

# Sarah's Stories

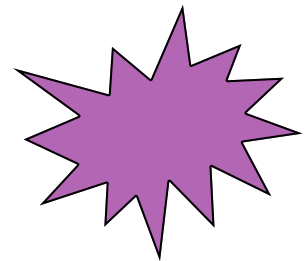


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## Be A Part of Something BIGGER!

And that's a rap! Another National FFA Convention and Expo is successfully in the books. After just a short week spent in Indianapolis, Indiana, students came home with new friends, memories, and probably some souvenirs. But when all is said and done, the students came home feeling something different. They understand that this world needs more transformation by bringing purpose to action. Everyone felt inspired from the many sessions, retiring addresses, and motivational speakers this convention provided.



Saying goodbye to the national officer team was not easy, however, we felt reassurance soon by the election of the new national officer team. From just a few short minutes of seeing this individuals, we know they will do something special.

2016-2017

## National FFA Officer Team

					
National FFA President <b>David Townsend</b> DELAWARE	National FFA Secretary <b>Victoria Harris</b> FLORIDA	National FFA Central Region Vice President <b>Valerie Earley</b> MINNESOTA	National FFA Eastern Region Vice President <b>Ashley Willits</b> NEW YORK	National FFA Western Region Vice President <b>Trey Elizondo</b> TEXAS	National FFA Southern Region Vice President <b>DeShawn Blanding</b> SOUTH CAROLINA



Wisconsin FFA has set a membership goal of 22,000 FFA members! With your help, we can attain this goal!

# Speaking Contest Dates!

## District:

District 25 Green Bay  
East January 31

District 26 West DePere  
January 26

District 27 Elkhart Lake  
February 8

## Sectional:

Wrightstown March 14



# Half-Time Conference

January 13-14, 2017

The half point of the year is approaching which means it is time for the annual half-time conference! This is an opportunity to send two students from each chapter to participate in a two day leadership event. During this conference, students will engage in leadership training, along with regain the motivation to finish out the year on a positive note.



*“If serving is  
below you,  
leadership is  
beyond you.”*

# FFA Week

February 18-25, 2017

FFA Week, which began in 1947, was designed by the National FFA Board of Directors to pay tribute to our first President of the United States, George Washington. This week is conducted over Washington’s birthday, February 22. The week was designed to recognize Washington’s work as an agriculturalist and a farmer. The tradition continues every year, as chapters celebrate the past, present, and future of agriculture in their own unique ways!

# National Winners!

## Proficiency Awards

1st Place Winner

Erica Helmer – Plymouth FFA – Dairy Production - Placement

## Agriscience Fair

1st Place Winner

Animal Systems – Grace Schumacher, Plymouth FFA

Gold

6th place – Plant Systems – Olivia Duffeck and Eli Servais, Wrightstown FFA

Silver

Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems – Morgan Kitzerow and Brooke Toutloff, Plymouth FFA

Social Systems – Tatum Mierow and Ashley Hansen, Wrightstown FFA

## Career Development Events

Silver

Poultry Evaluation: Brillion FFA

## National Delegate

Lilly Feider, New Holstein

*Congrats!*

*Thank you,  
Leadership Partners!*

Leadership  
Partners  
  
Wisconsin FFA Foundation

## Platinum Partners

AgStar Financial Services, ACA  
Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Assn.  
Landmark Services Cooperative

## Gold Partners

2014-15 State Officer Team  
American Family Insurance  
ANIMART

## Silver Partners

Milk Products LLC  
The Andersons, Inc.  
Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association

# Thank you Chapter Visits!

I was told this was going to be a life-changing experience. But I never expected this to happen. Becoming a Wisconsin State FFA Officer is everything I ever could've wanted and more.

When I was a freshman in high school, I saw Joanna Wavrunek stand in front of the classroom, telling us all about FFA and agriculture. It was because of meeting Joanna I dreamed of being a state officer.

I have had the opportunity to travel around Section 9 working with individuals of all backgrounds. Each unique individual and chapter has something special, and each of them has taught me something.

Nobody quite understands how

diverse agriculture is, even I don't but going around and visiting each school widens my understanding a little bit more. Visit the Southern Door FFA chapter, I saw that a new teacher can make a difference. At Luxemburg Casco, I found that all students can change their attitudes if they so choose. At Sheboygan Falls, I saw when tragedy strikes it only pulls people closer together - creating a FFA Family.

I have seen some amazing things already, and I'm only half-way through the chapter visit season! Not only have chapter visits given me a new vision on agricultural education but only reiterates all of the reasons why I want to be a

teacher. Every teacher that I have met on this journey has made an impact in my life and so many other students. I can only hope I will have that same effect on others.

Thank you so much to every chapter I have been with so far. You have given me memories that I will never forget. And to the chapters I have yet to visit, I am so excited. I can only imagine what the future holds.

I thought FFA was done changing my life but now I see it is never ending. Thank you all of Section 9 for the support you've given me, the memories we've shared, and an amazing year of service.

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