA*

*Eliana Kim, Green Level FFA*

### **Session Sponsor Remarks**

Sarah Rachels

Chief Administrative Officer

Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina

### **Recognition of Previously Held**

#### **Career Development Event Winners**

Middle Grades Exploring Agricultural Tools & Materials

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Middle Grades Exploring Agricultural Science

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Middle Grades Ritual & Parliamentary Procedure

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Middle Grades Prepared Public Speaking

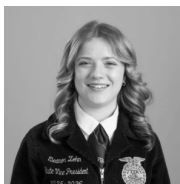
- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Middle Grades Exploring Agriculture &  
Biotechnology Quiz Bowl

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

**Retiring Address**  
**“100 Yards”**

Eleanor Zohn  
State FFA Vice President



**Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners**

Beef Production - Entrepreneurship

- *Walker Production Agriculture*

Beef Production - Placement

- *Carson Family Farm*

Dairy Production - Placement

- *NC Dairy Youth Foundation*

Goat Production

- *Kay Becton Jones*

Poultry Production

- *Wayne Community College*

Sheep Production

- *Allison & Brent Jennings*

Swine Production - Placement

- *Hog Slat*

Agricultural Communications

- *University of Mount Olive*

Agricultural Education

- *Julie Howard & Camber Howard Starling*

**Recognition of National Convention Delegates**

**Keynote Address**  
**“Worth the Discomfort”**

Jael Cruikshank  
National FFA Vice President

**Recognition of Previously Held  
Career Development Event Winners**

Agricultural Education  
- *Wendy Warner*

**State Officer Advisor and Mentor Recognition**

**Future Agricultural Educator Recognition**

**Greetings**

Dr. Antoine Alston  
Professor & Associate Dean  
North Carolina A&T University

**Recognition of NC FFA Scholarship Recipients**

Alpha Gamma Rho Michael E. Bayne Memorial  
Scholarship  
Cy Vernon FFA Endowment Scholarship  
Charles Messer Beef Scholarship  
Edward Snyder Memorial Scholarship  
NCATA Rising Freshman Scholarship  
NCATA Current Student Scholarship  
NC State CFFA Endowment Scholarship  
Midway FFA Scholarship

**Recognition of WLC Campership Recipients**

-*Bryan Family Endowment*  
-*North Carolina FFA Alumni & Supporters*

**National Chapter Award Recognition**

- *NC Sweetpotato Commission*

**Closing Ceremony**

State FFA Officers

## **Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

*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**

**Agricultural Mechanics CDE** - Check-In  
NC State University, Weaver Labs  
3110 Faucette Dr, Raleigh, NC 27607  
(Must provide your own transportation)

**7:30 am**

**Milk Quality & Products CDE** - Check-In  
Exhibit Hall B

**7:30 am**

**Nursery Landscape CDE** - Team Activity  
**Practicum**

*For qualifying teams only. Bus pick up in front of the convention center lobby at 7:15 am.*

**8:00 am - 7:00 pm**

**Alumni Store & Silent Auction Open**  
Main Lobby

**8:00 am**

**Agronomy CDE** - Check-In  
Upper-Level Exhibit Hall A

**8:00 am**

**Agricultural Communications CDE**  
**Part III: Press Conference & Presentation**  
Rooms 201, 202, 203, 204

**8:00 - 9:45 am**

**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)

**8:00 am**

**State Star Interviews**

Room 205

**8:00 am**

**Milk Quality & Products CDE**

Exhibit Hall A

**8:00 am**

**Parliamentary Procedure LDE Finals**

Ballrooms A, B, & C

**8:30 am**

**Agronomy CDE**

Exhibit Hall A

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Career Show & Expo Open**

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Exhibit Hall B & C

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Farm Credit Associations of NC Teachers'  
Lounge**

Room 402

**9:00 am**

**Leadership and Career Success Workshops**

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

**Success That Matters**

Jael Cruikshank

*National FFA Vice President*

Room 301A

**Future Farmers in College**

Baylee Holland, Susannah Piatek, &  
Caroline Deal

*NC State University Agriculture and  
Extension Education*

Room 301B

**The World's Dumbest Problem (And How  
We Fix It)**

Paige Luck

*NC State University - Food Science*

Room 302A

**Forever Blue**

Brittany Chester

*North Carolina Alumni Association*

Room 302B

**Meet the Meat!**

Currey Nobles

*NC State Food Science*

Room 302C

**Say Hello to Horticulture**

*NC State University Horticulture Science*

Room 303

**Embracing Empowerment**

*2025-2026 State Officer Team*

Room 304

**10:00 am**

**Agricultural Issues LDE**

Room 206

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Career Success Tours -**

**NC State Dairy Education Unit**

Bus pick-up in front of the main lobby at 9:45 am.

(Pre-registration required)

**10:00 am**

**Creed Speaking LDE Finals**

Ballrooms A, B, & C

**11:00 am**

**Leadership and Career Success Workshops**

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**Success That Matters**

Jael Cruikshank

*National FFA Vice President*

Room 301A

**Seeds of Change: Growing Your Ag  
Advocacy**

Dulce Torres, Bethany Parker, & Iris

Diaz-Menchu

*NC State University Agriculture and  
Extension Education*

Room 301B

**Be Someone Worth Following**

Darby Ragsdale, Janie Watts, Luanna

Sessoms, & Haley Wingate

*NC State University Agriculture and  
Extension Education*

Room 302A

**Agriculture Career Opportunities in NC**

Breanna Hinkle  
*Wayne Community College*  
Room 302B

**Awareness. Influence. Multiply.**

Remiya Stephens & Quinn Pendley  
*Georgia FFA Association*  
Room 302C

**Mini Farming: SAE on a ¼ Acre or Less**

*Bladen Community College*  
Room 303

**Living to Serve**

Lilly Russell, Josiah Saravia, & Lydia  
Williamson  
*NC State University Agriculture and  
Extension Education*  
Room 304

**11:00 am**

**Spanish Creed Speaking LDE Finals**

Ballrooms A, B, & C

**11:30 am**

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE  
Holding Room**

Room 205

**11:30 am**

**Food Science & Technology CDE - Check-In**

Exhibit Hall B

**12:00 pm**

**Agricultural Tools & Materials ID - Check-In**

Upper-Level Exhibit Hall A

**12:00 pm**

**AgriScience Fair - Judges Orientation**

305B

**12:00 pm**

**Food Science & Technology CDE**

Exhibit Hall A

**12:00 pm**

**Prepared Public Speaking LDE Finals**

Ballrooms A, B, & C

**12:30 pm**

**Agricultural Tools & Materials ID CDE**

Exhibit Hall A

**1:00 pm**

**Agriscience Fair Interviews**

306A, 306B, 306C

**1:00 pm**

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking Finals**

Ballrooms A, B, & C

**1:00 pm**

**Gator Wars Finals and Career Opportunity Presentations**

Exhibit Hall B

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

**1:00 pm**

**Leadership and Career Success Workshops**

Supported by John Deere

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**Success That Matters**

Jael Cruikshank

National FFA Vice President

Room 301A

**A Day in the Life of an Ag Teacher!**

Kendall Brewer, Sophie Bivens, Lille Colley,  
& Will Blackburn

*NC State University Agriculture and  
Extension Education*

Room 301B

**What Comes Next? How Leaders  
Navigate the Future**

Alanna Greene, Walter Moore, Lindsey  
Hockstra, Regan Honeycutt, Carson Park, &  
Travis Cox

2024-2025 North Carolina FFA State Officer  
Team

Room 302A

**Young Farmers and Ranchers: Growing  
Your Future in Agriculture**

*Young Farmers & Ranchers*

Room 302B

**CALS at NC State: Programs and  
Opportunities**

Joanna Eglinton

*NC State University CALS*

Room 302C

**Floral Design - Leis**

Dr. Jennifer Bradley

*University of Mount Olive*

Room 303

**1:00 pm**

**Quiz Bowl**

Room 304

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**3:30 pm**

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

Lily Nance, Parkwood Middle FFA

**4:00 pm**

**Third General Session**

**Raleigh Convention Center, Ballrooms A, B, & C**

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**Opening Ceremony**

State FFA Officers

**Session Sponsor Remarks**

Brittany Chester

Council President

North Carolina FFA Alumni & Supporters

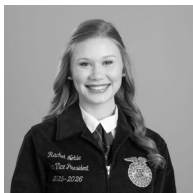
**Recognition of American Degree Candidates**

