

Brooke's Bits & Pieces

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Section 6 State Treasurer



Hello Section 6!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. My name is Brooke Luedtke, and I am proud to be representing the Pardeeville FFA chapter. I am currently a junior at the University of Wisconsin–Platteville, where I am pursuing a degree in Animal Science and Agribusiness. I am passionate about agriculture and excited to continue learning and growing in this field.

My Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) focuses on diversified livestock and beef production. I was raised on my family's farm and am honored to be the second generation managing our cow-calf operation. What began as a small hobby farm has since grown into a full-time business that I am deeply committed to. Farming has taught me the value of hard work, patience, and dedication, and it remains a central part of my life.

Through my involvement with FFA, I have had the opportunity to compete in a variety of events including parliamentary procedure, creed speaking, employability skills, livestock judging, and meats judging. One of my proudest moments was competing at the national level in meat evaluation back in 2022. These experiences have helped me develop leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills that I will carry with me throughout my career.

Outside of FFA, I enjoy spending time outdoors. I find joy in hunting, going on ATV rides with my dog Max to check on our cows, and visiting local fairs. These activities keep me connected to the community and the agricultural lifestyle that I love. I am excited to share my experiences with you all throughout this newsletter and look forward to a fantastic year filled with learning and growth. Thank you for welcoming me into Section 6!

With gratitude and excitement,

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Summer Rake

Montello FFA

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Ava Kaenel

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Pardeeville FFA

Celia Kopfhamer

Macy Cross



State Degree Recipients



Portage FFA

Elizabeth Miller

Sawyer Stegmann

Poynette FFA

Brylee Schultz

Grace Gavinski

RCF FFA

Piper Alsum

Ashton Brusveen

Kaylee Jahnke

Reedsburg FFA

Braelynn Meister

Rio FFA

Simone Cook

Robbie Starker

Ripon FFA

Tyler Draeger

Katelyn Konrad

Sauk Prairie FFA

Wyatt Coy

Thea Harpold

Martin Ziegler

Audrey Anding

Waupun FFA

Lucas Bresser

Wyatt Stowell

Wisconsin Dells

Mia Schultz

Samantha Degner



Highlights From State Convention

Employment Skills

- Discussion Meet 2nd Place: Josie Roberts - **Portage**
- Employment Skills Leadership Development Event 2nd Place: Blake Brancel - **Portage**
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking 3rd Place: Jaime Damm - **Columbus**
- Agricultural Issues 2nd Place: **Pardeeville**
- Middle School Quiz Bowl 2nd Place: **Markesan**

Career Development Events

- Agronomy: **Baraboo**



Proficiencies

- Agriculture Education: Zoe Gross, **Columbus**
- Beef Production - Placement: Hannah Oleson, **Adams-Friendship**
- Forage Production: Rylan Bruins, **Waupun**
- Poultry Production: Khammi Alsum, **Wisconsin Dells**
- Turf & Landscape Maintenance: Piper Alsum, **Randolph Cambria Friesland**

Three Star Leaders

Julia Stockheimer - **Adams-Friendship**
Samantha Johnson - **Baraboo**
Rylee Brattlie - **Cambridge**
Summer Rake - **Lodi**
Mariah Schwartz - **Mauston**
Celia Kopfhamer - **Pardeeville**
Addison Stilwell - **Portage**
Piper Alsum - **Randolph-Cambria-Friesland**
Nolan Fletcher - **Reedsburg**
Wyatt Coy - **Sauk Prairie**
Samantha Degner - **Wisconsin Dells**

Highlights From State Convention

Agricultural Artwork Contest

5th-8th Grade 2D 1st Place: Claire Presley - Adams-Friendship

9th-12th Grade 2D 2nd Place: Emma Steimkey - Rio

Talent Competition

1st Place: Sawyer Bruins - Waupun

2nd Place: Coleson Billie - Waupun

Scrapbook Contest

Traditional Scrapbook 2nd Place: Baraboo

Traditional Scrapbook 3rd Place: Wisconsin Dells



Highlights From State Convention

PRIDE Award

- Baraboo FFA
- Cambridge FFA
- Columbus FFA
- Lodi FFA
- Oakfield FFA
- Portage FFA
- Poynette FFA
- Princeton FFA
- Ripon FFA



