



Section 4 News & More

State Officer Update



Hey Section 4!

It is hard to believe that it is December, and Winter Break is within reach. It honestly feels like yesterday was July. I guess that's what happens when you love what you are doing. From Chapter Officer Workshops, to FLW Workshops, Community Service Projects, and everything in between, Section 4, you truly inspire me every day and you are the definition of *unstoppable!* I am grateful to be able to interact with so many FFA members from Section 4 and across the state, and I look forward to finding new ways to do this throughout the year. Remember that if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish your dreams. I am excited to see all that you are going to accomplish throughout the rest of the year. If you ever need anything, don't be afraid to reach me by phone at 608-642-1253 or by email at kjentz@wisconsinffa.org.

Living to Serve YOU,

Kendra Jentz

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Hastags to Use
Throughout the year

- #wiffaunstoppable
- #wiffa
- #wiffasection4

Be sure to check the Wisconsin State FFA Officer Travel Blog at www.wisconsinaged.org/ffa/travel-blog

National FFA Convention Highlights

This year, the 93rd National FFA Convention has been one for the history books! Who knew FFA members could be filled with so much excitement and share it through computer screens. Whether it was attending Blue rooms, participating in community service projects, attending Connection Rooms, cheering at the top of their lungs for other members, the Wisconsin FFA members made the most of every moment of the first ever virtual FFA Convention! The State Officers even recreated the dance that the National Officers did during Session 5! If you want something to make you laugh be sure to find it on social media, but I warn you it is a little cringey! To top it all off, the Wisconsin State Officers also served as National FFA delegates. This allowed us to serve as the voice of our members and we even helped to make to some pretty historic decisions for National FFA Organization.



American Degree Recipients

National Chapter Award

3-Star Chapter
River Valley FFA

2020 National Agriculture Proficiency Awards

Sheep Production-
Entrepreneurship/Placement

NATIONAL FINALIST

Carson Lobdell
Darlington FFA

2020 National Agriculture Proficiency Awards

Turf Grass Management-
Entrepreneurship/Placement

Bronze Ranked

Zachary Weigel
Shullsburg FFA

Black Hawk FFA

Sydney Delzer
Colton Klemm
Grace Neff
Connor Novak
Karl Seffrood

Darlington FFA

Ashley Carns
Benjamin Cooper
Grady Rielly

Mineral Pont FFA

Danny Pittz

Platteville

Kaitlyn Reed
Andrea McDermott

Potosi

Hannah Nusbaum

Shullsburg

Grace Morrissey

2020 National FFA Agriscience Fair

7th Place Gold Rating

Ella Woodworth
Shullsburg FFA

2020 National Agriculture Proficiency Awards

Equine
Science-Entrepreneurship

Silver Ranked

Ashley Carns
Darlington FFA

Outstanding Alumni Association

The Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association





Thank you to all the chapters that have participated in a Chapter Officer Workshops so far:

- Highland
- River Ridge
- Cuba City
- Wauzeka-Steuben
- Platteville
- Iowa-Grant
- Cassville
- Seneca
- Mineral Point
- River Valley
- Riverdale
- Lancaster
- Richland Center
- Darlington
- Fennimore
- Ithaca



Record Holders for Recruitment Plan Activity

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2. River Valley FFA . 30.1 seconds
3. Riverdale FFA - 31.7 seconds

(Update on who are final winners will be given after ALL 27 chapters have completed their C.O.W. Don't be the last chapter to complete a C.O.W.)

Haven't had a Chapter Officer Workshop yet?

Don't worry! It is not too late. If your chapter hasn't had the opportunity to schedule a C.O.W., please reach out to me. I am very excited to work with all the chapter officers and share this great learning experience with them.

During a C.O.W., officers learn about teamwork and communication, membership recruitment and retention, and how to use social media to use to benefit their chapters

2020-2021 Wisconsin FFA Membership Goal:

21,509

Help us reach this goal by encouraging others to join FFA!

Remember, there is a place for everyone within FFA and it is our job to help others find it! Final rosters are due March 1, 2021!



THANK YOU

Thank you for amazing Virtual Fall Leadership Workshops! I can honestly say that the Fall Leadership Workshops have been one of my favorite events so far because the members who attended were amazing. They made the most of the workshops, even though we couldn't be in person. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience to have eight days of workshops which included 205 separate workshops, 113 chapters and over 800 members participated, 119 members and alumni joined connection rooms, and 70 chapter presidents attended the President's workshop. The state officer team loved the opportunity to work with all the Wisconsin FFA members, especially our section members. We can't wait to find ways to connect with our members throughout the year!



Congratulations to the Fennimore FFA for being the Section 4 Spirit Award Winner!

Saddling Up For Service

Section 3 State Officer, Carisa Cleven and I facilitated our workshop, Saddling up for Service. In this workshop, members learned how to plan a community service project to address needs in their communities and to "Live to Serve" others. We concluded our workshop by doing a community service project. FFA members wrote Thank You messages to farmers from across the state to show their appreciation for all that they do. With the help of FFA advisors who nominated their area farmers, we were able to send out over 200 Thank You notes to farmers from every section! Wisconsin FFA Members, you inspire me every day to be better, but this service event gave me goose bump moments. Thank you Wisconsin FFA members for "Living to Serve"!