**Retiring Address**

**“Bits & Pieces”**

Rachel Noble

State FFA Vice President



**State FFA Degree Ceremony**

- *Ernest Ellis Trust Fund Endowment*

**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 & Pre-session Activities Talent Showcase**

Luke Hinton & Levi Martin, Crest FFA

**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**

Shawn Harding

President

North Carolina Farm Bureau

**Recognition of Membership Growth Awards**

**Recognition of Lifetime Achievement Honoree**

**Retiring Address**

**“Choose Your Current”**

Lilly Russell

State FFA Vice President



## **Foundation Board Remarks**

Allyson Farmer

Associate Director of Philanthropy

## **Recognition of Premier Partner Award**

North Carolina Forestry Association

## **Gator Wars Recognition**

- *Hosted by John Deere*

## **UMO Precision Ag Recognition**

- *Hosted by the University of Mount Olive*

## **Board of Directors Recognition**

### **State Star Awards**

Foundational Star

State Star in Agribusiness

State Star Farmer

State Star in Agricultural Placement

## **Recognition of Middle Grades SAE**

## **Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony**

### **Past State Officer Recognition**

2024-2025, 2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021- 2022,

2020-2021, 2015-2016, 2010-2011, 2005-2006,

2000-2001, 1995-1996, 1985-1986, 1975-1976

## **Recognition of State Officer Candidates**

### **Closing Ceremony**

State FFA Officers

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### **Convention Social**

Immediately following the Fourth General Session  
until 10:30 pm

Exhibit Hall B

## Thursday, June 25, 2026

**7:00 am**

**Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Business Session**

**7:30 am**

**Delegate Business Session**

**Ballrooms A, B, & C**

(Registered delegates only)

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**8:30 am**

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

**Talent Showcase**

Taylor Jones, Richlands FFA

**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 Army**



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**Opening Ceremony**

State FFA Officers

**Session Sponsor Remarks**

Captain AJ Howard

U.S. Army

**Greetings**

Dave Boliek

North Carolina State Auditor

**Recognition of Agriscience Fair Winners**

- Syngenta

## **Greetings**

Dr. Travis Park

National FFA Advisor & Board Chair

National FFA Organization

## **Recognition of Proficiency Award Winners**

Agriscience Research - Plant Systems

- *Southern Nash FFA Alumni*

Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication

- *Johnny Jessup*

Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance -  
Placement

- *North Carolina Grange*

Agricultural Processing

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Diversified Agricultural Production

- *Walker Production Agriculture*

Diversified Crop Production- Entrepreneurship

- *Wayne Community College*

Diversified Crop Production - Placement

- *James Sprunt Community College*

Diversified Livestock Production

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Outdoor Recreation

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Specialty Crop Production

- *Dr. Joy Morgan Fleming & Mr. Rob Fleming*

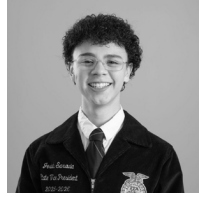
Wildlife Production & Management

- *McLain Farms*

## **Retiring Address**

### **“Be A Snake”**

Josiah Saravia  
State FFA Vice President



## **Recognition of CDE Winners**

### **Agronomy**

- *North Carolina Peanut Growers*

### **Agricultural Mechanics**

- *Fastenal*
- *NC State University Biological & Agricultural Engineering*
- *University of Mount Olive*

### **Floriculture**

- *Metrolina Greenhouses*

### **Forestry**

- *David & Beverly Harris*
- *Wayne Community College*

### **Introduction to Horticulture**

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

### **Nursery Landscape**

- *NC State Agricultural Institute*
- *Wilkes Community College - Horticulture*
- *Super Sod*

### **Agricultural Materials & Tools Identification**

- *CV Tart Endowment*
- *John Michael Scott*

## **Greetings**

Aubrey Mekus  
State President  
North Carolina 4-H

## **CDE Recognition continued**

Food Science & Technology

- *North Carolina State University*

Meats Evaluation & Technology

- *Smithfield Foods*

Milk Quality & Products

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

## **Closing Ceremony**

State FFA Officers

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**10:30 am**

### **Ballrooms A, B, & C Open for Sixth General Session Seating & Pre-session Activities Talent Showcase**

Kamryn Drayton, Lumberton FFA

**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

## **Session Sponsor Remarks**

David Allen

President

North Carolina Grange

## **University Partner Remarks**

Dr. Kevin Howell

Chancellor

North Carolina State University

Dr. Garey Fox

Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life  
Sciences

North Carolina State University

## **CDE Recognition**

Quiz Bowl

- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

## **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*

Prepared Public Speaking

- *Bruce & Judy Miller*

Spanish FFA Creed Speaking

- *NC State Agricultural Institute*

Presentation of Spanish FFA Creed by State  
Winner

Jim Graham FFA Creed Speaking  
- *Joshua Singleton*

Presentation of FFA Creed by State Winner

## **Delegate Business Session II**

### **Courtesy Corps Recognition**

#### **Retiring Address “What Changed?”**

Jazmin Palma  
State FFA President



### **Recognition of Proficiency Awards**

Equine Science - Entrepreneurship  
- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Equine Science - Placement  
- *North Carolina FFA Foundation*

Small Animal Production & Care  
- *Care First Animal Hospital*

Specialty Animal Production  
- *Southern Nash FFA Alumni*

Veterinary Science  
- *Care First Animal Hospital*

### **Session Sponsor Remarks**

Jennie Gentry  
Ag Program Development Coordinator  
Youth Grange

### **Recognition of Families of State FFA Officers**

### **Convention Sponsor Video**

### **Recognition of 2025-2026 State FFA Officers**

Shelby Robertson, State FFA Coordinator

## **State Officer Nominating Committee Report**

### **Election and Installation of 2026-2027 State FFA Officers**

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

### **State Officer Retirement Video**

#### **Closing Ceremony**

2026-2027 State FFA Officers

## Tour Descriptions

**Title:** NC State University Agricultural Institute

**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 University Agroecology Farm

**Description:** The Agroecology Education Farm (AEF) is a six-acre educational farm dedicated to promoting regenerative agriculture and sustainable food systems through hands-on learning and community engagement. All produce grown at the farm is supplied directly to NC State Dining Services and Feed the Pack Food Pantry, creating a closed-loop, campus-based food system modeling local sustainability in action. A farm tour will highlight ecological pest and soil management practices, organic vegetable production techniques, and highlight unique varieties of specialty crops that can be grown in North Carolina.

**Title:** NC State University Dairy Education Unit

**Description:** In 2018, the Randleigh Dairy Heritage Museum was dedicated in honor of the Kenan family, with the mission of bridging the gap between consumers and farmers. Our educational tours and interactive museum give members of our community a behind-the-scenes look at how wholesome dairy products reach their tables.

## Workshop Descriptions

**Title:** Success That Matters

**Host:** Jael Cruikshank, *National FFA Vice President*

**Description:** What if achieving your goals still left you feeling empty? In a world where many simply chase titles, trophies, and achievements, it is easy to be consumed with looking successful. This interactive workshop challenges students to rethink what success really means and discover why significance (impacting others) is what actually brings fulfillment.

**Title:** Future Farmers in College

**Host:** Baylee Holland, Susannah Piatek, & Caroline Deal, *NC State University, Agriculture and Extension Education*

**Description:** This workshop is going to prepare students on what Ag Ed looks like in college, through sharing real-life experiences as first-year students in the major. We will be sharing day-in-the-lives, information on what advising and planning look like, and what the major is like. Our goal is to clear up any confusion or misconceptions students may have about college life and help them feel prepared for college.