Food For America Winners

- Adams-Friendship FFA
- Cambridge FFA
- Lodi FFA
- Pardeeville FFA
- Portage FFA
- Wisconsin Dells FFA



Membership Award

Baraboo FFA +99



Highlights From State Convention

Building Communities Area

5th Place: Sauk Prairie
FFA



Strengthening Agriculture Area

8th Place: Pardeeville
FFA

10th Place: Mauston
FFA

National Chapter

Gold Ranking

Sauk Prairie FFA

Pardeeville FFA

Lodi FFA

Portage FFA

Adams-Friendship FFA

Silver Ranking

Mauston FFA

Baraboo FFA

Wisconsin Dells FFA

Randolph-Cambria-Friesland FFA

Cambridge FFA

Reedsburg FFA



Highlights From State Convention



State Honors Chorus

Julia Stockheimer - Adams-Friendship

Nadia Coddington - Montello

Josie Roberts - Portage

Luka Zeimet - Rio

Spencer Goettl - Berlin

Giuliana Weber - Montello

Addison Dominick - Berlin

Star Awards

- Star Farmer Finalist: Ashton Brusveen- Randolph-Cambria-Friesland
- Star Farmer Finalist: Hannah Oleson-Adams-Friendship
- Star in Agribusiness: Ashton Brusveen- Randolph-Cambria-Friesland
- Star Agricultural Placement: Hannah Oleson-Adams-Friendship



Highlights From this Summer

BASE CAMP

Base Camp set the tone for the year with energy, intention, and a deep sense of purpose. Designed as a launch point, the week focused on building a strong foundation, bringing people together, aligning around shared values, and preparing everyone to serve with clarity and conviction.

The experience was crafted to foster connection and community, ensuring that every participant felt seen, supported, and part of something larger than themselves. Through workshops, team-building activities, and guided reflection, Base Camp emphasized the importance of trust, collaboration, and collective ownership of the work ahead.

Beyond relationships, the week also laid out the structures, roles, and expectations that would shape the year.

It was about helping everyone understand not just what they would be doing, but why it matters, and how it contributes to a greater mission.

By the end of the week, Base Camp had done what it set out to do: ground the team in purpose, build a sense of unity, and spark momentum for the journey to come.

