

FORDE'S FILES



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*Wisconsin FFA 2025-2026
State Theme is...*



Meet Your State Officer

Hey Everyone!

My name is Ava Forde and I am proudly serving Wisconsin FFA and Section 4 this year as the State Secretary. I recently graduated from Prairie du Chien High School where I was an athlete, involved in many clubs, and an active FFA member.

This fall I will be a freshman at the University of Wisconsin Platteville studying Agriculture Education and Ag Business.

Throughout FFA I competed in a lot of things but there are a few that stick out to me. I enjoyed prepared public speaking, extemporaneous speech, dairy and soil judging, and leadership conferences. Now to top it off, being a state officer has been one of the best experiences yet.

Outside of the FFA, I love spending time with my family and friends, meeting new people and staying active. I absolutely love pickleball and hanging out with my youth group.

Throughout our year together I am excited to grow, make memories, and take MANY selfies. I am always a call, text, or email away. Never be afraid to reach out whether its just to chat or an invitation to one of your chapter events! Section 4, I can not wait to make this year one to remember.



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State Convention Highlights

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STATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Black Hawk

Alyssa Broge
Molly Edler
Richard Hagen
Emily McCoy
Alyvia Ruegsegger

Darlington

Abby Davis
Megan Heins
Elizabeth Meylor
Lylah Norgard
Reese Schilling

Dodgeville

Morgan Oxnem

Fennimore

Abigail Adrian
Noah Foreyt
Matthew Winch

Iowa-Grant

Kaycee Lindner
Ella Parish
Skyler Reiter

Lancaster

Trinity Ihm

Mineral Point

Isabella Dannenberg
Payton Heins
Anna Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Luke Schubert

Platteville

Ally DeBuhr
Grace Schuler

Potosi

Miranda Kieler
Sydney Recker

Prairie du Chien

Rita Achenbach
Ava Forde
Alexis Scherer

Riverdale

Kaden Anderson
Jordan Bomkamp
Mason Dailey
Chaise McGuire
Brandon Miess

River Ridge

Brendan Jentz
Colton Moris
Mandi Wehrle

River Valley

Chayse Gilbertson
Marissa Needham

Shullsburg

Layne Burgess
Kaylee Neff
Taylor Russell

Wauzeka-Steuben

Parker McCullick



Leadership Development Events

Parliamentary Procedure

Darlington FFA - 3rd Place

State Convention Highlights

Career Development Events

Meats Evaluation and Technology

Fennimore FFA – 1st Place

- Reid Stalsberg
- Tim Bruner
- JP Scanlan
- Teegan Griswold

1st Place Individual

Iris Adams – Cassville FFA

Wildlife

1st Place Individual

Asher Lubchansky – Black Hawk FFA

Land and Soil Judging

Potosi FFA – 1st Place

- Ryan Stoney
- Isaiah Groom (1st Place Individual)
- Connor Robbins
- Carter Bierman

Star Award



Star in Agricultural Placement Finalist

Luke Schubert – Mineral Point FFA



Proficiency Awards

Diversified Crop Production Placement

Luke Schubert – Mineral Point FFA – 1st Place

Ag Sales Placement

Anna Robinson – Mineral Point FFA – 2nd Place

Dairy Production Entrepreneurship

Matthew Winch – Fennimore FFA – 5th Place

Forage Production

Ellen Robinson – Mineral Point FFA – 3rd Place

Specialty Animal Production

Olivia Check – Seneca FFA – 4th Place

Beef Production Entrepreneurship

Ellen Robinson – Mineral Point FFA – 2nd Place

Beef Production Placement

Kaycee Linder – Iowa-Grant FFA – 5th Place

Equine Science Entrepreneurship

Josie Laue – Ithaca FFA – 1st Place

Equine Science Entrepreneurship

Maggie Kershner – Ithaca FFA – 4th Place

Grain Production

Lillian Linschied – Iowa-Grant FFA – 5th Place

Nursery Operations

Anna Robinson – Mineral Point FFA – 1st Place

Sheep Production

Ellen Robinson – Mineral Point FFA – 5th Place

Small Animal Production and Care

Johnathon Robinson – Mineral Point FFA – 4th Place

Sustainable Agriculture

Trinity Ihm – Lancaster FFA – 1st Place

Sustainable Agriculture

Serena Vosberg – Potosi FFA – 3rd Place

Swine Production Placement

Annabeth Sprecher – Ithaca FFA – 2nd Place

State Convention Highlights

Honorary State Degree

Dr. Krista Hardyman
UU Platteville



Food For America

Section 4 Chapters

Black Hawk
Richland Center
Fennimore

Membership Award

Sectional Winner

River Valley FFA
+176 Members

National Chapter Awards

Gold

River Valley FFA

Silver

Dodgeville FFA, Black Hawk FFA,
Fennimore FFA, River Ridge FFA,
Boscobel FFA



Top 10, 3 Areas

Growing Leaders

9th Place – River Valley FFA

Strengthening Agriculture

3rd Place – River Valley FFA

PRIDE Awards

Darlington, Dodgeville, Highland,
Iowa-Grant, Potosi, Richland Center,
River Valley, Shullsberg,
Southwestern

Middle School Essay.

Sectional Winner

Willow Ackerman
Cassville FFA

State Convention Highlights

3 Star Leaders

Alyssa Borge - Black Hawk
Mckenna Rupp - Boscobel
Morgan Oxnem - Dodgeville

Matthew Winch - Fennimore
Mandi Wherle - River Ridge
Lucy Spahn - River Valley



State FFA Honors Band

Alto Sax Alyvia Ruegsegger - Black Hawk

Trumpet Lydia Mason - River Ridge

Kierra Brunner - Black Hawk

Euphonium Colton Moris - River Ridge

Percussion Dalton Linneman - Fennimore

Baritone Sax Alayna Barth - Platteville



State FFA Honors Chorus



Soprano Aspen Tesdahl - Platteville

Allison Barth - Platteville

Bass Gavin Smith - Black Hawk

National FFA Awards

3 Star Chapter

River Valley FFA

Agriculture Proficiency Awards

Luke Schubert - Diverse Crop Production SILVER

Josie Laue - Equine Science Entrepreneurship NATIONAL FINALIST

Anna Robinson - Nursery Operations SILVER



Congratulations To All!