**Title: Say Hello to Horticulture**

**Host:** *NC State University, Horticulture Science*

**Description:** Join NC State Horticultural Science to explore the vibrant, high-tech, and essential world of plant science.

**Title:** The World's Dumbest Problem (And How We Fix It)

**Host:** Paige Luck, *NC State University, Food Science*

**Description:** It's a glitch in the system: millions of people don't have enough to eat, yet we throw away billions of tons of perfectly good food every year. It's literally the world's dumbest problem. But what if we could "hack" that waste? Join us as we dive into the world of food science, where we turn literal trash into treasure. We're going to brainstorm how to upcycle wasted materials and use science to squeeze every last nutrient out of what others throw away. Let's figure out how to feed the world, one "waste" product at a time.

**Title:** Forever Blue

**Host:** Brittany Chester, *North Carolina FFA Alumni & Supporters*

**Description:** FFA has played a huge role in your life, but as graduation nears, you may be wondering... what's next? Learn how you can stay involved post-high school, no matter what your career or college track looks like. The suggested audience is rising juniors, rising seniors, and recent graduates.

**Title:** Meet the Meat!

**Host:** Currey Nobles, *NC State University, Food Science*

**Description:** This workshop will explore the basics of meat quality, safety, and processing operations. With the help of 3-D magnetic models, you will learn where your favorite beef, pork, and lamb cuts come from, and how to prepare them to ensure the best eating experience possible! If you are interested in exploring the connection between the farm and the fork, this workshop is for you!

**Title:** Embracing Empowerment

**Host:** 2025-2026 North Carolina FFA State Officer Team

**Description:** Who is someone in your life who has encouraged you to be the best version of yourself? How can we be that person for someone else? In this workshop, we will explore how participants can develop intentional habits that encourage, support, and uplift the people around them in everyday interactions. Participants will leave better equipped to inspire confidence, build stronger relationships, and empower those within their communities.

**Title:** Seeds of Change: Growing Your Ag Advocacy

**Host:** Dulce Torres, Bethany Parker, & Iris Diaz-Menchu, *NC State University, Agriculture and Extension Education*

**Description:** Do you know where your breakfast actually started, or how many career paths exist beyond the tractor? Join us for an engaging, fast-paced session designed to turn curiosity into advocacy. We aren't just talking about farming; we're exploring the vital Farm-to-Table journey and the hidden world of Agricultural Education careers. Whether you're a future educator or an informed consumer, you'll leave this workshop with the tools to speak up for the industry that feeds and clothes the world.

**Title:** Be Someone Worth Following

**Host:** Darby Ragsdale, Janie Watts, Luanna Sessoms, & Haley Wingate, *NC State University, Agriculture and Extension Education*

**Description:** This workshop focuses on the importance of role models and how they influence leadership, behavior, and personal growth. Participants will identify qualities of a good role model and reflect on people who have positively influenced their lives. Through discussion and activities, participants will learn how their own actions can help them become a positive role model for their agriculture students.

**Title:** Career Opportunities in NC

**Host:** Breanna Hinkle, *Wayne Community College*

**Description:** Are you interested in pursuing a career in the agriculture industry, but sometimes are unsure of which direction you want to go? In this workshop, we will discuss the many diverse facets of the agriculture industry in NC and how you can turn your "passion" into your "profession". We will also discuss career planning steps, explore different agriculture careers, and invite you to dive into all that the agriculture industry in NC has to offer! **Cap: 50 participants.**

**Title:** Awareness. Influence. Multiply

**Host:** Remiya Stephens & Quinn Pendley, *Georgia FFA Association*

**Description:** Leadership is more than just a trait. It's being aware of who you are, your strengths and weaknesses. Sometimes it means using the qualities needed in that moment to influence others. As well as empowering others and helping them reach the potential they have to become the leader that's within. If this sounds interesting join Quinn and Remiya in this interactive workshop as they challenge students to A.I.M. as they share the impact and grow as leaders.

**Title:** Mini Farming: SAE on a ¼ acre or less

**Host:** Bladen Community College

**Description:** Want to raise animals for your SAE? Don't have a barn or large pasture? Want to raise vegetables but only have a small backyard? That's no problem! You can have an agricultural SAE project in a small space. This workshop will go over Backyard and Mini Farming methods for raising livestock, vegetable gardening, and vermicomposting. Design your own Mini Farm SAE and learn what you can do with your space.

**Title:** Living to Serve

**Host:** Josiah Saravia, Lilly Russell & Lydia Williamson, *NC State University, Agriculture and Extension Education*

**Description:** This workshop will focus on part of the FFA motto, "Living to Serve," and the importance of giving back to the community. Students will work in small groups to identify a need in their community and develop a plan for a service project. Through collaboration and creativity, students will learn how service can make a positive impact locally and within agriculture.

**Title:** A Day in the Life of an Ag Teacher!

**Host:** Kendall Brewer, Sophie Bivens, Lille Colley, & Will Blackburn, *NC State University, Agriculture and Extension Education*

**Description:** This workshop is designed to walk students through the day-to-day activities and responsibilities of an Ag Teacher. The goal of the workshop is to get students excited to teach Ag, foster a respect for Ag educators, and teach students how to utilize their strengths in an educational setting.

**Title:** Floral Design- Leis

**Host:** Dr. Jennifer Bradley, *University of Mount Olive*

**Description:** Join Dr. Jennifer Bradley from the University of Mount Olive for a hands-on lei making workshop! Participants will learn the cultural significance and basic techniques of traditional lei making while creating their own custom lei to take home. This interactive session is perfect for students who enjoy creativity, craftsmanship, and trying something new in a relaxed, fun environment. **Cap: 20 participants.**

**Title:** Your Next Step: Benefits of Joining NC Young Farmers & Ranchers Program

**Host:** Young Farmers & Ranchers

**Description:** Have you enjoyed participating in FFA and want to continue being part of an organization? Then consider joining Young Farmers & Ranchers! YF&R is for 18-35 year olds who are actively farming or employed within the agriculture industry. With County programs all across North Carolina, it is a great way to network, travel, and advocate for the industry. This session will highlight the benefits of YF&R, how to join, and allow you to ask questions. Come see us!

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

**Host:** Joanna Eglinton, NC State University, Agriculture and Life Sciences

**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 how we blend a close-knit community with the resources of a leading university.

**Title:** What Comes Next? How Leaders Navigate the Future

**Host:** 2024-2025 North Carolina State Officer Team

**Description:** For many of us, we are all scared of the big question, "What comes next?" Maybe we are newly elected officers or graduating seniors; either way, the future seems daunting. In this workshop, we'll explore how getting ready for the future doesn't have to be scary by learning tactics to boost our motivation and by setting a positive example for others.

## **First General Session**

### **Previously Held Career Development Events**

#### **Agricultural Sales - Senior**

Cleveland

Millbrook

Apex

Highest Scoring Individual: Carmen Karyani, Apex

#### **Agricultural Sales - Junior**

West Rowan

Lumberton

Cleveland

Highest Scoring Middle School: Burns Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Addison Webb,

Cleveland

#### **Farm Business Management - Senior**

Northwood

Green Level

Millbrook

Highest Scoring Individual: Jackson Freeman,  
Northwood

#### **Farm Business Management - Junior**

Millbrook

Piedmont

Green Level

Highest Scoring Middle School: West Millbrook  
Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Richard Frankowski,  
Millbrook

#### **Marketing Plan**

West Rowan

South Johnston

Millbrook

## **Proficiency Awards (Scrambled Order)**

### **Agricultural Sales - Placement**

Graciela De la Cruz, Greene Central  
Franchesca Santos Heredia, Hunt  
Kimsey Bagley, South Johnston

### **Agricultural Services**

James Ritchie, South Rowan  
Shawn Journigan, Vance Charter  
Reece Carson, West Johnston

### **Service Learning**

Addison DeVault, Gray's Creek  
Tagen Wilcox, Lumberton  
Alyssa Hampton, Southwestern Randolph