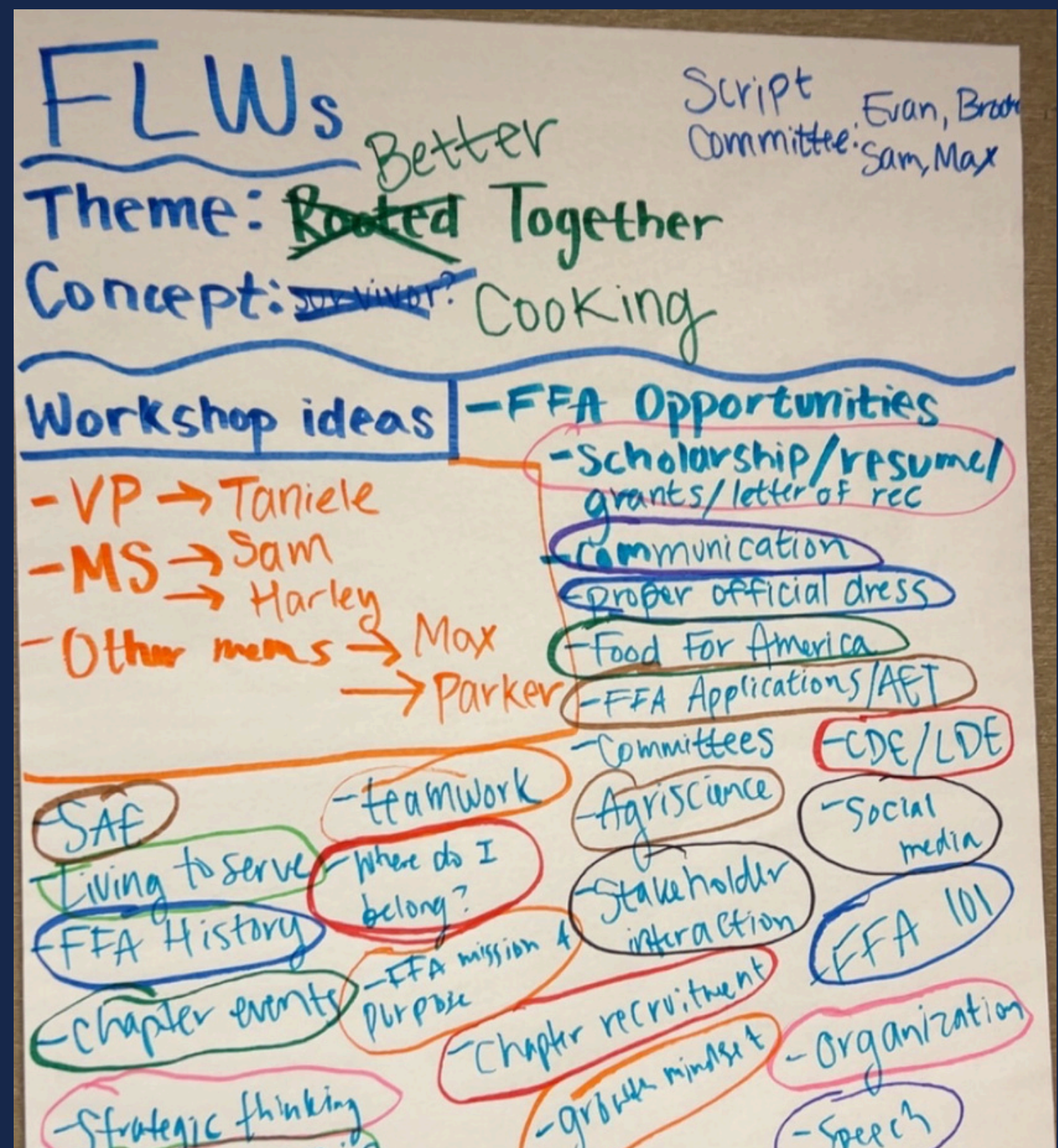


Highlights From this Summer

The Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) conference was designed to offer a powerful, behind-the-scenes look at the dedication, creativity, and resilience of agricultural educators. It served as a reminder that teaching, especially in ag education, extends far beyond the classroom, encompassing hands-on learning, community involvement, and a deep commitment to student growth.

Throughout the week, the conference highlighted the realities and rewards of agricultural education, offering insights into the planning, innovation, and collaboration required to make it successful. Attendees also explored strategies for integrating technology in meaningful, effective ways, walking away with practical tools and fresh ideas to enhance instruction and engagement.

More than just professional development, WAAE fostered a renewed sense of purpose, appreciation, and momentum. The experience was a celebration of the work agricultural educators do every day, and a powerful springboard for the year ahead.



WAAE



Highlights From this Summer

Check Point #1

Checkpoint 1 was a week of focused growth and connection. We sharpened our skills in workshop design and impactful speaking, while grounding ourselves in what it means to lead with empathy, meeting people where they are. Each moment was intentional, building trust within our team and clarity in our purpose. We also had the opportunity to meet with the Corn Growers, one of our amazing sponsors, and learn more about their support and impact. To wrap up the week, we took on an escape room challenge, and escaped! It was a fun and energizing reminder of what we can accomplish when we collaborate and trust one another.



Highlights From this Summer



SUMMIT

Washington, D.C. was nothing short of inspiring. One of the most impactful moments was the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, a conversation that underscored the power of youth voices in shaping the future of agriculture. We discussed the importance of agricultural education, leadership, and how young leaders can help bridge the gap between rural communities and national policy.

Being in the nation's capital added another layer of meaning. Surrounded by the symbols of our democracy and history, it was a powerful reminder that advocacy doesn't just happen in meetings, it's rooted in presence, purpose, and the courage to speak up for what matters.

This experience left me feeling more confident in my role as a leader and more committed than ever to using my voice to elevate the stories of agriculture across the country.

