

LAYTEN'S LINEUP



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"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think" - Christopher Robin Winnie the Pooh



As we continue to cultivate throughout this year, we are going to grow connections, leadership, and community - one story at a time.

State Officer Letter



Hello everyone,

Well, I guess we are almost six months into the year together! As I sit back and reflect on all the memories and lessons I've learned so far, there are no words to describe the feeling I experience. Section 9 has quickly become home to me over the last six months and continues to prove me wrong! Each of you has shown up and has given me guidance, grace, care and has opened your doors to me. I want to say thank you for that!

Over the last months, my teammates and I have traveled the state and country from Fall Leadership Workshops, to FIRE Conferences, and the National FFA Convention! In between all of that, I have been able to do a bunch of chapter visits and meet all the incredible people in them and see all the different programs! As we look into the

coming months I can't wait to see what they have in store from the reminder of chapter visits, Halftime Leadership Conference, and so much more! As I reflect on the past but look into the future, I am reminded to live in the moment, take everything in around us, because oftentimes it comes and goes way too fast! I want each of you to be true to yourselves and spread your own kindness around! Go out and try new things, whether that a competition or maybe attending a conference that you want to try, because it will allow you to grow and become the best leaders, advocate and agriculturist that you can become. I want to say thank you for sharing your stories that are not only impacting your life, but is impacting the lives of those around you, including mine!

As always, I am here for you if you ever need anything! Please don't be afraid to reach out to me! I can't wait to continue to watch everyone to continue to grow! Remember to be kind and be yourself!

Sincerely,

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2025 National Convention Recap

Reflection

What an amazing week it was from attending different Convention Sessions, watching several retiring addresses from the National Officers, and watching several members achieve and earn awards! It was great week in the Sea of Blue!



Star Chapter Award

3 Star:
Denmark

American Degree Recipients

Makenzie Frisch - Bay Port
Elisha Vogel - Denmark
Samantha Chynoweth - Mishicot
Atley Jeanty - New Holstein
Vicki Kessler - New Holstein
Christopher Last - New Holstein
Courtney Steffes - New Holstein
Cora Kohlman - Plymouth
Joseph Mugan - Plymouth
Brandon Schultz - Plymouth
James Steinhardt - Plymouth
Haylie Habeck - Random Lake
Zoe Bratz - Wrightstown

National Chapter Award

Model of Excellence:
Denmark - Finalist



Career Development Events

Ag Sales:

Wrightstown, 30th Place Silver

Environmental and Natural

Resources: Green Bay Preble, 30th Place Silver

Poultry: Brillion, 30th Place Silver

Forestry: Bay Port 21st Place Silver

Agricultural Education Invitational-

Sheboygan Falls, Abby Schleicher, 9th Place

Congratulations

Congratulations to all those who were recognized on stage, but also to those who competed in any events during the week. We are so proud of all of your hard work and accomplishments. You should be proud of yourself; you have achieved such a high honor! Congratulations and keep activating change within our community!



Fall Leadership Workshops

Recap

What an amazing three weeks of traveling in Wisconsin and meeting members from all across the state! It was a great three weeks of becoming better together! Thank you to everyone who came out to the Section 9 FLW! Special thanks you to everyone who helped host, from the Berlin FFA, New Holstein FFA, to both the New Holstein and Berlin FFA alumni, thank you for making this night possible! To the members thank you for sharing your stories and time with us, you truly are inspiring! Thank you for making these conference and teaching others how to be better together!

Speech

If you were unable to attend Section 9 FLW and wanted a simple glimpse into what FLW is all about check out my speech linked below. Remember to be kind to others because you never know who needs it most, and always be your true self even when it's hard to allow your true kindness to shine through! Together we can grow but through kindness and being our true selves we can be better together!

[Kindness Builds True Self](#)



Upcoming Conferences & Competitions

Half-Time Conference

This conference allows a chapter to send two members to the two day conference! Members will dive deeper into becoming better leaders and advocates. More information coming in coming weeks.

