

Morgan's Memos

Bringing you the news from Section Four and Wisconsin FFA

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State Convention....

How can state convention be right around the corner!? It feels like just yesterday confetti cannons were being fired and awards were being handed out. Alas, we are back to the biggest Wisconsin FFA Event of the year, State FFA Convention. I am so excited to help welcome you to the Alliant Energy Center on June 11th-14th for state convention to celebrate the accomplishments of you and many other members. The state staff and officer team has been hard at work planning and preparing to have the best convention ever! There are many tours, activities, and entertainment planned for members to enjoy at state convention. Not only to mention that you can serve as a convention delegate and discuss matters important to the FFA and elect the next state officer that will serve your section! At this state convention, it is my hope that you connect with new people and try new things to step outside of your comfort zone. Go to new workshops, attend sessions, and even sign up for tours. I can't wait to see you all there!



Upcoming Deadlines!

- Day of Service Deadline May 15th
- Delegate Registration May 15th
- Convention Clothing May 18th
- Meal Tickets May 23rd
- Tour Registration May 23rd
- Change Lives Teach Ag May 23rd
- FFA Day on the Hill June 1st
- Convention Registration June 1st
- Rally to Fight Hunger June 1st



Section Four Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Application Deadlines	2	3	4 Fennimore Banquet	5
6 River Valley and Cassville Banquet	7	8 Highland Banquet	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 National Convention Delegate App. Due	16	17	18 State Convention Script Reading	19
20 State Convention Workdays	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

May

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 State Convention Prep	9
10	11 State Convention	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Congratulations Sectional Leadership Development Event Winners!

Prepared Speaking Contest
Kathryn Fitzsimmons
Mineral Point



Employability Skills Contest
Carson Lobdell
Darlington

Discussion Meet
Emma Buss
Belmont



Extemporaneous Speaking
Ben Cooper
Darlington



Parliamentary Procedure
Darlington FFA
Carson Lobdell, Rylee Lancaster,
Hannah McCarthy, Megan Douglas,
Ashley Carns, Ben Cooper, and
Riley Jones

Creed Speaking
Delaney Holland
Black Hawk

Quiz Bowl
Black Hawk FFA
Cade Stietz, Elijah Shelton,
Owen Huschitt, Gabe
Nelson, and
Kameron Mathis



Best of luck at the State Contest!

Congratulations State Career Development Event Winners!

Ag Sales

~Shullsburg-1st Overall
Brianna Leahy-1st Overall Individual
Zachary Wiegel-1st Overall Individual
Regan Russell-4th Overall Individual
 ~Riverdale-3rd Overall
Destiny Mcewlee-6th Overall Individual
 ~Seneca-10th Overall
Jessica Babecky-2nd Overall Individual
River Valley

Agronomy

~Lancaster-2nd Overall
Tanner Oyen- Top Individual
Austin Mumm-9th Overall Individual
 ~River Ridge-7th Overall

Farm Business Management

~Argyle-4th Overall
Gavin Johnson-3rd Overall Individual
 ~Lancaster-5th Overall
Jalen Schmit-8th Overall Individual
Dalton Gardner-10th Overall Individual

Floriculture

~Belmont-8th Overall

Dairy Handling

Alisia Achenbach-Hofton-7th Overall
 Prairie du Chien

Horse Judging

~Platteville-3rd Overall
Jessica Anderson-3rd Overall Individual

Livestock Judging

~Mineral Point-1st Overall
Brady Palzkill-1st Overall Individual
Danny Pittz-5th Overall Individual
Logan Schmitz-9th Overall Individual
 ~Darlington-2nd Overall
Carson Lobdell-2nd Overall Individual
Chase Graham-4th Overall Individual
 ~Belmont-7th Overall
 ~River Ridge-10th Overall

Meats Judging

~River Ridge-1st Overall
Abby Meier-2nd Overall Individual
Blake Wegmuller-5th Overall Individual
Kendra Jentz-6th Overall Individual
Archie Cooley-7th Overall Individual
 ~Cuba City-9th Overall

Dairy Products

~Riverdale-1st Overall
SaTi Bailey-2nd Overall Individual
Savannah Daly-5th Overall Individual
Katelynn Hilleshiem-8th Overall Individual
 ~Black Hawk-5th Overall

Wildlife

Brady Roberts-2nd Overall Individual
 Mineral Point

Ag Mechanics

~Lancaster-5th Overall
 ~Cuba City-9th Overall

Congratulations State Gold Proficiency Award Winners!

Darlington

Riley Jones-Beef Production(P), Gold 10th
 Megan Douglas-Dairy Production(E), Gold 9th
 Carson Lobdell-Diver. Livestock, Gold 14th
 Isabel Wedig-Landscape Management, Gold 2nd
 Carson Lobdell-Swine Production, Gold 3rd

Dodgeville

Seth Watrud-Beef Production(E), Gold 14th
 Seth Watrud-Diver. Ag Production, Gold 3rd

Fennimore

Adam Riley-Ag Processing, Gold 1st
 Kaleb Cauffman-Fiber and Oil Crop, Gold 2nd
 Adam Riley-Specialty Animal Prod., Gold 4th
 Cassara Bray-Turf Grass Management, Gold 5th

Pecatonica

Joseph Tisch-Fruit Production, Gold 2nd
 Skylar Garthwaite, Swine Production, Gold 8th

Potosi

Brittany Horner-Small Animal & Care, Gold 10th

Platteville

Mary Timmerman-Poultry Production, Gold 11th
 Alex Sonsalla, Specialty Animal Prod., Gold 9th
 Brandon Weigel, Swine Production(E), Gold 10th
 Lucas Fugate, Swine Production(P), Gold 1st