Highlights From this Summer

Southern Golf Outing

At the Southern Golf Outing, where we worked alongside John Deere Financial at their booth. It was a great chance to connect with supporters, share our appreciation, and see firsthand the community that stands behind the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

One of the highlights was getting to personally thank the golfers who came out to support agricultural education. Their generosity and enthusiasm reminded us just how many people believe in the mission of FFA and are willing to invest in the next generation of leaders.

Events like this go beyond fundraising, they're about relationships, gratitude, and celebrating the strong network that makes our work possible.



Highlights From this Summer



Farm Tech Days

Farm Tech Days Highlights

At this year's Farm Tech Days, I had the privilege of working with students to explore three important agricultural safety topics, PTO (Power Take-Off) safety, ATV safety, and grain bin safety.

The experience really opened my eyes to just how important these conversations are. It's one thing to know the safety rules, but another to truly understand why they matter. Seeing students make that connection and recognize the value of staying safe on the farm was incredibly rewarding.

And to top it all off... I got to meet the Peterson Farm Bros, a dream come true for me!

Moments like these remind me that safety education doesn't just protect lives, it builds a stronger, more mindful ag community.



Highlights From this Summer

State Fair

Working in the Discovery Barn at the Wisconsin State Fair was an eye-opening and rewarding experience. Teaching visitors about beef and dairy cattle allowed me to share important facts and break down misconceptions, while also deepening my own understanding. The early mornings and late nights spent with a passionate team highlighted the power of teamwork and shared purpose. We also got to experience the fair together, trying new foods and talking with the general public—making the experience even more memorable. This time reinforced how vital education is in connecting people to agriculture and reminded me that at its heart, agriculture is about community and meaningful connections.



Highlights From this Summer



Jag Lake

Jag Lake was the perfect place to kick off our year and set the tone for everything ahead. While we spent a lot of time working hard to prepare for the year, making sure we could create the best possible experiences for our members, we also had the chance to enjoy camp life together for the very first time as a team. The days were filled with planning, brainstorming, and building our vision, but also with laughter, inside jokes, and the kind of moments that only happen at camp.

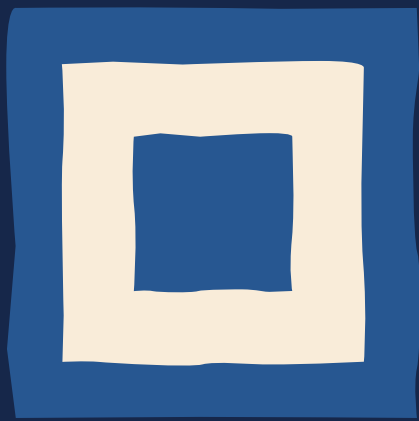
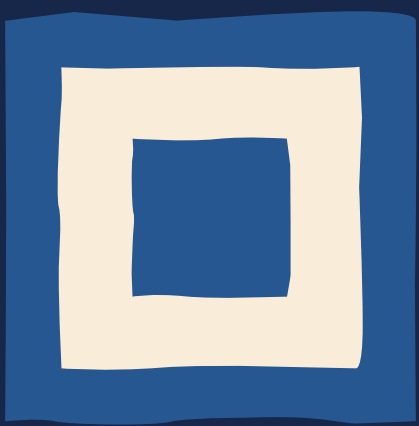
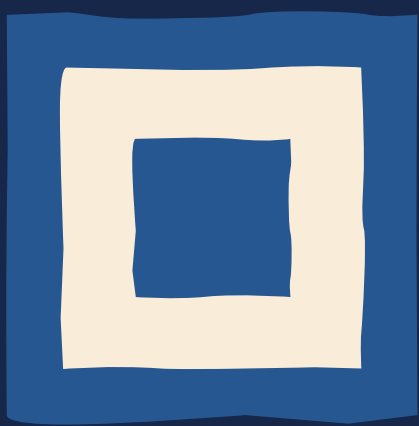
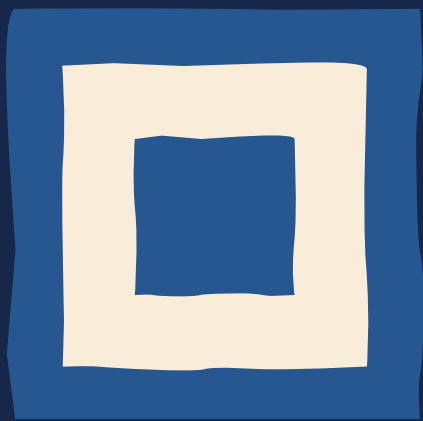
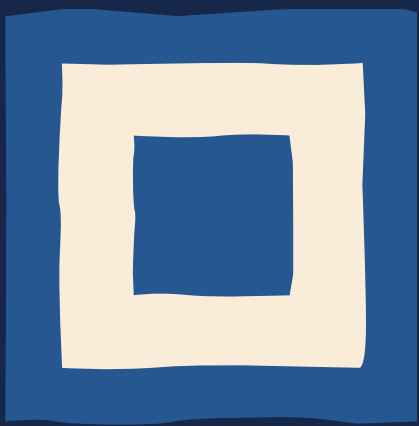
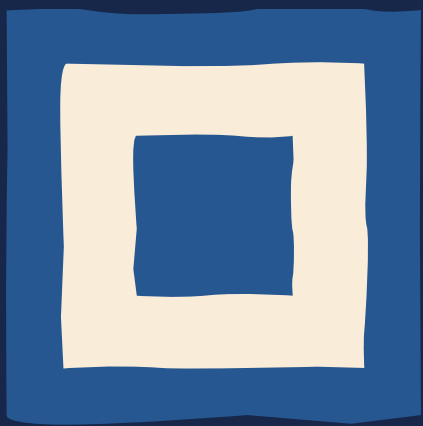
Whether it was late-night talks, team bonding around the fire, or just soaking up the peaceful camp atmosphere, Jag Lake gave us the chance to connect on a whole new level. We left not only feeling ready and motivated for the year, but also closer as a team and more excited than ever to take on what's ahead. Jag Lake wasn't just about preparing, it was about growing, experiencing, and creating memories that we'll carry with us all year long.

