

THE DRAXLER DAILY

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2024-2025 Wisconsin State FFA Officer Team; Back row (L to R): Alyssa Schauer, Amalia Draxler, Abel Kooima, Luke Schraufnagel, Tyson Gehrke, Taylor Maroszek. **Front row (L to R):** Emma Johnson, Cheyenne Johnson, Jazmin Wagner, Crystal Anhalt

Catch up with Section 2!

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MEET YOUR STATE OFFICER



Amalia Draxler

Section 2 State Vice President



Hello, and welcome to my first newsletter! I am so excited to work with Wisconsin FFA! My name is Amalia Draxler and I am from the Glenwood City FFA Chapter. I am a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin - Madison where I am studying Agricultural and Applied Economics and Life Sciences Communication. My SAE is Dairy Production Placement. I love to work with my family on our 1,000 cow dairy farm. In the past, my favorite FFA events

have included competing in the Prepared Public Speaking LDE, going to the Half-Time Conference, and participating in my local chapter's barnyard event. This year, I am most excited to grow my FFA knowledge and help our 25,911 Wisconsin FFA members do the same!

Outside of FFA, I am also extremely passionate about many other things. I bet you didn't know that I was a camp counselor for 4 years, that I love making friendship bracelets, or that my favorite ice cream flavor is dark chocolate peanut butter crunch! I love to laugh and I hope to share that joy across our association as well!

I hope to see you soon! Best Regards,

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STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

I hope you all enjoyed the 2023 Wisconsin State FFA Convention! It was full of great memories. There were many high-achieving members! Here we will acknowledge all of Section 2's accomplishments!



State Degree Recipients

Augusta

Audra Šandberg Valerie Strauch

Baldwin-Woodville

Brooke Gordon

<u>Boyceville</u> Alexis Schlough Gabby Nelson Treylin Thorson

Cadott

Nicholas Goettl

Chippewa Falls

Melanie Krumenauer Lydia Marquardt

Collan

Amelia Schmitt Kennedy Shane Nathali Cuaquehua Nathan Boesl

<u>Eleva-Strum</u>

Jordan Moen

Ellsworth Addi Hines

Glenwood City Amalia Draxler

Hudson Blake Smart

Mondovi

Alison George Bethany Risen Ella Taylor Emma Pronschinske Shaelyn Branter

New Richmond

Abigail Sauvola

Osseo-Fairchild

Brian Zimmerman Mason Scheffer

Plum City

Cameron Krogstad

River Falls

Ava Welman Jenna Lawerence Keirka Kretzmann Rylee Sabelko

<u>Spring Valley</u> Abigail Thompson

St. Croix Central

Haile Casson Hope Radtke

Stanley-Boyd

Dakota Derks Taniele Ducommun

STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Three Star Leaders

Kylie Hellendrung - Baldwin-Woodville Lydia Marquardt - Chippewa Falls Amalia Draxler - Glenwood City

Mason Scheffer - Osseo-Fairchild Taniele Ducommun - Stanley-Boyd



CDES

Agricultural Communications:

Stanley-Boyd FFA

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems:

Hudson FFA

Farm & Agribusiness Management:

Cadott FFA

LDES

Conduct of Chapter Meetings - 2nd Place:

Osseo-Fairchild FFA

Prepared Public Speaking - 3rd Place:

Brian Styer - Menomonie

Proficiencies

Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication:

Graysen Stalheim - Osseo-Fairchild FFA

Swine Production - Placement:

Emily Zukowski - Menomonie FFA

STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Agriscience Fair

Food Products and Processing Systems (Division 2):

Jianna Scheffer & Sophie Pernsteiner - Osseo-Fairchild FFA Chapter

Food Products and Processing Systems (Division 4):

Emily Elliott & Bailey Peterson - Osseo-Fairchild FFA

Plant Systems (Division 2):

Henry Cash and Holden McCray -Osseo-Fairchild FFA

Plant Systems (Division 5):

