

# News Release

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## **Palkowski Elected to Serve as President of the Wisconsin Association of FFA**

Nickolas Palkowski FFA Chapter was elected to serve as the 2008-2009 State FFA President at the 79th State FFA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Palkowski's advisors are Chris Jumbeck and Steve Stoppelmoor.

During Palkowski's year as Wisconsin FFA State President he will meet thousands of FFA members and travel over 10,000 miles promoting agricultural education and the FFA. In addition to meeting with members on the local, state and national levels, the entire state officer team will meet with leaders in government, education, business and agriculture.

Palkowski served as his chapter's parliamentarian, was named the Chapter Outstanding Leader, and competed on the national level in Prepared Public Speaking. He was the state runner-up in Star in Agriscience and the National Agriscience Student of the Year runner-up. Palkowski also served as his class president and participated in football and track and field.

Palkowski built his Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program in Agricultural Education by presenting at numerous educational events. Palkowski focused on exposing students to the exciting aspects of agriculture and science.

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Palkowski is majoring in Wildlife Ecology with an Environmental Science certificate. Palkowski is also a member of the UW-Madison Collegiate FFA. Palkowski hopes to one day work in endangered species management research.

"Each day we are given an opportunity," Palkowski said, "we can either sit back and play it safe, or we can take a risk. It is only by risks that we are able to grow." Palkowski said that FFA challenged him to take risks to improve his leadership skills. He now hopes to use his skills to make a positive difference.

The State Convention is a grand event that celebrates the accomplishments of the students, advisors, and supporters who make our organization great. 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 agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship.

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