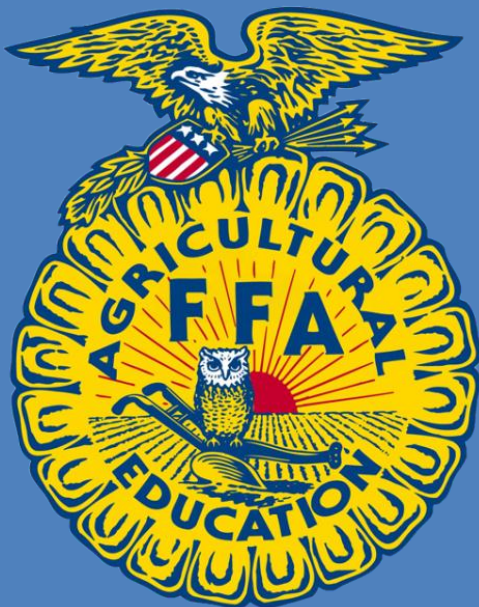


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SECTION 2 TIMES

WISCONSIN HAS A NATIONAL FFA OFFICER!!

At the 84th National FFA Convention, Alicia Hodnik was elected as the 2011-2012 Central Region Vice President. This year, Alicia will be traveling around the country and meeting and making a difference in the lives of FFA members from around the United States. She is one of the six national officers that will be representing the more than 540,000 FFA members. We are very proud of Alicia and know that she will do a fantastic job representing Wisconsin this year.



Sectional Leadership Workshops



This year Sectional Leadership Workshops were a success with a total of 2,077 FFA members in attendance! Traveling around the state was a lot of fun and an awesome opportunity to see the hometowns of my teammates. We were also joined by two off our 2010-2011 National FFA Officers. Our National President, Riley Pagett was with us for our first week and National Secretary, Landan Schaffert for our second week.

We kicked off our three weeks of SLWs in Amery at the Section 1 SLW. Then we

traveled to Fall Creek for the Section 2 SLW. It was great seeing members and advisors that I knew before as well meeting more of the awesome members and advisors in our section.

During our first week, we also went to Stratford for the Section 7 SLW. Our stops during week two were East Troy, Sauk Prairie, Winneconne, and Kiel. The third and final week included Mineral Point, Wisconsin Heights, and Blair-Taylor.

During our travels, we also had the opportunity to tour twenty agricultural businesses. These businesses were from a lot of different aspects of agriculture ranging from ethanol production to making and packaging Swiss Miss hot chocolate and agricultural machine manufacturing and a golf course.

While in Section 2, we toured Huntsinger Farms and ConAgra Foods. Huntsinger Farms is the largest horseradish grower in the world and is located near Eau Claire. We had the opportunity to see how the horseradish is sorted and stored as well as look at the machine used to harvest it. We also toured ConAgra Foods in Menomonie. This is the place where all Swiss Miss products are made! It is really cool to know that when I see Swiss Miss products in the store I can say that I have been to the place where it is manufactured and packaged. The process is really neat and the speed of the machines is truly incredible.

Our three weeks of travel were a lot of fun! I

learned a lot about different parts of the Agriculture Industry and I hope that everyone who attended Sectional Leadership Workshops had fun while learning something.



This is a photo of Riley Pagett, our 2010-2011 National FFA President and !!

FIRE Conferences

Race To Success! This was the theme for our FIRE Conferences this year. The first of our FIRE Conferences took place at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. Our second FIRE was held at UW-River Falls. At that FIRE, we had a record-breaking turn out of over 300 members! The last FIRE was at UW-Madison.



The FIRE Conferences were a lot of fun this year! Thank you to all who helped make the event possible. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Also, thank you to advisors and others who brought students to the FIRE Conferences. Having successful conferences would not be possible if we didn't have students to participate. Finally, thank you to the students who attended for your participation. You are what made the conferences fun and a success.

“The paths we take may be different, but our drive to succeed is the same.”



2011 National FFA Convention

In October, over 50,000 FFA members from around the United States attended the 84th National FFA Convention wearing their blue corduroy jackets showing where they come from. The theme for this year was I BELIEVE.

I BELIEVE. These words have a very strong meaning behind them. The 2010-2011 National FFA Officer team chose these words as the national theme for this year. Throughout the national convention, the officers and different speakers talked about how they believe in us as FFA members by saying, “I believe in you” multiple times each. They believe in us as the



National Convention Continued

future of agriculture and the future of our nation.

