

# LUEDTKE LOWDOWN

## Volume 2

### THE 2025-2026 STATE FFA OFFICER TEAM



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# NOTE FROM THE SECTION 10 STATE VICE PRESIDENT

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Hi Section 10,

These past few months have gone by so fast! It feels like just yesterday the state officer team and I were on the road for Fall Leadership Workshop. Having the opportunity to travel across Wisconsin, meet so many FFA members, and getting to hear your stories has truly been a highlight of my year. Every stop brought new energy, laughs, and memories that made the long drives more than worth it.



The Fall Leadership Workshops, Fire Conferences, and chapter visits have easily been some of my favorite parts of serving so far. Each chapter I've visited has shown me the incredible impact agriculture education and FFA has on students, schools, and communities. If I haven't made it to your chapter yet, I can't wait to come visit soon and see all the awesome things you're doing.

National FFA Convention was another unforgettable experience. Being surrounded by thousands of members from across the country was nothing short of inspiring. Serving as a National Delegate allowed me the opportunity to advocate on behalf of Wisconsin FFA. As we look ahead to what's next, I'm beyond excited for Half-Time Conference, FFA Week, Day on the Hill, continuing chapter visits, and everything else coming up. Thank you all for making this fall one to remember! I can't wait for the rest of the year!

Keep Being YOU! Keep Being Awesome! Keep Enjoying FFA!

*Max Luedtke*

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# NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Section 10 represented Wisconsin FFA well at the 98<sup>th</sup> National Convention and Expo. I hope everyone who attended had fun and left feeling EMPOWERED, ready to inspire change in your hometowns!



## American Degree Recipients

### Big Foot

Amanda Bender  
John Rambatt

### Lake Mills

Kenzie Nielsen  
Beau Schroeder

### Elkhorn

Aidan Jonuska  
Piper Nuehring

### Lomira

Piersten Litterick

### Horicon

Madison Kellogg

### Mayville

Evan Feucht

### Hustisford

Tianda Hildebrandt

### Slinger

Isabelle Gintner  
Allison Loosen  
Abigail Wolf

### Jefferson

Dakota Alvarado  
Jena Lenz  
Makayla Widenfeld

### Waterford

Nolan Eulgen  
Brooke Weber  
Maya Weinkauff

### Lake Geneva-Badger

Kylie Kundert  
Olivia Lois  
Carter Volck  
Emma Olson

### Waterloo

Samantha Salmi



## 3-Star National Chapters

Beaver Dam  
Big Foot  
Lake Geneva-Badger



# NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



## Agriscience Fair



### ANIMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 5

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

*Owen Hemling - Beaver Dam FFA*

### FOOD PRODUCTS & PROCESSING DIVISION 1:

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

*Jayce Henningfeld - Big Foot FFA*

### FOOD PRODUCTS & PROCESSING DIVISION 5

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

*Evan Henningfeld - Big Foot FFA*

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION 6

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

*Emily Zimmerman & Briele Esser Big Foot FFA*



Mary Schrieber of the East Troy FFA served as the National FFA Central Region Vice President this past year. Before that, she was the Section 10 State Sentinel and Wisconsin FFA President. Mary hung up her jacket for the last time and delivered her retiring address at this year's convention. Thank you for everything you've done for FFA!

# FALL HIGHLIGHTS

## Fall Leadership Workshops



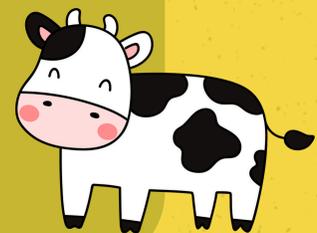
At Fall Leadership Workshops we discovered that we are truly better together. We put on workshops teaching officers how to best serve their chapters as well as taught more about FFA and other skills that will help later on in life!



At World Dairy Expo our team had a blast supervising various CDE competitions, running a workshop, thanking sponsors, and ultimately meeting up and connecting with members



## World Dairy Expo



# FALL HIGHLIGHTS

## National FFA Convention



Wisconsin FFA had a great showing at National Convention. At convention I also served as a delegate voting on changes to the FFA organization, as well as evaluating leadership programs put out by National FFA, to ensure they are the best they can be!