## **Previously Held Career Development Events**

### **Middle Grades Envirothon**

North Star  
Crest Middle  
Camden Middle

### **Envirothon**

High Rock  
Southern Alamance  
Gray's Creek

### **Hunter Safety**

West Henderson  
Providence Grove  
Bandys

### **Land Judging Senior**

North Iredell  
South Johnston  
West Columbus  
Highest Scoring Middle School: Mount Pleasant  
Middle  
Highest Scoring Individual: Sarah Adams, South  
Johnston

### **Land Judging Junior**

Lumberton

Polk County

North Iredell

Highest Scoring Middle School: Corriher Lipe Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Wilson Jameson, Lumberton

### **Tractor Driving**

Lochlan Holcomb, Davie County

AJ Hardin, West Columbus

Bryson Baldwin, North Iredell

### **Truck Driving**

Lucas Drennan, Lumberton

Colin Cook, Fuquay Varina

Tanner Milner, Central Davidson

### **Proficiency Awards (Scrambled Order)**

#### **Diversified Horticulture**

James Thomas, Cleveland

Julian Mata, Greene Central

Josue Sanchez - Medrano, Hobbton

#### **Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management**

Amira Khare, Green Level

George Crainshaw, South Rowan

#### **Forage Production**

Lucas Beam, Burns

Lochlan Holcomb, Davie County

Samuel Cornett, North Iredell

#### **Forest Management & Products**

Amanda Rains, Southern Nash

#### **Fruit & Nut Production**

Mallory Reed, Eastern Wayne

Mason Overcash, South Rowan

### **Landscape Installation**

Cooper Lanier, Dixon  
Caden Bowman, Millbrook

### **Nursery Operations**

Mallory Reed, Eastern Wayne  
Julian Mata, Greene Central  
Jackson Woodlief, Garner

### **Turf & Landscape Maintenance**

Dylan Thomas, Lumberton  
Toby Bell, Millbrook  
Courtney Berry, NERSBA

### **Vegetable Production**

Lucas Miller, Green Level  
Ethan Hammond, West Columbus

### **Previously Held Career Development Events**

#### **Dairy Evaluation Senior**

South Iredell  
Surry Central  
Davie County  
Highest Scoring Middle School: Crest Middle  
Highest Scoring Individual: Kassidy Gantos, NCSU  
Agri Sciences Academy

#### **Dairy Evaluation Junior**

Central Middle  
Polk County  
Mount Pleasant Middle  
Highest Scoring Individual: Madeline Branch,  
Central Middle

#### **Dairy Handler**

Bryson Baldwin, North Iredell  
Luke Jones, Jones  
Laura Robson, Surry Central  
Highest Scoring Middle School: Clint Roboson,  
Central Middle

### **Horse Evaluation Senior**

Perquimans

Green Level

Gray's Creek

Highest Scoring Middle School: Mount Pleasant Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Perquimans, Mattison Winslow

### **Horse Evaluation Junior**

West Henderson

Mount Pleasant Middle

Southern Nash Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Shelby Taylor, Piedmont Middle

### **Livestock Evaluation Senior**

Davie County

Union Academy

North Buncombe

Highest Scoring Middle School: North Johnston Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Cayden Boyd, Gray's Creek

### **Livestock Evaluation Junior**

Mount Pleasant Middle

Burns

West Henderson

Highest Scoring Individual: Abbey Cline, Mount Pleasant Middle

### **Poultry Evaluation Senior**

Crest

Chase

Parkwood

Highest Scoring Middle School: Crest Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Anna Gorski, Burns

### **Poultry Evaluation Junior**

Parkwood Middle

Union Academy

Piedmont

Highest Scoring Individual: Magnolia Sulewski,  
Union Academy

### **Veterinary Science**

Millbrook

Crest

Gray's Creek

Highest Scoring Middle School: Crest Middle

Highest Scoring Individual: Wyatt Kelly, Gray's  
Creek

## **Second General Session**

### **Previously Held Career Development Events**

#### **Middle Grades Agriculture Tools & Materials**

Harrells Christian Academy

North Johnston Middle

North Iredell Middle

#### **Middle Grades Exploring Agricultural Science**

Holly Ridge Middle

Cleveland Middle

Southern Nash Middle

#### **Middle Grades Parliamentary Procedure**

Madison Middle

Martin Middle

Springfield Middle

#### **Middle Grades Prepared Public Speaking**

Aliyah Reid, Holly Ridge Middle

Hadley Haigler, Piedmont Middle

Evelynn Schorr, Crest Middle

## **Middle Grades Exploring Biotechnology Quiz Bowl**

Chase Middle  
Mac Williams Middle  
Carnage Middle

### **Proficiency Awards (Scrambled Order)**

#### **Beef Production - Entrepreneurship**

Addison Sprinkle, North Buncombe

#### **Beef Production - Placement**

Jordyn Simmons, Bandys  
Allie Lackey, Alexander Central  
Trevin Lowry, Lumberton

#### **Dairy Production - Placement**

Emily Moose, South Iredell

#### **Goat Production**

Lyla Sapp, Davie County  
Erick Hayes, Gray's Creek  
Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton

#### **Poultry Production**

Hadleigh Houser, Alexander Central  
Miley Vue, Gray's Creek  
Levi Cranford, West Stanly

#### **Sheep Production**

Jairo Escalante Berduo, Hobpton  
Zadock Jennings, Princeton  
Nathan Medlin, Southern Nash

#### **Swine Production - Placement**

Alicen Johnson, Gray's Creek Middle  
Mackenzie Cox, Richlands  
Katherine Diaz, St Pauls

## **Agricultural Communications**

Alina Isgrigg, Apex Friendship  
Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton  
Carson Ball, South Iredell

## **Agricultural Education**

Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton  
Eoin Miller, Millbrook  
Madelyn Austin, South Johnston

## **Previously Held Career Development Events**

### **Agricultural Education**

Keeley Harding, Heritage  
Lev Wesley, Garner  
Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton

## **State Officer Advisor and Mentor Recognition**

### **Mollie Chandler: Bear Grass Charter**

Advisors: Sarah Lawrence & Kate Jones

### **Josiah Saravia: Millbrook**

Advisors: Ryan Berglund, Jennifer  
Broadwell, John Clark, Stefanie Goblet, &  
Allison Palko  
Mentor: Chad Holloman

### **Eleanor Zohn: South Garner**

Advisors: Caitlin Collins & Omar Jaramillo

### **Lilly Russell: Gray's Creek**

Advisors: Sean Garcia, Tara King, & Ashley  
McCullen  
Mentors: Chuck and Alison Marrs

### **Rachel Noble: South Lenoir**

Advisors: Margo Harper, Joshua Singleton,  
Mackenzie Ward, Nicole Fulcher, & Jessica  
Jones

### **Jazmin Palma: Uwharrie Charter**

Advisor: Elizabeth Farmer  
Mentors: Raymond Caviness, MacKenna  
Clifton, Chris Wadell, & Sydney Whichard

**North Carolina FFA Scholarship Recipients**

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

Toby Bell, Millbrook

**Charles Messer Beef Scholarship**

Alex Coon, Southern Alamance

**Cy Vernon FFA Endowment Scholarship**

Julia Sebastian, Western Harnett

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

Gonzalo Diaz, Hobbton

Sydney Whichard, North Lenoir

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

Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton

**NC State Collegiate FFA Endowment**

Gracelyn Lowe, East Rowan

**Midway Scholarship**

McKenna Brooks, Midway

**Edward Snyder Memorial Scholarship**

Aaron Matthew King, Avery

**WLC Campership Recipients**

Ayden Capps, Cleveland

Keely Harding, Heritage

Kessler Dickerson, Millbrook

Mackenzie Cox, Richlands

Lylah Dennis, West Rowan

## **National Chapter Award Winners**

### **Superior Chapters**

Alexander Central  
Burns  
Cape Fear  
Chase  
East Burke  
Forbush  
Fuquay-Varina  
Gates County  
Hunt  
Lake Norman  
Louisburg  
Mac Williams Middle  
Mountain Heritage  
Southwestern Randolph  
Vance Charter  
Wakefield  
West Johnston

