



OPENING SESSION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ryan Williamson

2022-2023 National FFA Western Region Vice-President

Growing up in a row crop farming community where his grandpa is the go-to agricultural mechanic, Ryan Williamson says agriculture has always been the foundation of his life. But it wasn't until his ag teacher, Mrs. Wilson, asked him to be on an agricultural issues team that his passion for FFA and agricultural policy and FFA was sparked.

“My favorite FFA memory was during my senior year when I coordinated a service-learning project with my home community. We renovated a cargo trailer into a traveling library called the Bookmobile,” Williamson said. “I learned that when we come together, we can all create an impact in our community — especially at the chapter level.”

This year, Williamson hopes to create a sense of belonging within FFA while helping students understand their value. “In doing this, I hope to ensure that I advance inclusion, production agriculture and agricultural workforce development.”