CHAPTER VISITS

Waupun	October 6	●	Montello	November 20
Pardeeville	October 7-8	●	Randolph	November 21
Sages	October 9	●	New Lisbon	November 25
Baraboo	October 13	●	Wisconsin Dells	December 8-9
Mauston	October 14	●	Markesan	December 12
Adams-Friendship	October 20-21	●	Ripon	December 19
Portage	October 22-23	●	Fall River	TBD
Tri-County	October 24	●	Lodi	TBD
Sauk Prairie	November 3-4	●	Poynette	TBD
Berlin	November 5	●	RFC	TBD
Laconia	November 6	●	Rio	TBD
Oakfield	November 7	●	Westfield	TBD
Columbus	November 10-11	●	Weston	TBD
Reedsburg	November 18	●	Winnebago Lutheran	TBD
Princeton	November 19	●	Academy	

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your chapter visit. Please
use the link below to
pick a time that works
best for you.

Already have your chapter visit
scheduled....Please use the link
below to complete the pre
chapter visit form.





Upcoming Events



Fall Leadership Workshop

Wednesday, September 24th.

Pardeeville High School

120 Oak St, Pardeeville ,WI
53954

Registration begins at
3:30PM

Workshops start at 4:00PM!



98th National FFA Convention & Expo

Oct. 29 – Nov. 1, 2025

Indianapolis, Ind.

Fire Conferences

- UW-Stevens Point

Friday, October 10

- Fox Valley

Friday, October 17

- UW- River Falls

Saturday, October 18



National Days of Service

As part of convention registration, attendees may sign up to serve at a local nonprofit to give back to the host city of Indianapolis.

Morning (8:30 a.m.-noon)
and afternoon (1:30-4 p.m.)

shifts are available on
Thursday, Oct. 30 and Friday,
Oct. 31.