### **Silver Chapters**

Bandys  
Beddingfield  
Cary  
Chowan  
Dixon  
East Rowan  
Enka  
Franklin  
Garner  
Kings Mountain  
Madison  
North Buncombe  
North Henderson  
North Lenoir  
Northeast Regional School of Agriscience  
Northwood  
Overhills  
Piedmont  
Richlands  
Rockingham County

Seaforth  
South Granville  
South Lenoir  
Southern Wayne  
Swain County  
Walkertown  
West Columbus  
West Stanly

**Gold Chapters**

A C Reynolds  
Apex  
Apex Friendship  
Bartlett Yancey  
Bear Grass Charter  
Cleveland  
Corinth Holders  
Crest  
Davie County  
East Wake  
Eastern Wayne  
Freedom  
Gray's Creek  
Green Level  
Heritage  
J F Webb  
Jordan  
Lumberton  
Millbrook  
Mount Pleasant Middle  
North Iredell  
North Pitt  
Northwest Cabarrus  
Orange  
Pisgah  
Purnell Swett  
Rolesville  
South Garner  
South Iredell  
South Johnston  
South Rowan

Southeast Guilford  
Southern Alamance  
Southern Nash  
St Pauls  
Sun Valley  
West Rowan  
Western Harnett

## **Third General Session**

### **American Degree Candidates**

Nolin Ager, A C Reynolds  
Chloe Douthit, A C Reynolds  
Bryson Moseman, A C Reynolds  
Bryson Smith, A C Reynolds  
Preston Burnop, Avery County  
Noah Spiva, Bandys  
Mollie Chandler, Bear Grass Charter  
Escart Rico, Beddingfield  
Mattison Thorne, Beddingfield  
Preston Sharp, Cleveland  
James Thomas, Cleveland  
Kadelyn Alford, Corinth Holders  
Evan Ladd, Corinth Holders  
Haley Williams, Corinth Holders  
Jeffrey Williams, Corinth Holders  
Hannah Lee, Eastern Wayne  
Blake Burns, Enka  
Macey Courtney, Forest Hills  
William Bradley, Franklin  
Caroline Deal, Franklin  
Chris Tejkl, Franklin  
Lindsey Cook, Fred T Foard  
Lilly Russell, Gray's Creek  
Gianna DeMarco, Lake Norman  
Madison Pennington, Lake Norman  
Anna Beth Cox, Lumberton  
Nolan Groner, Lumberton  
Shaun Henderson, Lumberton  
Chayden Locklear, Lumberton  
Ivey Nolley, Lumberton  
Issac Simmons, Lumberton

Brittlyn Stubbs, Lumberton  
Cameron Black, Marvin Ridge  
Matthew Amiri, Millbrook  
Noah Brincheck, Millbrook  
Henry Burke, Millbrook  
Matthew Digby, Millbrook  
Spencer Faircloth, Millbrook  
Bennett Fulk, Millbrook  
Lisette Hunter, Millbrook  
Lane Ivy, Millbrook  
Blaine Richards, Millbrook  
Josiah Saravia, Millbrook  
Jason Braswell, North East Carolina Prep  
Briar Scott, North East Carolina Prep  
Steven Childers, North Iredell  
Landon Crouse, North Iredell  
Adrian Dobson, North Iredell  
Mason Goforth, North Iredell  
Evelyn Goodrich, North Iredell  
Hayley King, North Iredell  
Taylor Sharpe, North Iredell  
Thomas Schumaker, North Iredell  
Casey Steeb, North Iredell  
Samuel Stallings, North Stanly  
Jatham Wittman, North Stanly  
Anthony Gamboa, NERSBA  
Bo Samson, NERSBA  
Amelia Lackey, Providence Grove  
Brooklyn Sharpe, Randleman  
Andrew Eller, Richlands  
Eleanor Zohn, South Garner  
Lillian Murphy, South Iredell  
Kara Allen, South Johnston  
Kimsey Bagley, South Johnston  
Jackson Durham, South Johnston  
Morgan Simpson, South Johnston  
Caroline Woodard, South Johnston  
Rachel Noble, South Lenoir  
Gregory Rouse, South Lenoir  
Seth Karriker, South Rowan  
Riley Sellars, Southeast Guilford

Lincoln Sizemore, Southeast Guilford  
Hollie York, Southeast Guilford  
Alexis Hester, Southern Alamance  
Hannah Schmidt, Southern Nash  
Brooke Burr, Southwestern Randolph  
Landon Carter, Spring Creek  
Derli Diaz-Soto, Spring Creek  
Reid Harmon, Trinity  
Claire Ennis, Trinity  
Savannah Dennis, Uwharrie Charter  
Jazmin Palma, Uwharrie Charter  
Elizabeth Davis, Vance Charter  
Lilly Farley, Watauga  
Samuel Lane, West Columbus  
Dulce Torres, West Columbus  
Taylor Rogers, West Craven  
Rylee LeDuc, West Henderson  
Cole Daniels, West Iredell  
Reese Miller, West Iredell  
Kennedy Clawson, West Rowan  
Thurman Floyd, West Rowan  
Avery Jenkins, West Rowan  
Temperance Jones, West Rowan  
Isiah Leonard, West Rowan  
Chloe Bunn, West Stanly  
Emily Ward, West Stanly  
Emily Patterson, Western Harnett

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

Garren Priest, Whiteville  
Victor Russ, Whiteville  
Alyssa Ellison, White Oak  
Emily Fright, White Oak  
Kadence Teschke, White Oak  
Scarlet Cross, Wheatmore  
Keegan Stephenson, Wheatmore  
Clayton Holder, Western Harnett  
Nina Langston, Western Harnett  
O'mari Morris, Western Harnett  
Katie Parrish, Western Harnett

Rylie Rogers, West Stanly  
Lillian Wright, West Stanly  
Mason Gabosch, West Rowan  
Kaylee Hagler, West Rowan  
Reagan Helmbold, West Rowan  
Caleb Kimbrough, West Rowan  
Dylan Mills, West Rowan  
Grayce Moore, West Rowan  
Mollie Sullivan, West Rowan  
Devin Babb, West Iredell  
David Guy, West Iredell  
Elizabeth Jenkins, West Iredell  
Kambyll Landis, West Iredell  
Brianna Hawkins, West Craven  
Hannah Rogers, West Craven  
Chrissy White, West Craven  
Brittan Bryan, West Columbus  
Ethan Hammond, West Columbus  
Adam Hardin, West Columbus  
Cynthia Ward, West Columbus  
Hannah Phelps, West Brunswick  
Andrew Kirby, Wayne Preparatory  
Aubrey Neal, Watauga  
Nora Shepherd-Powell, Watauga  
Avery Stone, Watauga  
Irelyn Tange, Wakefield  
Katelin Guerrant, Vance Charter  
Peyton Hight, Vance Charter  
Peyton Minish, Vance Charter  
Ronald Trey Pittman, Vance Charter  
Jamie-Lynn Stallings, Vance Charter  
Julia Tillotson, Vance Charter  
Shane Watkins, Vance Charter  
Emma Hedge, Uwharrie Charter  
Michael Allen, Union Pines  
Molly Conway, Union Pines  
Patrick Gallimore, Union Pines  
Zoey Lucas, Union Pines  
Benjamin Lyons, Union Pines  
Savannah Nall, Union Pines  
Avery Neal, Union Pines