Officer Summer Recap

Base Camp

This was the first time we got together as a team. We spent a week in Marshfield learning about our strengths and how we contribute to the team. We spent time preparing for the year ahead and making memories as a team!



W.A.A.E.

A week spent with all the agriculture educators in Wisconsin. We learned all the basics of being a state officer and received our first association jacket! We got advice from the past state officers and enjoyed the sessions put on by WAAE.

Checkpoint #1

During our week at checkpoint we learned how to become facilitators. Whether it was workshop planning or speech writing we worked together and had fun. We also got to take our official association pictures.



Officer Summer Recap

Southern Golf Outing

Who doesn't love a summer day at the golf course? This is a huge fundraiser for the FFA organization. Ag teachers and sponsors can sign up to golf and win awesome prizes. It was a fun day for all!



State Fair

The Wisconsin State Fair! An adventure to say the least but one of my favorite weeks yet! We spent lots of time in the Discovery Barn and with the FFA Band and Choir! The rain didn't stop our adventures and so many memories were made.

Jag Lake

One last week of summer together. This was a moment of reflection and progress for our team. We stayed up late, jumped in the freezing lake, made memories of a lifetime, and made some important association decisions. A week to remember.



Officer Summer Recap

State Officer Summit

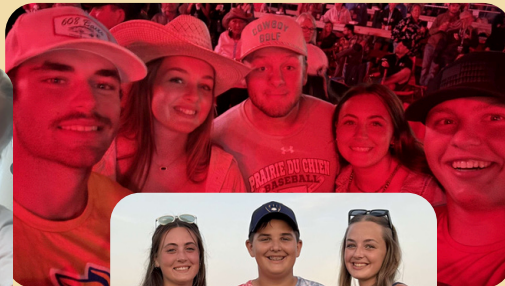
State Officer Summit 2025, Washington D.C.

Summit was hands down the best FFA event I have ever been to. Every state officer was there to learn and grow together. Between large and small group sessions we learned how to be advocates, leaders, and better people. We advocated on Capitol Hill and visited the national monuments. It was a week I will never forget.

Summit Photos



Summer Outside of FFA



Upcoming Events

Fall Leadership Workshop

Date

Section 4 FLW is on
September 22nd

📍 Prairie du Chien High School
Park in Front Lot, Come in Office Doors

Registration

Registration is Open!

Registration day of is at 3:40pm,
Program starts at 4:15pm

FIRE Conference

Dates

October 10th
October 17th
October 18th
February 26th
February 27th

Where

UWSP - Marshfield
FVTC - Appleton
UW River Falls
SWTC - Fennimore
SWTC - Fennimore

Registration Due

September 26th
October 3rd
October 4th
February 12th
February 13th



Mission/Impact Conference

Dates

November 13th
November 14th

Where

Chula Vista Resort
Chula Vista Resort
Wisconsin Dells, WI

Registration Due

October 14th
October 14th
Both Registration
and Housing Due



National Convention Preview

National Officer Candidate



Alyssa Schauer

EastTroy FFA

Section 10

2024-2025 WI State Sentinel

American Degree Recipients

Makayla Kammes - Black Hawk
Morgan Van Schindler - Cuba City
Josie Laue - Ithaca
Carolyn Rucker - Lancaster
Emily Birman - Potosi
Erin Potter - Potosi
Logan Uppena - Potosi
Izeah Currier - Riverdale
Wyatt Storms - Riverdale
Caleb Tracy - Riverdale
Rylee Wanek - Riverdale

National Star Chapter

3 Star

River Valley FFA



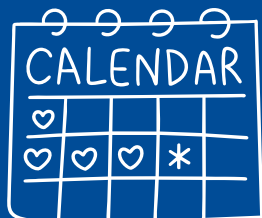
Proficiency Awards

National Finalist

Josie Laue - Ithaca

Equine Science
Entrepreneurship





Chapter Visits

School

Date

Argyle	TBD
Belmont	November 20th
Black Hawk	January 2026
Boscobel	November 15th
Cassville	November 18th
Cuba City	TBD
Darlington	TBD
Dodgeville	TBD
Fennimore	TBD
Highland	TBD
Iowa-Grant	TBD
Ithaca	TBD
Lancaster	TBD
Mineral Point	November 4th
North Crawford	TBD
Pecatonica	TBD
Platteville	November 11th
Potosi	November 10th
Prairie du Chien	December 15-16th
Richland Center	November 3rd
River Ridge	November 21st
River Valley	November 6-7th
Riverdale	November 17th
Seneca	TBD
Shullsberg	TBD
Southwestern	November 24th
Wauzeka-Steuben	October 9th

If you haven't
scheduled yet
please reach
out!

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Throughout
the year I
would love to
attend your
chapter
events! Never
be afraid to
reach out.
I hope to see
you all at state
events too!

Meet The Team



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Leadership Partners

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Platinum



Silver

AgCountry Farm Credit Services
Culvers
Seneca Foods

Gold



Bronze

Case IH / CNH Capital
Elkhorn FFA Alumni
Wisconsin Pork Association
GreenStone Farm Credit Services

Thank you for following along in this file! I am so proud of every Section 4 member and I can't wait to see more accomplishments in the future.

With much love, State Secretary



Ara Ford