Mineral Point

Lauren May-Beef Production(E), Gold 2nd
 Morgan Vondra-Beef Productions(E), Gold 12th
 Danny Pittz-Beef Production(P), Gold 9th
 Eric Heisner-Div. Ag Production, Gold 6th
 Cade Steffes-Grain Production(P), Gold 5th
 Jacob Moellers-Landscape Management, Gold 6th
 Sara Heisner-Swine Production(E), Gold 6th
 Danny Pittz- Swine Production(E), Gold 7th
 Sara Heisner-Vegetable Production, Gold 8th
 Sara Heisner-Veterinary Science, Gold 6th

Shullsburg

Zachary Woodworth-Ag. Mech. Design & Fab., Gold 1st
 Zachary Woodworth-Ag. Sales (E), Gold 2nd
 Madison Russell-Agri. Research-Animal System, Gold 2nd
 Regan Russell-Agri. Research-Plant System, Gold 2nd
 Brianna Leahy-Beef Production(E), Gold 4th
 Lance Lierman-Div. Ag Production, Gold 7th
 Lance Lierman-Div. Crop Production, Gold 4th
 Madison Russell-Sheep Production, Gold 3rd
 Zachary Weigel-Turf Grass Management, Gold 4th

River Valley

Mia Hillebrand-Food Service, Gold 6th
 Taylor Peterson-Small Animal Production, Gold 4th



Thank you...

This past year as a State FFA Officer cannot be described in one word. It has been wonderful, amazing, exciting, and full of learning and development. I believe this experience has truly molded me and made an imprint on my heart forever. The memories I have made over this year and the connections will truly last a life time.

Wisconsin FFA and Section Four I came into this thinking that I would help change lives and make an impact, and I may have done this, but quite the opposite has also happened. Through this experience I have been impacted. This has happened through activities, conversations, speeches, and times of laughter and fun. It is all truly because of you, and I have been blessed to have been a part of your year in the FFA.

When asked what my favorite part of the year was, it simply becomes too hard to answer because I have loved every moment and every second of this past year. To be honest it has gone way too fast, and I cannot believe that we are back to State Convention time. When thinking even more about this past year, my favorite part has been meeting and working with all the people I have met over the past year. People like students, advisors, my team, and state staff.

“I believe in the future of agriculture,” because of all the students, alumni, advisors, and consumers I met over my past year of service. From hearing about all of your amazing SAES, to hearing what your passionate about agriculture, I know that we are in good hands. I am so proud to have gotten to learn all of these things, and this has been a part of the reasons I have loved being a state officer.

It's not goodbye, it's only see you later. I hope to continue to stay connected to the FFA and witness all the wonderful things you are doing in your chapters and communities. I was so proud to represent Section Four and to represent all of you. Everything happens for a reason and I am so glad that Wisconsin FFA has been such an integral part of my life. To every single one of you, thank you for support, guidance, and allowing me to be a part of your FFA experience. Keep living your why.

Best Wishes,
Morgan Fitzsimmons
Wisconsin State FFA Vice President



Wisconsin State FFA Convention Highlights

89 th Wisconsin State FFA Convention Educational Tours:		
Monday, June 11th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henry Vilas Zoo: 	Tuesday, June 12th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp Randall Stadium UW- Crop Innovation Center Blue Star Dairy 	Wednesday, June 13th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olbrich Botanical Gardens Aldo Leopold Foundation O'Dools Dairy Goats LLC.

We are excited to offer a variety of tours for this years State FFA Convention! Travel around the Madison area to learn more about opportunities on campus, local environmental programs, and dairy industry operations!

The tour times, cost (if required), and descriptions can be found on the Wisconsin FFA Website!

See you at Convention!!!

Convention T-Shirts and Sweatshirts!

Orders are due May 18th

All orders must be sent in online!

See wisconsinffa.org for more details!

- Events
- State Convention

New this year, there will also be sweatshirts available for purchase!



T-shirt



Sweatshirt

Workshops!

Don't miss out on this year's fantastic workshop line-up at State FFA Convention! From leadership to agricultural career opportunities and everything in between, you are sure to leave these workshops with more knowledge & skills than you came in with. Check out www.wisconsinffa.org for the complete workshop schedule.





WHY you want to be a Delegate!

Deadline: May 15, 2018

Why be a Delegate?

- Have your voice and ideas shared!
- Help guide and shape the future of the Wisconsin Association of FFA.
- Be one of two leaders that represent your FFA Chapter at the State Level!

What do you do as a Delegate?

- **Enrichment Training** – Partake in advanced leadership training, exclusively for delegates!
- **Committee Work** – Work with other delegates from across the State to discuss one of ten issues facing Wisconsin FFA and Agricultural Education.
- **Vote on your next Sectional State Officer** – Wednesday of Convention, you are responsible for selecting the next State FFA Officer to represent your section!

If you have any questions about serving as a Delegate, please email Ciera Ballmer at cballmer@wisconsinffa.org! We hope to see you as a Delegate at the 89th Wisconsin FFA Convention!

Social Media at State Convention!

This year at state convention, there will be plenty of opportunities to share your pictures with friends and family! Be sure to use the hashtags #LiveYourWhy and #WIFFA18 in all of your pictures and posts. You won't want to miss the social media challenges throughout each day, the Snapchat filter, and the pre-session Kahoot fun! We hope to see you there!

Follow Wisconsin FFA on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat to stay up to date on convention results and events.



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