Camden Poindexter, Union Pines  
Cody Prim, Union Pines  
Savannah Ransom, Union Pines  
Emma Shingleton, Union Pines  
Ethan Wade, Union Pines  
Kasey Whitlock, Union Pines  
Brylie Register, Union  
Daniela Tiscareno-Barba, Union  
Kamryn Wise, Triton  
Ella Harmon, Trinity  
Karleigh Lowe, Trinity  
Elizabeth Stone, Trinity  
Tristan Duke, Sun Valley  
Fire Redwine, Sun Valley  
Eva Davis, Spring Creek  
Alexis Deitz, Spring Creek  
Riley Ferguson, Southwestern Randolph  
Brendan Garner, Southwestern Randolph  
Ryan Hall, Southwestern Randolph  
Emma Kornegay, Southern Wayne  
Daniel Blackmer, Southern Nash  
Nathaniel Cary, Southern Nash  
Allison Espinoza Romero, Southern Nash  
Sarah Ewers, Southern Nash  
Brianna Frazier, Southern Nash  
Samantha Ledbetter, Southern Nash  
Alyson Sharp, Southern Nash  
Liana Vandemark, Southern Nash  
Avery Faircloth, Southern Guilford  
Rylee Kallam, Southern Guilford  
Zachary Payne, Southern Guilford  
Chasitie Townsend, Southern Guilford  
Gabiella Canup, Southern Alamance  
Kendall Donley, Southern Alamance  
Alivia Hall, Southern Alamance  
Olivia Hightower, Southern Alamance  
Luke Black, Southeast Guilford  
Macey Carter, Southeast Guilford  
Kaylee Caviness, Southeast Guilford  
Isabelle Coulon, Southeast Guilford  
David Fisher, Southeast Guilford

Aaron Henderson, Southeast Guilford  
Chelsea O'Bryant, Southeast Guilford  
Cole Schwochow, Southeast Guilford  
Carson Smith, Southeast Guilford  
Kylie Firth, South Rowan  
Madalynn Gullede, South Rowan  
Cody Baggett, South Lenoir  
Darren Burkett, South Lenoir  
Brianna Byrd, South Lenoir  
De'Janae Davis, South Lenoir  
Hunter Forbush, South Lenoir  
Miranda Hernandez Martinez, South Lenoir  
Cayden Jacobs, South Lenoir  
Cassidy Langston, South Lenoir  
Nakiyah Robinson, South Lenoir  
Juan Rodriguez-Andres, South Lenoir  
Taylor Sanderson, South Lenoir  
Cody Shepherd, South Lenoir  
Coleman Taylor, South Lenoir  
Luke Taylor, South Lenoir  
Alanna Thomas, South Lenoir  
Stuart Whichard, South Lenoir  
Madelyn Austin, South Johnston  
Edy Blanton, South Johnston  
Thomas Heinzerling, South Johnston  
Johnathan Johnson, South Johnston  
Jacob Lee, South Johnston  
Tyler Parker, South Johnston  
Caleb Rhodes, South Johnston  
Andrew Roberts, South Johnston  
Mary-Ryan Douglas, South Iredell  
Rylie Downing, South Iredell  
Leisel Griffin, South Iredell  
Emily Moose, South Iredell  
Olivia Muller, South Iredell  
Kalli Waugh, South Iredell  
Hunter Woodside, South Iredell  
Graysen Gnagy, South Garner  
Kaitlyn Leone, South Garner  
Lakyn Goodman, South Davidson  
Casey Gorman, South Davidson

Makayla Hubbard, South Davidson  
Mabrey Ward, South Davidson  
Morgan Gore, South Columbus  
Samuel Meares, South Columbus  
Marley Spivey, South Columbus  
Payton Anderson, South Caldwell  
Sarah Overman, Rosewood  
Ty Booker, Rockingham County  
Carly Morgan, Rockingham County  
Jocelyne Carroll, Richlands  
Mackenzie Cox, Richlands  
Taylor Jones, Richlands  
Trevor Smith, Richlands  
Sarah Woodard, Richlands  
Cornelia Oxendine, Purnell Swett  
Peyton McGraw, Providence Grove  
Leah Morton, Providence Grove  
Mallory Stewart, Providence Grove  
Caleb Ward, Providence Grove  
Kaylon Braswell, Princeton  
Katee Culbreth, Princeton  
Aloah Cox, Pisgah  
Jaylen Sawyer, Pisgah  
Kate Brower, Pinecrest  
Paxton Dill, Pinecrest  
Carleigh Fore, Pinecrest  
Anamarie Galeano Salamanca, Pinecrest  
Caitlin Maurer, Pinecrest  
Alexis Prewitt, Pinecrest  
Lilly Williamson, Pinecrest  
Cadence Clontz, Piedmont  
Hailey Clontz, Piedmont  
Kyle Philemon, Piedmont  
Cole Clayton, Perquimans  
Madisyn Russell, Perquimans  
Caden Winslow, Perquimans  
Mattison Winslow, Perquimans  
Jesse Hacker, Pamlico  
Alaina Aharon, Orange  
Payton Borland, Orange  
Sarah Clark, Orange

Jackson Freeman, Northwood  
Tessa Schouten, Northwood  
Cole Squires, Northwood  
Bryce Burleson, North Stanly  
Dakota Calvert, North Stanly  
Kenzie Gordon, North Stanly  
Hector Guerra, North Stanly  
Bo Helms, North Stanly  
Bella Luther, North Stanly  
Landon Pigg, North Stanly  
Gracelyn Ross, North Stanly  
Gavin Moore, North Moore  
McKinzee Tom, North Moore  
Audrey Anderson, North Iredell  
Stetson Anderson, North Iredell  
Kole Baldwin, North Iredell  
Samuel Cornett, North Iredell  
Carson Gaither, North Iredell  
Mason Goforth, North Iredell  
Evelyn Goodrich, North Iredell  
Maleigha Knox-Daniels, North Iredell  
Zakre Ladd, North Iredell  
Addison Lentz, North Iredell  
Austin Martin, North Iredell  
Garrett Mayes, North Iredell  
Lillian Pope, North Iredell  
Samantha Redmond, North Iredell  
Shyla Reep, North Iredell  
Garrett Renegar, North Iredell  
Thomas Shumaker, North Iredell  
Natalie Sneed, North Iredell  
Mason Todd, North Iredell  
Cora Case, North Henderson  
Dana Hensley, North Henderson  
Caitlyn Murphy, North Henderson  
Michael Atkinson, North Buncombe  
Quinn Ball, North Buncombe  
Hunter Crowder, North Buncombe  
Hayden Jamerson, North Buncombe  
Calleigh Phillips, North Buncombe  
Elya Sabo, North Buncombe

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Sophia Pensis, New Bern  
Addison Whitwell, New Bern  
Kaylee Buchanan, Mountain Heritage  
Olivia Cannon, Mountain Heritage  
Bastien Clemons, Mountain Heritage  
Lilly Hill, Mountain Heritage  
Bailey Whitson, Mountain Heritage  
Donovon Strickland, Montgomery Central  
Cadee Boone, Mitchell  
Divine Asoburuenwu, Millbrook  
Eva Awasthi, Millbrook  
Caden Bowman, Millbrook  
Lalan Brewer, Millbrook  
Noah Brinchek, Millbrook  
William Combs, Millbrook  
Morgha Ely, Millbrook  
Teagan Evans, Millbrook  
Liliana Frankowski, Millbrook  
Asher Freedman, Millbrook  
Addison Harper, Millbrook  
Erin Haugland, Millbrook  
Avery Herrera, Millbrook  
Gavin Johnson, Millbrook  
Keaton Lyon, Millbrook  
Raina Pearson, Millbrook  
Max Schroder, Millbrook  
Amber Tirado, Millbrook  
Rachel Winter, Millbrook  
McKenna Brooks, Midway  
Zachary Jackson, Midway  
Peyton May, Midway  
Lance Williams, Midway  
Elizabeth Davis, McDowell  
Katelyn Finley, McDowell  
Brady Keller, McDowell  
Rebecca Lawing, McDowell  
Jayde Ray, McDowell  
Jaycee Rector, McDowell  
Bayz White, McDowell  
Peyton Liddle, Marvin Ridge