What has Section 4 been up to?

Argyle FFA



Dodgeville FFA



Darlington FFA



River Ridge FFA



Lancaster FFA



Fennimore FFA



Cuba City FFA



Iowa-Grant FFA



Cassville FFA



Wauzeka-Steuben FFA



Seneca FFA



Riverdale FFA



River Valley FFA



Richland Center FFA



Ithaca FFA



Learning to Do - Doing to Learn - Earning to Live - Living to Serve - Learning to Do - Doing to Learn - Earning to

Want to be featured in the next edition of "What has Section 4 Been Up To" ?

Send photos to kjntz@wisconsinffa.org and be sure to post what your chapter is doing on social media with the Hashtag #wiffaunstoppable



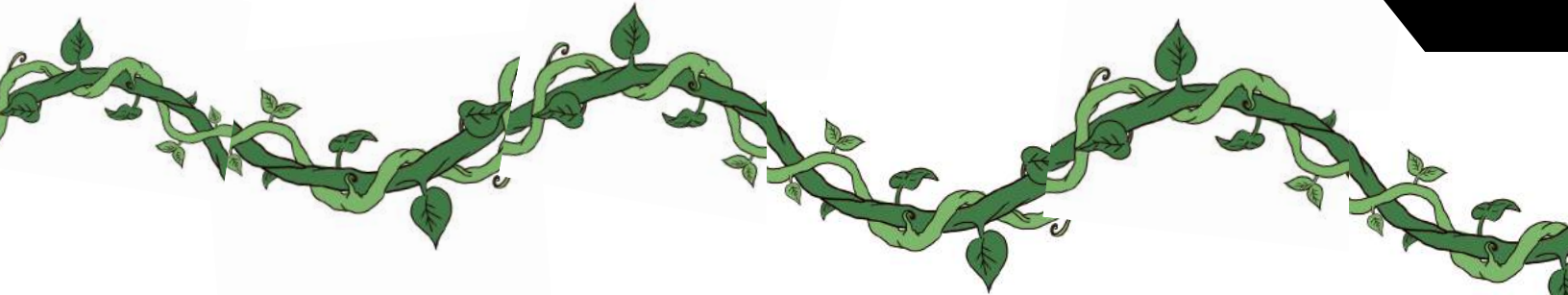
Calling all 7-9th graders and first year FFA members!

The Virtual Fire Conference will take place **December 16-19!** There will be four amazing workshops for you to take part in! Talk to your advisor for more information and to sign up for FIRE Conference today!

Workshops Include:

- Wild in Style
- Lead the Lion "Pride"
- The "Bare Necessities"
- Build Your Adventure Pack

We want to see you there!



Upcoming Wisconsin FFA Award Application Due Dates

National FFA Scholarship Applications - January 14

State FFA Degree Applications - February 8

State FFA Honors Band and Chorus Applications- February 12

State FFA Proficiency Award Applications- February 24

Final Supplemental Membership Rosters- March 1

State Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Nominations- March 1

American FFA Degree Applications- March 5

State FFA Foundation Collegiate Scholarship Applications- March 15

State FFA Foundation Chapter Grant Applications - March 22

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Upcoming Events



FFA Week

National FFA Week is February 20-27, 2021! We want to see how you are celebrating so make sure to reach out to me and post on social media all that is occurring in your chapter! FFA Week is also a great time to reach out to potential members. Watch for for more details as we draw closer to FFA Week!

Career Development Events(CDE's)

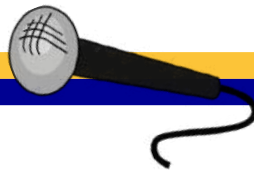
CDEs will be happening virtual this year! More details about these events will be coming out in the near future. Start practicing now to be able to bring home the gold, because they will be approaching faster than you think!



Leadership Development Events(LDEs):

LDEs will take place this year! The format of these events are still being decided. However, they will be occurring, so start preparing!

Important: Students who graduated from high school in 2020 are eligible to compete this year at LDE's. In addition, sophomores who competed in Creed speaking last year can compete in it this year as well.



January Video Series

The State Officers will be releasing a series of videos in January that will cover different FFA opportunities and we will discuss how to be successful in these areas. The first videos will cover Proficiencies, STAR and State Degree Applications! Also lookout for our Webinar, where you can have your questions answered about these opportunities.



Scholarship:

National FFA Scholarships are due January 14, 2021! Apply today! More information about State FFA Scholarships will be coming out soon. Stay tuned!



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Thank you,

Leadership
Partners



Wisconsin FFA Foundation

Gold Partners

AgCountry Farm Credit Services
American Foods Group
Bio-Vet, Inc.

Silver Partners

2018-19 State Officer Team
Seneca Foods

Platinum Partners

CHS Foundation
Compeer Financial