National Convention

American Degree Recipients

Markesan	-----	Leah Bobek	Pardeeville	-----	Isabella Hineman
Markesan	-----	Megan Glover	Pardeeville	-----	Brooke Luedtke
Markesan	-----	Kylie Slark	Columbus	-----	Hillary Klubertanz
Markesan	-----	Dani Graff	Columbus	-----	Daniel Perez-Martinez
Waupun	-----	Rylan Bruins	Oakfield	-----	Marissa Kottke
Waupun	-----	Abel Kooima	Oakfield	-----	Bryanna Smith
Mauston	-----	Morgan Firlus	Poynette	-----	Hannah Seas
Mauston	-----	Tyler Schwartz	Poynette	-----	Sydney Wright
Berlin	-----	Spencer Goettl	Sauk Prairie	-----	Logan Sprecher
Berlin	-----	Madison Mertens	Sauk Prairie	-----	Luke Sprecher
Berlin	-----	Layten Sobieski	Rio	-----	Charlotte Tompkins

Wisconsin FFA
98th National Convention
National Officer Candidate



Alyssa Schauer

National Agricultural Proficiency

- 1. Megan Schultz Adams-Friendship
Div. Livestock
- 2.Khammi Alsum Wisconsin Dells
Poultry
- 3.Piper Alsum Randolph - C-F
Turf and Landscape Maint
- 4.Rylan Bruins Waupun
Forage Production
- 5.Zoe Gross Columbus FFA
Ag Education