Ava Sullivan, Marvin Ridge  
Geethika Thanneeru, Marvin Ridge  
Catherine Ayers, Madison  
Luke Britt, Lumberton  
Liseth Diaz Cedano, Lumberton  
Jade Flores, Lumberton  
Ethan Gray, Lumberton  
Bryson Hester, Lumberton  
EmmaLeigh Higgins, Lumberton  
Jarrett Hunt, Lumberton  
Nathan King, Lumberton  
Timothy Lowery, Lumberton  
Trevin Lowry, Lumberton  
Kayleigh McRae, Lumberton  
Kaylan Stewart, Lumberton  
Tehya Strickland, Lumberton  
Russell Wilcox, Lumberton  
Tagen Wilcox, Lumberton  
Cole Wilkerson, Lumberton  
Davis Williams, Lumberton  
Currie Faircloth, Lakewood  
Adalyn Jackson, Lakewood  
Bella Melvin, Lakewood  
Branson Alexander, Lake Norman  
Kaylen Dove, Lake Norman  
Kyle Hazlewood, Lake Norman  
Alexander Kaempf, Lake Norman  
Taylor Mick, Lake Norman  
Jianna Pamela Miller, Lake Norman  
Antonio Morea, Lake Norman  
Carson Rivenbark, Lake Norman  
Emma Welch, Lake Norman  
Waylon Wyatt, Lake Norman  
Jaiden Earle, Kings Mountain  
Alexandrea Glover, Kings Mountain  
Sabrina Howell, Kings Mountain  
Gavin Mayhue, Kings Mountain  
Megan Ashley, Jordan  
Milo Broadnax, Jordan  
Annemarie Camacho-Montero, Jordan  
Olivia Ko, Jordan

Emily Horak, John T Hoggard  
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Franchesca Santos, Hunt  
Summer Allen, Hobbton  
Justin Cramer, Hobbton  
Gonzalo Diaz, Hobbton  
Yazmin Farias Sanchez, Hobbton  
Lola Warren, Hobbton  
Reese Clark, Heritage  
Davis Clarkson, Heritage  
Michelle Deem, Heritage  
Lia Eaton, Heritage  
Addison Goody, Heritage  
Austin Haines, Heritage  
Keeley Harding, Heritage  
Abril Olmos Rubio, Heritage  
Cole Tator, Heritage  
Luke Tatum, Heritage  
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Jayden Penny, Eastern Wayne  
Madison Gurley, Eastern Wayne  
Mallory Reed, Eastern Wayne  
Lillian Harris, East Davidson  
Brayden Hunt, East Carteret  
Emma Hildebran, East Burke  
Cole Anders, Davie County  
Aubree Barnhardt, Davie County  
Mallory Peck, Davie County  
Lillian Ragan, Davie County  
Matt Ramsey, Davie County  
Lyla Sapp, Davie County  
Makayla VanMeter, Davie County  
Landon Beltz, Cuthbertson  
Cole Masciangelo, Cuthbertson  
Emily Harris, Currituck  
Melody Hill, Currituck  
Haley Kucenski, Currituck  
Cora Barbee, Crest  
Savannah Carpenter, Crest  
Kelsea Crawford, Crest  
Tucker Forrest, Crest  
Casin Freeman, Crest  
Brylee Greene, Crest  
Cole Hicks, Crest  
Lance Jones, Crest  
Kate-Linn Merritt, Crest  
Tyler Putnam, Crest  
Laura Womack, Crest  
Jenna Allen, Corinth Holders

Kayleigh Bowles, Corinth Holders  
Logan Champion, Corinth Holders  
Landon Gidding, Corinth Holders  
Sam Phillipie, Corinth Holders  
Wyatt Thompson, Corinth Holders  
Chase Wyckoff, Corinth Holders  
Hayden Yates, Corinth Holders  
Henry Blackman, Cleveland  
Timothy Eschedor, Cleveland  
Campbell Strickland, Cleveland  
Allie Padgett, Charles D Owen  
Annabelle Unguris, Charles D Owen  
Saly Al Faris, Cary  
Savannah Beaver, Cary  
Logan Kilcorse, Cary  
Zackery Beal, Cape Fear  
Mason Canady, Cape Fear  
Billie Faith Fulcher, Cape Fear  
Hunter Matthews, Cape Fear  
Noah Shatley, Cape Fear  
Kaylee Brinkley, Camden  
Ariana Dudley, Camden  
Ryland Lindsey, Camden  
Ryleigh LeGrand, C B Aycok  
Lauren Merkley, C B Aycok  
Miley Beam, Burns  
Julia Cornwell, Burns  
Madelyn Day, Burns  
Ethan Morris, Burns  
Carsyn Hudson, Bear Grass Charter  
Penny Long, Bear Grass Charter  
Berkley Manning, Bear Grass Charter  
Wilson Roberson, Bear Grass Charter  
Elijah Sawyer, Bear Grass Charter  
Ashton Taylor, Bear Grass Charter  
Slate Wilson, Bear Grass Charter  
Ashlyn Beam, Bandys  
Taylor Burke, Bandys  
Brianna Hardy, Bandys  
Emma Hicks, Bandys  
Kaitlyn Keener, Bandys

Natalie Newton, Bandys  
Evan Sigmon, Bandys  
Jordyn Simmons, Bandys  
Kingsley Stone, Bandys  
Rylee Styers, Bandys  
Eli Timberlake, Bandys  
Caroline Toney, Bandys  
Jameson Whitworth, Bandys  
Emily Bernice Sudderth, Avery County  
Stella Geiger, Athens Drive  
Zoey Jacob, Athens Drive  
Adalynn Mulvey-Rose, Athens Drive  
Yayoi Dobashi, Asheville  
Alex Junior Soto, Asheboro Zoo  
Dale Bledsoe, Apex Friendship  
Alina Isgrigg, Apex Friendship  
Abigail Newby, Apex Friendship  
Catt Poneleit, Apex Friendship  
Hasna Salahudeen, Apex Friendship  
Claire Tian, Apex Friendship  
Heidi Campbell, Alexander Central  
Lily Elder, Alexander Central  
Hadleigh Houser, Alexander Central  
Allie Lackey, Alexander Central  
Rowan Mcnabb-Friedmann, A C Reynolds

## **Fourth General Session**

### **Membership Growth Awards**

#### **Highest Membership Growth**

Apex  
Benson Middle  
North Surry

#### **Highest Percentage Membership Growth**

James Kenan  
John T Hoggard  
McDowell Middle

#### **Lifetime Achievement Honoree**

Vance Dalton, AgSouth Farm Credit

#### **North Carolina FFA Foundation Advisory Board**

Dwight Armstrong  
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DeShon Cromartie  
Carrie Gray  
Wells Hall  
Allison Jennings  
Skipper Jones  
Brittany Lloyd  
Sabrina Patton  
Sterlina Smith  
Ronald Tew  
Howard Williams

#### **Premier Partner Award**

North Carolina Forestry Association

#### **UMO Precision Ag Recognition**

South Johnston  
North Iredell  
Southern Alamance

## **Board of Directors Recognition**

Wendy Warner  
Chastity English  
Jason Davis  
Dominick Manusos  
Brittany Chester  
Jazmin Palma  
Rachel Noble  
Lilly Russell  
Eleanor Zohn  
Josiah Saravia  
Mollie Chandler  
Paul Young  
John Ross Robertson  
Jonathan Deese  
Bill Walker  
Jacob Fipps  
Donnie Henson  
Hailey Peeler  
Lauren Wilmot  
Chris Hart  
Alex Silliman  
Johnny Jessup

## **State Star Awards**

### **Foundational Star**

Allison Best, Wayne Prep  
Emmelyn Caldwell, North Buncombe  
Britan Derting, North Iredell  
Russell Wilcox, Lumberton  
Ava Williams, Cary

### **State Star in Agribusiness**

Toby Bell, Millbrook

### **State Star in Agricultural Placement**

Lilly Russell, Gray's Creek  
Trevin Lowry, Lumberton  
Kimsey Bagley, South Johnston

