

# EXPEDITIONS

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# WITH EMMA



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# STATE OFFICER UPDATE



To my Friends,

This year of service has truly been the greatest year of my life. I'm beyond blessed to have had the opportunity to serve such an amazing state and an even more incredible section. I can't believe I'm already writing the fourth and final edition of Expeditions with Emma. Looking back on these past few months, I've never been more certain of the strength, passion, and talent that define each and every member of Section 1.

As I prepare to hang up my jacket for the final time, there's still so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. We're wrapping up the best banquet season yet, gearing up for state competitions, and patiently waiting to see Section 1 represented on stage this June.

While my time as a Section 1 FFA member is coming to a close, I have no doubt that each of you will continue to achieve amazing things. I've cherished every moment with you—exciting chapter visits, intense competitions, beautiful banquets, and every second in between. This adventure may be ending for me, but the memories we've made will stay with me for a lifetime. Section 1, you have inspired me, motivated me, and shown me the true strength of the FFA family.

As Winnie the Pooh once said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." But this isn't goodbye, it's just see you later.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for making this year unforgettable.

Sincerely,

*Emma Johnson*  
**Emma Johnson**  
**Section 1 State Parliamentarian**







# SPRING HIGHLIGHT



## CVTC CONTESTS

Amalia and I attended the CVTC Contests in Eau Claire! Members from across the state tested their knowledge and career skills. It was incredible to see so many students and chapters present! Section 1 members worked hard and grew their knowledge!!



## EAU CLAIRE FARM SHOW

Jescey, Amalia, and I helped the FFA Foundation booth with a silent auction and ticket raffle. I found a new skill of mine in selling raffle tickets! We worked hard but in our free time explored farm displays and booths throughout the show. It was a great time to network and even hang out with some cool FFA members!

## EDGE & CONNECT

Members from across the state joined our team and the National FFA Facilitators, for the EDGE and Connect Conferences! It was exciting to be able to learn and connect with so many different members. We even presented Delegate Committees to advisors for the first time! The dance was a huge plus to the whole event!!





# SPRING HIGHLIGHT



## JOHN DEERE VISIT

The team and I got up early and traveled to Horicon, WI. We had the opportunity to visit Gator Works, toured their facility, and see how John Deere

Products are made! We ended our day by giving a presentation to the John Deere FFA Alumni and Supporters group to educate them on what the State FFA Officers accomplish in a year. This was a great educational and networking experience for us. One of my favorite moments all year!

## UWRF AG DAY ON CAMPUS

A few of the team headed to UWRF Ag Day on Campus where we participated in agricultural literacy events on the college campus. We sat in on panels of agricultural professionals and royalty, got to see booths of agriculture organizations, and enjoyed fun agriculture games. I even participated in a milk chugging contest! I had a great time connecting with new and old friends!



## STATE CDES

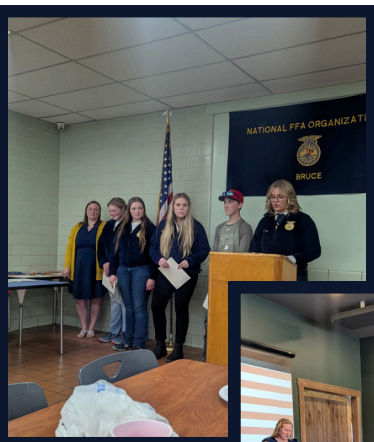
The team traveled to Madison and got to cheer on several teams as they prepared to compete in their respective CDE on the UW-Madison campus. It was great to see so many eager members ready to compete!

Section 1 did a great job at the competition. Congratulations to all!





# BANQUETS



**Wow. Traveling to all the different banquets has been one of the greatest experiences ever! Thank you to every chapter that has invited me to their banquet. These are such special moments that we have the opportunity to share as FFA members!**

## Join us for the 96<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin State FFA Convention, June 9-12!

We have 6 General Sessions to highlight awards, achievements, programs, and more!

Join Jescey and me as we chair Session 1! You will hear from keynote speakers, including Governor Evers and our Central Region Vice President, Mary Schrieber! Highlights of the convention include the service project, hearing the final membership number, and watching as we award deserving members a Blue Jacket!

Chris Kroeze will be the entertainment on Tuesday night starting at 9:30pm!

Our guest speaker Coty Back will speak at session 4!

Also be sure to check out the expo, workshops, spotlight stage, and all of our other great opportunities!







## CREED SPEAKING



Alexis Schuebel  
Shell Lake

## PREPARED SPEAKING



Sam Marita  
Ashland

## EXTEMPORANIOUS SPEAKING



Jadyn Thaemert  
Unity

## QUIZ BOWL



Amery

## PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE



Amery

## DISCUSSION MEET



Lachelle Dahlstrom  
Osceola

## EMPLOYMENT SKILLS



Hunter Carlson  
Unity





# Section 1 MEMBER OF THE MONTH



**MAY**  
?????



**APRIL**

*Suki Gatica - Amery*



**MARCH**

*Charlotte Odden - Cumberland*







# INFORMATION



## Teacher Appreciation



## Member of the Month



## Podcast



## Check out our website!





# MESSAGE FROM AGRICULTURE EDUCATORS



## HUMBLE LEADERS

energized by the responsibility of  
shaping the future one student at a time.



**NAAE #TeachAg Ambassadors  
want to connect with you about  
becoming an agricultural educator.**

- The 2024-25 class of #TeachAg Ambassadors are passionate about agricultural education and want to encourage others to consider a career in ag ed.
- They have received training and lessons to use at local, university, and state levels.
- You can connect with them on a one-on-one basis or schedule them for a #TeachAg recruitment event.

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Ambassador by  
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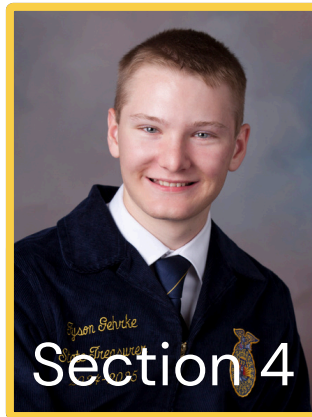
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