Dates Of Conferences:

January 16-17, 2026

Registration Due:

January 5, 2026



FIRE CONFERENCE DATES IMPORTANT DATES

FIRE conferences are designed for students in 5th-9th grades. At this conference, students will dive deeper into the basics of the organization and opportunities.

Dates Of Conferences:

February 26, 2026: SWTC- Fennimore
February 27, 2026: SWTC- Fennimore

Registration Due:

February 12, 2026: SWTC- Fennimore
February 13, 2026: SWTC Fennimore

Section 9 Leadership Development Events

Below are the dates for our
LDE's in Section 9

Dates Of Competitions:

District 25: January 31st: at
Green Bay Southwest
District 26: January 31st at
Wrightstown
District 27: February 2nd at Kiel
Section 9: March 16th at Plymouth

Career Development Events

Below are the dates for our
CDE Competitions

Dates Of Competitions:

Auctioneer CDE: January 27th -29th in Onalaska, WI
State CDE: April 17th at Madison College
State CDE: April 24th at UW- Madison
Central: March 24th at Mid-State
Southwest CDE: March 26th at UW - Platteville
Northeast: March 27th at Fox Valley Technical College
Northwest: March 28th at UW - River Falls
South Central: TBD at Janesville

Chapter Visit Information

Chapter Visit Scheduler

If you have not yet confirmed a date with me for our chapter visit, please contact me ASAP! My goal is to have them all complete before holiday break!

Pre Chapter Visit Form

After I have confirmed your date, please fill out this pre-chapter visit form.



Schedule

November:

- 3: West De Pere
- 4: New Holstein
- 5: Denmark High School
- 6: Denmark Middle
- 10: Sheboygan Falls
- 18: Green Bay Preble
- 19: Algoma
- 20: Wrihstown
- 21: Random Lake
- 24: Chilton
- 25: Green Bay Southwest

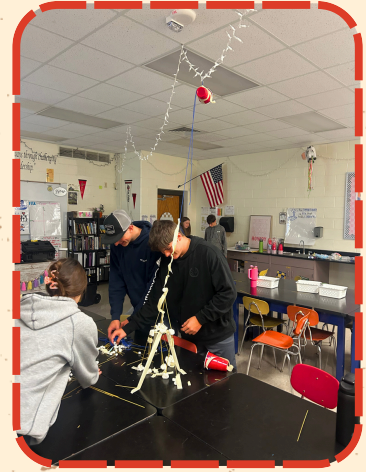
December:

- 8: Green Bay East
- 9: Plymouth
- 11: Kewaunee
- 12: Kiel
- 15: Howards Grove
- 16: Howards Grove
- 18: Green Bay Red Smith
- 19: Green Bay Red Smith

Thank you

It's hard to believe that I am almost halfway through chapter visits! I personally want to say thank you for allowing me to come into all of your schools! I am so behind, grateful for all of the opportunities! Each of the programs I have visited has been nothing but a blast! On the next page, I have some pictures from chapter visits! Can't wait to watch each of the programs grow this year! Keep being amazing!

Visit Pictures / Membership Goals



Membership Association Goals

Each year the state officer sets Association Goals. Below are the goals for our association for this year as we Activate! These goals were shared at Fall Leadership Workshops as well.

Membership: 28,597

Total affiliated chapters: 120

State Degree recipients: 450

Day of Service participants: 1,000 State Officer Candidates: at least 2 per section

Evaluate Membership Award recognition

Develop more resources on engaging members

Inform delegates

Increase social media followers

Empower student leaders



National FFA Week

Dates

February 21st -
28th , 2026

Description of the Week

Throughout this week we will celebrate FFA together, advocate for the agriculture industry and becoming better advocates together! This week is also to honor our organization history and the impact that it has had in the lives of thousands!

Request Attendance for an Event



Do you have an event that you want would like a state officer to attend. Please fill our this sectional request form for Section 9 if want me to attend an event or feel free to reach out to me. I will continue to look at the form and reach out once I start to finalize my schedule for that week and let you if we can attend or not. Can't wait to celebrate the week together.

