

# STATE FFA CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Workshop Chairs –Amelia Hayden, State FFA Vice President and  
Kathryn Lampi, State FFA Parliamentarian

## **TUESDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**10:00 am - 10:45 am**      **Ag in the Classroom - “What’s in your Food for America Toolbox?”**      **Mendota 7**

*Darlene Arneson, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Ag in the Classroom*

Tool boxes are full of handy, useful items that make a project complete and successful. We will explore a variety of useful resources, activities, and lessons that you can use to make your Food for America projects successful and complete! Be ready to share your success stories and to learn from others.

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**      **Interactive Animal Science Workshop**      **Mendota 8**

*Zach Markhardt, Past State Officer*

You asked, we listened! Trot, pounce, or gallop through each of the five stations in this flexible workshop on skills & knowledge in Animal Sciences. Workshop room is open from 10-12 & 2:00 - 3:45 on Tuesday. Come in & do a few stations now, a few stations later, or them all at once! Members completing all stations by end of Tuesday will be entered in to win a wild prize.

**11:00 am - 11:45 am**      **How Well Do You Work with a “DIFFERENT CRITTER”?**  
**Understanding Different Critter Personalities**      **Mendota 4**

*Kelly Jones & Kevin Christenson, Compeer Financial*

Whether in the workplace, classroom, or at an FFA event, you’ll have to interact with a variety of personality, communication and leadership styles. Learn how to engage with all types of people – or as we like to call them “critters.”

**2:00 pm - 2:45 pm**      **Parliamentary Procedure 101**      **Mendota 7**

*University of Wisconsin - River Falls Agricultural Education Society*

Do you seem to never accomplish anything in meetings? Do they go on forever because people are talking over each other? Does one person seem to be the only one to have their voice heard? In this workshop, you will learn how to keep meetings efficient and orderly. Learn basic Parliamentary Procedure and how you can use it in your chapter!

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**3:00 pm - 5:00pm**      **Change Lives, Teach Ag!**      **Mendota 7**

Must register to attend! This program at the State FFA Convention will be an action-packed two-hour program including panel of current teachers to share their stories of why they decided to become an agricultural education instructor as well as representatives from the universities in how you can earn a degree in agricultural education. There will be other fun activities and discussions related around learning more about a career in agricultural education.

**4:00 pm - 4:45 pm**      **Catalysts of the 50,000**      **Mendota 8**

*Gracie Furnish, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President*

Do you know how many thoughts our minds have each day? Ever think about how these thoughts impact what we do and the lives we live? Come discover how thinking impacts our attitude and actions, and how we can be catalysts. Changing our world sounds like a pretty daunting task, but many times it starts with just one shift in the way we live and think each day.

**4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**      **Agriculture in Wisconsin Discussion Panel**      **Mendota 5**

*Wisconsin Industry and Legislative Members*

Members attending this workshop will get a chance to meet real word people influencing agriculture in some way. Students will get to ask those tough questions about agriculture to this panel of experts, and hear about different careers & skills needed. Currently in attendance: DATCP Assistant Deputy Secretary Keith Ripp, State Legislator and Agriculture Committee Chair Lee Nerison, Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte, Cooperative Network Educational Director Ethan Giebel, and representatives from MAI Animal Health, Kuhn, and Seneca Foods.

## **WEDNESDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**8:00 am - 8:45 am**      **State FFA Office... Do you have what it takes?**      **Mendota 8**

*Emma Huber, Past State Officer*

Have you ever considered running for state office? What about college? Money? Time? Travel? Benefits? Come find out more about running for state office and have all your questions answered. Being a state officer is an amazing experience - do you have what it takes?

**9:00 am - 9:45 am**      **Burn Your Goals:**  
**The Counter-Cultural Approach to Reaching Your Full Potential**      **Mendota 8**

*Lucas Jadin, Motivational Speaker*

What are you passionate about? What do you want to excel at? What is holding you back?

You are here to be great. The world needs the best you. Yet, everyone wants to be great until it is time to actually do what greatness requires. Join Lucas Jadin to learn strategies that will help you gain confidence and become a leader that others lean on. In this session, you will learn tools to overcome uncertainty and build the courage to take the next step on your journey.