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National Chapter 3 Stars

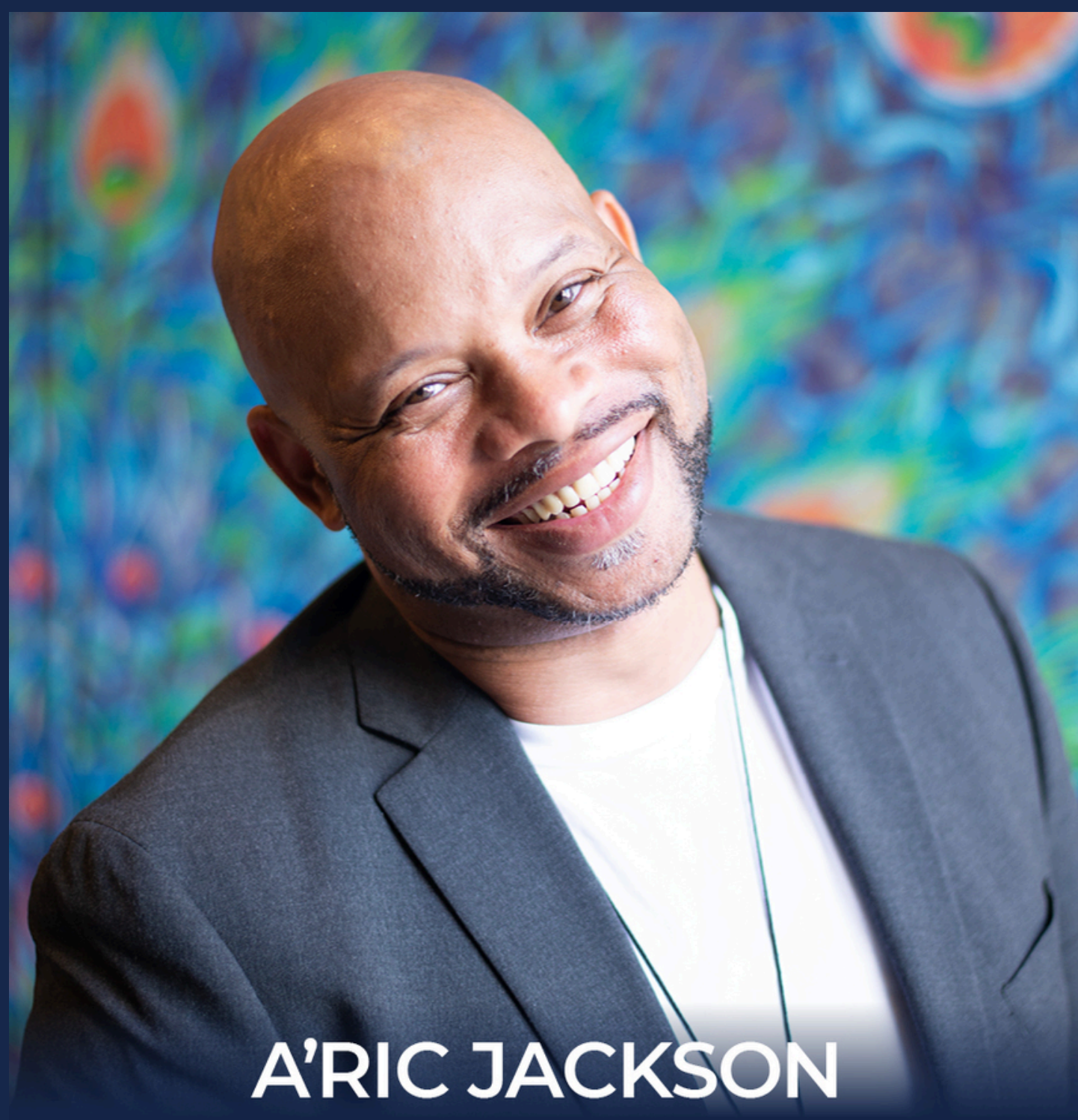


Adams-Friendship
Lodi
Pardeeville
Portage
Sauk Prairie

National Convention



Concert Date: Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Doors open at 6:30 p.m. EDT
Seats are available at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025



Opening Session Speaker
Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, Oct. 3

Keynote Speaker Friday, Oct. 31

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Member Of The Month

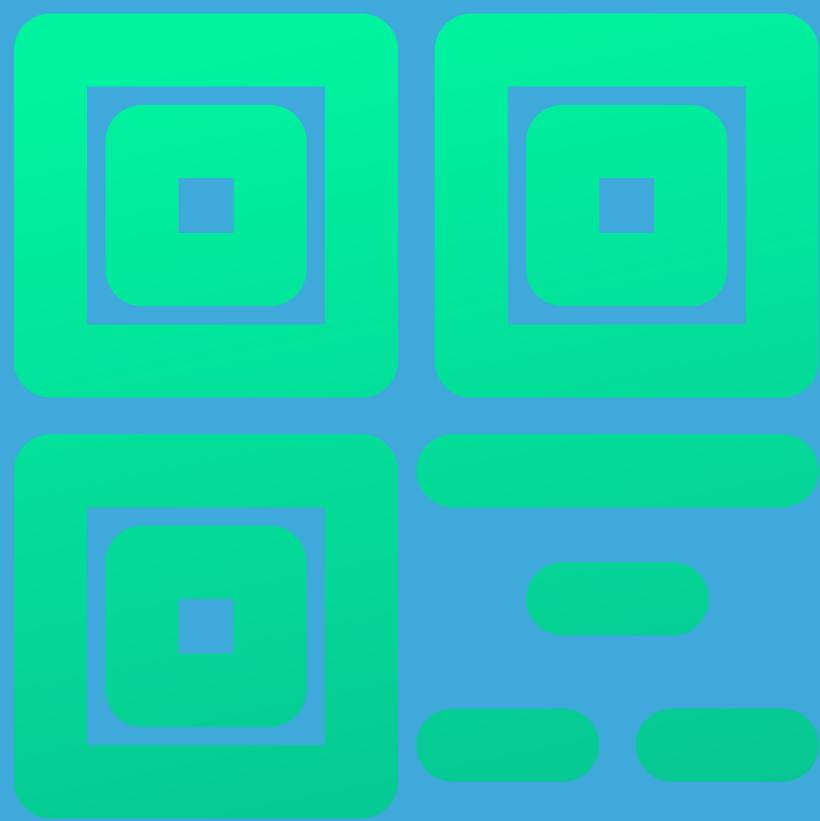
**Know an amazing Section 6 member
who goes above and beyond?
Celebrate them by nominating them
for Member of the Month right
here!"**



Let's Connect

SAE Sunday

SAE Sundays are open to all members who want to showcase their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). It's a chance for members to be recognized for their hard work and dedication.



Service Project Recognition

Service Project Recognition highlights chapters that have carried out a project to give back to their community. It's an opportunity for members and teachers to be celebrated for their impact and commitment!



Teacher Appreciation

Is there a teacher in your life who inspires, supports, and truly makes a difference? Help us shine a spotlight on their amazing work by nominating them for the Teacher Appreciation Program, where they'll be honored on the state's social media page!



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