This year was the fourth time I attended national convention and it was very different from the last three. This time, I had the opportunity to serve as one of Wisconsin's fifteen national delegates. I didn't know exactly what to expect from being a national delegate. This was an opportunity to share the voice of Wisconsin FFA members in decisions that will affect the future of our organization. There are a total of 475 delegates from all 50 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico that represent the members of our organization. Throughout our business and committee meetings, it was evident that the delegates from every state association had their members in mind while we were making decisions.



As I mentioned before, this year the national convention was very different from previous conventions I have attended. I would say that it is my favorite so far. I had an awesome time talking with people I met before convention and meeting some new ones. The sessions were awesome from the speakers to the retiring addresses of the national officers and everything in between. This was truly an incredible experience that I will never forget. If you are reading this and have not been to the national convention before my advice for you is to GO and take as much as you can from it.

2011 Wisconsin National Convention Award Results

American Star in Agriscience – Keith Bollinger, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

National Proficiency Award Winners

Dairy Production (P) - Brad Laack, Plymouth FFA

Forest Management and Products - Tyler Meister, Reedsburg FFA

Fruit Production - Trenton Bemis, Lincoln ACHM FFA

Swine Production (E) - Bridget Achterberg, Abbotsford FFA

Wildlife Production and Management - Devon Feldt, Waupaca FFA

Teach Ag Ambassador - McKenzie Beacker, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA – UWRF

2011 Wisconsin Honorary American Degree Recipients: Cheryl Steinbach, Granton Darlene Arneson, Stoughton David Erickson, Madison, Bill Holler, Lodi Mike Kawleski, Green Bay Donald Wipperfurth, Lodi

National Convention Award Results Continued On Next Page

National FFA Agriscience Fair – Gold Top Ten

Engineering

Division 3 – David Pintens and Grandon Scheil, Barron FFA – 1st Place Gold Division 2 – Josh Cherek, Spencer FFA – 3rd Place Gold

Agriscience Fair Continued:

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science

Division 4 – Jacob Kafer and Megan Hurlbrt, Cochrane-Fountain City – 5th Gold

Division 2 – Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer FFA – 6th Place Gold

Division 1 – Kylee Lofthus, New Auburn FFA – 7th Place Gold

Botany

Division 3 – Levi Lang and Matt Schommer, Pardeeville FFA – 5th Gold

Division 2 – Ruth Feltham, Big Food FFA – 10th Gold

National FFA Career Development Event Gold Top Ten

Dairy Cattle Evaluation: Waunakee FFA – 7th Gold

Dairy Cattle Handling: Bryce Kull, Lake Mills FFA – Gold

Floriculture: Elkhart Lake FFA – 5th Gold

Jenna Mehre – 5th Place Gold; Kira Ruechel – 10th Place Gold

Food Science and Technology: Lisa Chou, Oconto Falls – 5th Place Gold Individual

Meat Evaluation: River Ridge FFA – 7th Gold

Chapter Visits



On the left is a picture of my visit in Osseo. On the right is a picture of my visit in Stanley-Boyd.

This year, I have the awesome opportunity to visit all of the chapters in our section. I have traveled to more than half of them already. The agriculture students and FFA members I have worked with so far have been awesome! I have enjoyed learning more about different chapters and meeting with some awesome chapter officer teams. I have had a lot of fun with my chapter visits so far and am looking forward to visiting the final chapters in our section over the next month.

212° and 360° Conferences



212 degrees is temperature at which water boils. At 211° water is extremely hot, but just one more degree takes up another level and changes its state. The 212° conference challenges students to push past their limits to the boiling point of leadership.

360° takes students full circle through chapter leadership development. Attendees will learn how to develop action plans for their chapters from every angle. Themes for this conference are action and influence.



Both conferences will be held on November 11&12 in Stevens Point.

Half-Time Conference



This year the Half-Time Conference will be held January 6-7 in Stevens Point. Each chapter can bring two chapter leaders to this conference. It will be a fun time with workshops, a dance, and a skit! This will also be a great chance to meet leaders from other chapters around the state. We hope to see all chapters there!

Speaking Contests

	Host	Contest Date	Manuscript Due Date
District 4	Ellsworth	Feb. 7	Jan. 24
District 5	Elmwood	Feb. 16	Feb. 2
District 6	Eau Claire	Feb. 6	Jan. 23

SECTION 2 Speaking Contest (Fall Creek): March 5



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 St. Croix Central	2 Spring Valley	3 Boyceville	4	5
6	7 Durand	8 Eleva Strum	9 Plum City	10 Elmwood	11 212 & 360	12 212 & 360
13	14 Colfax	15	16 Eau Claire	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29 Chippewa Falls	30			

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 WI FB Annual Meeting
4 WI FB Annual Meeting	5 State Officer Meeting	6 State Officer Meeting	7 State Officer Meeting	8 State Officer Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Half-Time	7 Half-Time
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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