Social Media Request Form/ Chapter Officers

Social Media Request

Do you have something that needs to be shared on social media on the Section 9 page, please fill out this form by scanning the QR Code!



Chapter Officer Contact Info

Are you a chapter officer wanting to be on the email list for Newsletter and other information, if so please fill out this form by scaninng the QR Code!



UPCOMING DUE DATES

December

- 1: Initial FFA Membership Rosters
- 1: Chapter Program of Activities and Constitution/Bylaws

January

- 12: National FFA Scholarships Due
- 15: American Degree Application Due

February:

- 3: Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Applications
- 13: State FFA Honors Band and Chorus Applications
- 17: State FFA Proficiency Award Applications

March:

- 3: State Degree Application Due
- 3: Proposals for State FFA Constitution or Rule Changes
- 13: State FFA Foundation Chapter Grant Applications
- 13: State FFA Foundation Collegiate Scholarship Applications
- 16: State Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Nominations

April:

- 1: Final Supplemental Membership Rosters
- 15: Jr. High/Middle School Essay Entries
- 15: Public Relations Team Applications
- 21: National Chapter Applications
- 21: Chapter Officer Leadership Award (Three Star Leader)
- 22: State FFA Talent Application
- 24: State Officer Candidate Application

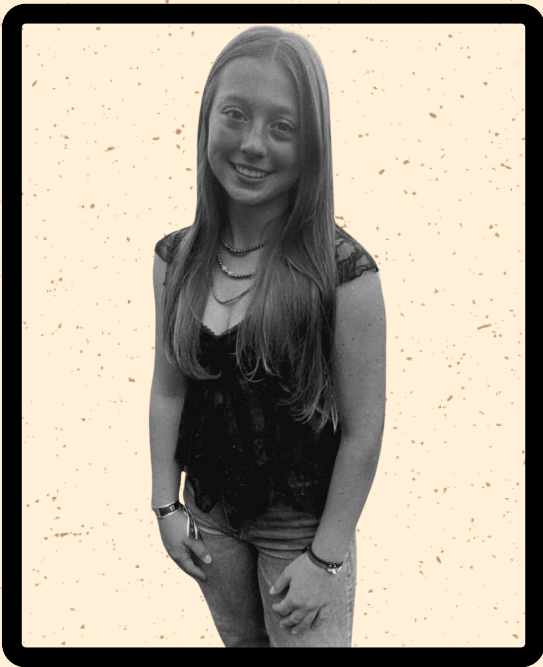
Note: Days are subject to change

Member of the Month

September

Ava Vande Hey
Junior

De Pere FFA Chapter



October

Macie Abraham
Senior
Plymouth FFA



SAE Sunday & Chapter Service Projects Nominations

SAE Sunday

Know a member with
an outstanding SAE?
Nominate them today
to be recognized for
their outstanding hard
work and dedication.



Service Project

Is there a chapter with an
outstanding service
project? Nominate them
today to be recognized.



Member of the Month & Teacher Appreciation Applications

Member of the Month

Do you know a member
in Section 9 who is
deserving of reaction? If
so, scan the QR code to
the right for the
application and
nominate them!



Teacher Appreciation

Do you have an
agriculture teacher who
deserves to be
recognized? If so,
nominate them through
this application.



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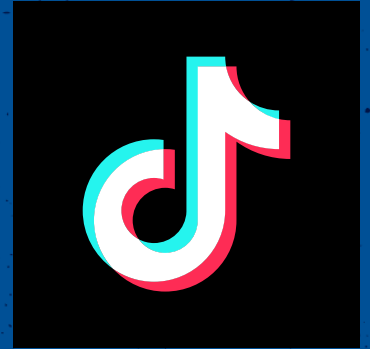
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Gold



Silver

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Culvers
Seneca Foods

Bronze

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GreenStone Farm Credit Services