## **State Star Farmer**

Brady Keller, McDowell

## **Recognition of Middle Grades SAE**

Bristol Lawrence, Mount Pleasant Middle

Silas Walker, Mount Pleasant Middle

## **2026 Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients**

Allyson Farmer

Anne Brinkley

Ben Alexander

Brooke Clapp

Candace Grimsley

Curtis Murphy

Dr. Curtis Rains

Donnie Henson

Drew Cook

Dr. George Naderman

Haley Hampton

Jerome Davis

Jesse Ledbetter

Keith Naylor

Kortney Neal

Dr. Lee Ivy

Dr. Mary Kate Lanier

Michael Smith

Natalie Rogers

Rebekah Ayers

Robin Zinsmeister

Scott Wood

Tom Herren

## **Past State Officer Recognition**

2024-2025, 2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021- 2022,

2020-2021, 2015-2016, 2010-2011, 2005-2006,

2000-2001, 1995-1996, 1985-1986, 1975-1976

## **Recognition of State Officer Candidates**

Jillian Szemereta, Apex Friendship  
Lauren Merkley, C B Aycock  
Haley Kucenski, Currituck  
Zachary Noah, East Davidson  
Luke Foote, Fuquay-Varina  
Cayden Boyd, Gray's Creek  
George Santiago-Carrera, Havelock  
Laiken Wilcox, Lumberton  
Toby Bell, Millbrook  
Donovon Strickland, Montgomery Central  
Kevon Garrett, North Lenoir  
Brandon Woodard, Rosewood  
Carson Ball, South Iredell  
Jarrett Allen, South Johnston  
George Crainshaw, South Rowan  
Brian Rodriguez, Spring Creek  
Reese Miller, West Iredell  
Mia Calton, West Johnston  
Dane Holder, Western Harnett

## **Fifth General Session**

### **Proficiency Award Winners (Scrambled Order)**

#### **Agriscience Research - Plant Systems**

Kylie Firth, South Rowan

#### **Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication - Entrepreneurship**

Logan Morrison, Hobbton  
Emmanuel Vazquez-Martinez, Garner  
Josiah Saravia, Millbrook

#### **Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance - Placement**

Tagen Wilcox, Lumberton  
Zakre Ladd, North Iredell

#### **Agricultural Processing**

Yareli Morales Hernandez, Greene Central  
Lillian Shew, North Iredell  
Brooks Overcash, South Rowan

**Diversified Crop - Entrepreneurship**

Cole Heidinger, Wakefield

**Diversified Crop - Placement**

Tucker Forrest, Crest

Addie Deal, Franklin

Andrew Roberts, South Johnston

**Diversified Livestock Production**

Heidi Campbell, Alexander Central

Isabella Villate, Gray's Creek

Brady Keller, McDowell

**Specialty Crop Production**

Eli Manning, Southern Nash

**Outdoor Recreation**

Logan Champion, Corinth Holders

Nickolaus Allen, South Johnston

Rachel Noble, South Lenoir

**Wildlife Production**

Emily Horak, Hoggard

Davis Williams, Lumberton

## **Sixth General Session**

### **Proficiency Award Winners (Scrambled Order)**

#### **Equine Science - Entrepreneurship**

Brianna Walker, East Burke

Megan Ashley, Jordan

Charles McCoy, West Craven

#### **Equine Science - Placement**

Kathryn Klepar, Marvin Ridge

Nolan Doak, South Johnston

Mollie Sullivan, West Rowan

#### **Specialty Animal Production**

Josiah Saravia, Millbrook

Taylor Jones, Richlands

#### **Small Animal Production & Care**

Reagan Madden, Cleveland

Lily Ellsworth, Gray's Creek

Riley Patterson, Lumberton

#### **Veterinary Science**

Claire Tian, Apex Friendship

Melaina Dixon, Hunt

Grayce Moore, West Rowan

## **Career Show Vendors**

### **Supported in part by Harris Teeter**

Alamance Community College - Horticulture and Agricultural Sciences  
Alamance Community College - Veterinary Medical Technology and Animal Care and Management Technology  
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity - Nu Chapter  
Atlas + Stuppy Greenhouse  
Catawba Greenhouses  
Darling Ingredients  
Ducks Unlimited  
Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina  
Farmhouse Fraternity - NC State University  
Fellowship of Christian Farmers International  
FFA Alumni & Supporters at NC State  
Florida Farm Bureau Marketing Division  
Francis Marion University Forestry Department  
Gregory Poole Equipment Company  
InstaRaise  
John Deere  
John Deere - James River Equipment  
John Deere - Quality Equipment  
John Deere - Wake Tech  
Kentucky Welding Institute  
Lenoir Community College Agriculture Programs  
Mississippi State University - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Mountaire  
N.C. Forest Service  
Nashville Automotive Diesel College  
NC Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions  
NC Envirothon  
NC FFA Alumni and Supporters  
NC Grange  
NC Nursery & Landscape Association  
NC Pork Council  
NC State Agricultural Institute  
NC State Collegiate Young Farmers and Ranchers Chapter  
NC State Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences

NC State Department of Agricultural Business  
Management  
NC State Department of Animal Science  
NC State Department of Biological and Agricultural  
Engineering  
NC State Department of Crop & Soil Sciences  
NC State Department of Food, Bioprocessing and  
Nutrition Sciences  
NC State Department of Horticultural Sciences  
NC State Prestage Department of Poultry Science  
NCDA&CS / NCAIR  
NCDA&CS Structural Pest Control and Pesticides  
Division  
NCSS Education Foundation, Inc.  
North Carolina A&T State University - College of  
Agriculture and Environmental Sciences  
North Carolina Agromedicine Institute  
North Carolina Farm Bureau  
North Carolina Farms  
North Carolina Forestry Association/North Carolina  
ForestryWorks(R)  
North Carolina State University - College of  
Agriculture and Life Sciences  
North Carolina State University - College of Natural  
Resources  
North Carolina Watermelon Association  
Rose Acre Farms  
S&N Infrastructure  
Sandhills Community College  
School of Automotive Machinist and Technology  
Society of American Foresters  
Society of St. Andrew  
The Budd Group  
Universal Technical Institute  
University of Mount Olive House of Raeford Farms  
School of Agriculture and Biological Sciences  
University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
US ARMY ROTC  
USDA - Risk Management Agency  
Wilkes Community College Agriculture

## **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
- Courtesy Corps

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 2,300 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, families 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 3:30 pm on Wednesday.
- 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.

# 2026 NC FFA *Button Challenge*

Your FFA jacket is missing something...  
about 15 things, actually!

We've scattered 15 exclusive NC FFA  
buttons across this year's convention. You  
will have to accomplish a task in order to  
receive a pin! Pins are limited in quantity.

Good Luck!





To find this button, you'll need to switch your brain on! It's waiting for you where new ideas are born and future leaders are made. Grab a seat and learn something new.



Where research and agriculture collide in a room, discovering answers to help our world bloom. Whether sharing your project or exploring the floor, uncover this button at the door!



You guide the next generation, day after day, Leading your chapters and lighting the way. Step into the lounge for a well-deserved break. This exclusive pin is for teachers to take!



"I believe in the future..." you know how it goes, But true leadership is the action that shows. Be helpful, be kind, live the words that you know. A secret scout watches, and this prize they'll bestow!



Write how you belong on a card at the booth, Share your own story and speak your own truth. Two buttons sit waiting when your writing is done... Look at them closely, you only get ONE.



Explore the Career Show, don't just pass it on by, There are mystery booths that you need to go try! Engage the vendors and talk with the crew. A State Officer pin might be waiting for you!



In the North Carolina FFA Association,  
*we are welcoming on purpose.*

We choose to create **space for everyone** through our thoughts, words, and actions.

As people and as an organization, **we are always evolving**. We welcome all perspectives and **honor the dignity and individuality of every person** recognizing that each story adds value.

Belonging begins with respect—for ourselves and the world we share. Together, we foster a sense of community, **grounded in**

**compassion and strengthened by our similarities and differences.** We embrace

a global vision for agriculture and leadership, knowing that **who we are matters—and who we include matters even more.**



As FFA members, agriculture teachers, and supporters, let's **lead with kindness**, hold each other accountable, and take care of one another.







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- Classroom Theory & Management
- Agricultural Business Management
- Fundamentals of Agriculture




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- Farm & Business Management
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