

News Release

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Micolichек Named H.O. Sargent Award Winner

Jeremiah Micolichек of the West De Pere FFA Chapter received the H.O. Sargent Award for 2008 at the 79th State FFA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. The award recognizes students who have excelled in a project or activity that promotes diversity.

That National FFA Organization re-established the H.O. Sargent Award in 1995 to remember the New Farmers of America (NFA) and to recognize their place in the history of the FFA. The overall purpose of the H.O. Sargent Award is to recognize success in achieving and promoting diversity in agricultural education and the FFA. This award is a modification of the H.O. Sargent Award that existed in the NFA prior to the merger of the NFA & FFA.

Jeremiah has met the challenges of his own disability being legally blind and is reaching out to help others feel more accepted and to become involved. He has overcome his limitations and is a member of the chapter's parliamentary procedure team, has participated in the State FFA Talent Contest, sung with the State and National FFA Choruses, and shows dairy animals and goats at the fair. Jeremiah has taken on leadership within his chapter as an officer and organized FFA week activities that included another chapter and special education students as well as their members. He plans to coach the parliamentary team that also includes a hearing impaired student next year. He is a role model to others as he helps to make them feel accepted and included.

Micolichек will advance to national competition, with the possibility of being named the national winner at the 81st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October.

The H.O. Sargent Award is sponsored at the state level by Federated Youth Foundation through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation, Inc.

The State Convention is a grand event that celebrates the accomplishments of the students, advisors, and supporters who make our organization great. Over 3,000 Wisconsin FFA members and advisors representing more than 250 schools along with parents, alumni, sponsors, and guests gathered June 9-12, 2008 to participate in the 79th State FFA Convention at the Exhibition Hall-Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. FFA activities and award programs complement instruction in agricultural education by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in their classes. The FFA organization's major objectives are to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