I had such a great time at the National Leadership Conferences seeing many familiar faces! I sat in the "Mission" conference where we developed personal mission statements (and became the best lumberjacks). A huge thank you to all who donated food items. We were able to donate 481 items to food pantries around the state!



## National Leadership Conferences



# FALL HIGHLIGHTS

## Fire Conferences



3 Fire Conferences are in the books! Here we magnified in on all the the FFA has to offer! The enthusiasm at these conferences has been unmatched. I am excited for the spring conferences in Fennimore!



**THANK YOU FOR  
A FFANTASTIC  
FALL!**

# CHAPTER VISITS

~~Hartford - 9/11~~

~~Badger - 9/12~~

~~Lomira - 10/6~~

~~Union Grove - 10/7~~

~~Whitewater - 10/8~~

~~Dalmyra Eagle - 10/13~~

~~Watertown - 10/14~~

~~Horicon - 10/15~~

~~Beaver Dam - 10/20~~

~~Lakeside Lutheran - 10/21~~

~~Delevan Darien - 10/23~~

~~Jefferson - 11/11~~

~~Waterford - 11/5~~

~~Kewaskum - 11/10~~

~~Burlington - 11/11~~

~~Slinger - 11/12~~

Mayville - 11/17-11/18

Lake Mills - 11/19-11/20

Big Foot - 11/21

Fort Atkinson - 11/24-11/25

Oconomowoc - 12/11

Waterloo - 12/12

Campbellsport - 12/15

Dodgeland - TBD

East Troy - TBD

Elkhorn - TBD

Hustisford - TBD

Milwaukee Vincent - TBD

Nathan Hale - TBD

\*Dates as of November 15

***I want to come to YOUR events!  
If your chapter has any cool events  
happening, let me know!!!***

# LOOKING AHEAD IN SECTION 10

December

22 - Section 10 Practice LDE

January

15 - American FFA Degree Applications Due

15 - WLC Scholarship Applications Due

16-17 - Half-Time Conference – Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

26 - Auctioneering CDE - Stoney Creek Hotel, LaCrosse

28 - District #29 Leadership Development Events - Mayville

February

9 - District #28 Leadership Development Events - Kewaskum

9 - District #30 Leadership Development Events - Badger

11 - FFA Farm Forum – Rothschild

13 - State FFA Honors Band and Chorus Applications Due

17 - Proficiency Award Applications Due

21-28 National FFA Week

22-23 - Wisconsin FFA Day on the Hill – Madison

26 & 27 FIRE Conferences – Fennimore

2025-2026

*Association Goals*

**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**



**WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S LEADERSHIP HALFTIME CONFERENCE, THEMED ILLUMINATE. INSPIRED BY THE STEADY GUIDANCE OF A LIGHTHOUSE, THE CONFERENCE WILL HELP CHAPTER LEADERS REFOCUS, RECHARGE, AND SHINE A LIGHT ON THE GOALS AHEAD.**

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## Member of the Month

Section 10 is full of members doing great things! If you think someone deserves some recognition, nominate them here!



## Teacher of the Month

Has your ag teacher done something above and beyond, or just deserves extra recognition? Nominate them here to be featured as teacher of the month!



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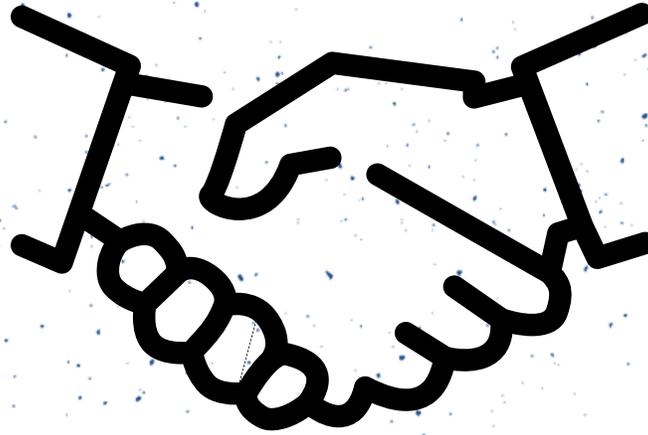
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