- 9:00 am - 9:45 am**                      **Growing our STEM in Ag Research**                      **Monona**  
*UW-Madison Collegiate FFA*  
 Join UW-Madison Collegiate FFA to learn about developing research questions for agricultural topics. You'll be able to learn how to apply the scientific method to different problems in agriculture, all while gaining hands on experience in agriscience research. And you will learn what skills you already have that put you at an advantage for a future in STEM!
- 9:00 am - 9:45 am**                      **The Fight Against Hunger**                      **Wingra**  
*UW-Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences*  
 The World Food Prize Youth Programs were founded in 1994 by John Ruan & Norman Borlaug. Today, 23 states around the country participate in these programs, including the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who hosts the Wisconsin State Institute every April. Students have the opportunity to explore UW-Madison and participate in roundtable discussions where they present their research papers about a global challenge in a developing country. Come join us to learn more about our CALS and World Food Prize programs that can prepare you for an education and career in the global fight against hunger.
- 10:00 am - 10:45 am**                      **Farm to Lab**                      **Mendota 8**  
*Kerry Ingredients*  
 You may not know what Food Science or Culinology is, but I bet you're curious. If you are, this session is for you. Guided by two industry professionals, you'll learn through a series of kitchen cabinet level demonstrations and hands on examples, not only what these two distinct scientific fields are & why you might want to pursue them, but also how several key food science concepts relate to your everyday food consumption and agriculture.
- 10:00 am -10:45 am**                      **FFA Family Feud**                      **Monona**  
*Bill Kriese, Rural Mutual Insurance*  
 Want to find out more information about safety/emergency procedures, what lock out/tag out is, personal protection equipment in a fun filled game? Come join the staff of Rural Mutual Insurance as they challenge you to a fun faced pace game of FFA Family Feud. You are sure to take away valuable information while having fun and competing against other FFA members. The game is limited to the first 20 members with the rest being part of the viewing audience.
- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm**                      **The Co-op Connection**                      **Mendota 8**  
*Karen Jones, GROWMARK*  
 Why would anyone want to join a co-op? What makes cooperatives different? This session will teach you the basics of cooperatives and help set you on a path to creating your own cooperative business within your chapter!
- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm**                      **My Child is in FFA, Now What?**                      **Monona**  
*Wisconsin FFA Alumni*  
 In this workshop we will explain FFA opportunities, what an SAE is, what to expect as a parent, FFA Alumni membership options, and how you can volunteer and help. This will be a question and answer type workshop with a panel of parents, an advisor, and a past state officer for this workshop.
- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm**                      **Parliamentary Procedure 201**                      **Wingra**  
*University of Wisconsin - River Falls Agricultural Education Society*  
 Do you have a basic understanding of Parliamentary Procedure but want to dive deeper? Then this workshop is for you! In this workshop, you will be able to explore some more difficult motions and the Wisconsin FFA Parliamentary Procedure LDE. A base understanding of Parliamentary Procedure is recommended.
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm**                      **Attend College and Compete for an Army ROTC Scholarship**                      **Mendota 8**  
 Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is one of the best leadership training and development programs in the nation. Come and learn about the leadership training and experiences you could have as a Cadet in the ROTC program. This informational breakout will provide an overview of the ROTC program, scholarship opportunities and student eligibility.
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm**                      **What can your FFA Alumni do for you?**                      **Monona**  
*Wisconsin FFA Alumni*  
 In this workshop we will discuss the opportunities that the Wisconsin FFA Alumni offers and how we can assist the chapters and members across the state. We will discuss grants, scholarships, awards, membership, etc. and the benefits of being an FFA Alumni member, for both students and FFA Alumni members.
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm**                      **Spin the Wheel of Fortune G\_AL S \_TTIN\_**                      **Wingra**  
*UW-Platteville Ag Ed Society- Dustin Winkelman, Joe Lyne, Jess Nehs, Serria Hanley*  
 During this workshop, we will solve the puzzle of the National Chapter Award by focusing on the vision of FFA; Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture. Goal setting is tedious, especially when you're thinking of chapter goals. After this workshop, you will leave with a toolbox of tips and tricks to easily make goals. Come joins us as we *spin the wheel* of goals and work through personal, officer team, and chapter goal setting.

**3:00 pm - 3:45 pm                      Wisconsin Forestry: Hardwood Lumber Grading                      Mendota 4**

*Logan Wells, Past State Officer*

Forests are a valuable natural resource to society. They provide habitat for wildlife, help filter water and store carbon. One of the most tangible benefits of forests is using lumber to build furniture, cabinets and hundreds of other wood products we use every day. The forest products industry contributes over \$20 billion dollars to Wisconsin's economy and has a job for you! Come learn about the different careers in the hardwood industry and the basic skills of lumber grading.

**3:00 pm - 3:45 pm                      Ensuring the Food Supply via Ag Education                      Mendota 7**

*Culver's*

Learn how and why Culver's supports agriculture education through the Thank You Farmer Program. Hear firsthand the career paths that exist in Welcome to Delicious!

**3:00 pm - 3:45 pm                      Agriculture Around the World!                      Mendota 8**

*Nate Zimdars, Past State Officer*

Looking for agricultural opportunities abroad after graduation? The options are endless! From serving in the Peace Corps to World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) or AgriCorp to Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) there are countless ways to expand your horizons and explore the world around you all through agricultural work. This workshop will discuss specifics of each program and what it is like to live in a foreign country.

**3:00 pm - 3:45 pm                      Marketing Your Agricultural Story                      Wingra**

*71st Alice in Dairyland*

We all have a story to tell, but with so many ways to share it, it can be a little nerve-racking to start. We can embrace our individual agricultural stories and effectively share it with others. Come meet Alice in Dairyland and learn how to best market your agricultural story!

**3:00 pm - 3:45 pm                      Preparation = Confidence = Success                      Monona**

*Kari Fischer & Travis Cadman, Past State Officers*

Throughout your time in FFA, activities have PREPARED you and gave you CONFIDENCE. Now, in this workshop, learn how to take that preparation and confidence to the next level, to be able to have SUCCESS in the next chapter of your life, college, or trade school. In this workshop, you'll receive valuable information from former FFA members on how to let your FFA career help you succeed in the future.

**4:00 pm - 4:45 pm                      Farm Safety for 500 Please                      Mendota 4**

*Melissa Ploeckelman, Outreach Specialist for the National Farm Medicine Center*

Do you like competition? Do you like to win prizes? Do you live, work on or visit a farm throughout the year? If you said yes to any of these questions, then this workshop is for you! We will be looking at the 35 tasks done most commonly by youth. We will be interacting with these tasks to find out if you are mature enough to be doing the things you already might be doing. Then we will finish the workshop out with a fun game of Jeopardy. I look forward to keeping you, your friends, and your siblings safe on the farm!

**4:00 pm - 4:45 pm                      High Style with Competitive Edge: Modern, Clean and Fun Floral Design                      Mendota 8**

*Lisa Belisle, Floral Elements*

Are you looking to add to your Floriculture skill set? Look no further and join Lisa for a class on linear design. Linear design is a minimalistic approach to floral design. It involves using mainly line flowers and negative space in order to emphasize the awe of a large floral arrangement. We are excited to have you join us and you will definitely enjoy learning from Lisa's tips and techniques to create fabulous designs on a shoestring budget.