Alexis DeFlorin - Hudson FFA

Middle School Essay Contest

Third place:

Alletta Meijer - Glenwood City FFA



National Chapter

Gold Ranking

Chippewa Falls, Osseo-Fairchild, Stanley-Boyd

Silver Ranking

Baldwin-Woodville, Glenwood City

Strengthening Agriculture Area:

4th place - Stanley Boyd

PRIDE Award

Colfax FFA
Eau Claire Area FFA
Eleva-Strum FFA
Elk Mound FFA
Glenwood City FFA
Mondovi FFA
New Richmond FFA
Osseo-Fairchild FFA
River Falls FFA
Stanley-Boyd FFA

STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

State Honors Band

Laurel Bostrom - Hudson; Flute
Emily Kragness - Chippewa Falls;
Horn
Keagan Kuhl - Hudson;
Trombone
Mason Scheffer - Osseo-Fairchild;
Trombone
Alexander Anderson - Fall Creek;
Trombone



Membership Award

Eau Claire: +70 members

WLC Scholarship Recipient

Lydia Marquardt - Chippewa Falls

State Honors Chorus

Abby Sauvola - New Richmond;
Alto
Renata Rath - St. Croix Central;
Alto
Haile Casson - St. Croix Central;
Alto
Adam Capatske - Ellsworth; Bass
Aiden Kelly - Ellsworth; Tenor
Eliah Omann - St. Croix Central;
Tenor



Food For America

4th place:

Osseo-Fairchild FFA



WHAT HAVE THE STATE OFFICERS BEEN UP TO?

I'm glad you asked! The State Officer Team has been busy all summer, but our adventures started at Base Camp.

Base Camp is a training opportunity for State Officers across the country that is individually facilitated by National FFA educators. The content covers topics that will help the team throughout the year, including communication skills, teamwork, and more!

WE ATTENDED THE WAAE CONFERENCE

WAAE stands for the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators. At this conference, we were able to meet advisors across the state of Wisconsin and introduce ourselves to our sections! We also finalized our schedule for the year.

Aside from working with the teachers, our team endured training on proper etiquette, met with the FFA Alumni and Foundation, and learned about the history of FFA!





WE GOT TO PRACTICE OUR SPORTS SKILLS

The Northern Golf Outing was an event that the FFA Foundation hosted at the Wild Ridge Golf Course in Eau Claire.

The Northern half of our team was able to go to this event and meet many of the great partners who help FFA with funding. Jescey and I worked the beef station. Any of the attendees who were able to get the ball on the green were entered into a meat raffle. Thank you participants!

JULY BROUGHT MORE TRAINING...

Check Point #1 training was another opportunity presented to us by the National FFA curriculum.

This was quite the insightful experience. We read habitudes and learned about a method to develop workshops and speeches. I can't wait to put this into practice! We also did team bonding activities like an escape room. It was a good mix of work and fun!





...AND A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.!

Our team flew to the Nation's Capitol for the State Officer Summit. Here, we worked with State Officers from across the country! There were around 400 officers total!

We worked on developing our message for advocacy. We dove into our passions, ways to advocate, and people we could advocate with. Additionally, Abel and Jescey underwent training for being national delegates. It was a great trip!

AUGUST MEANS STATE FAIR

The Wisconsin State Fair is a summer family staple for many. We were able to get a behind-the-scenes look while working the Discovery Barnyard.

In the Discovery Barnyard, we worked the pollination station and animal ambassadors station. We taught youth from across the state about the importance of pollinators and animals in general to our agriculture industry. We also got to meet FFA members and enjoy the fair!



STATE FAIR

FARM TECH DAYS

AND FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS TO FOLLOW

Immediately after State Fair, we went to Farm Technology Days in Cadott. This event allowed the public to converse with and see important agricultural businesses from all different parts of the industry.

The officer team was able to meet and thank sponsors as well as network and meet members. Most of our time was spent in the Progressive Agriculture Safety booth where we taught youth about UTV/ATV, grain, and underground utility safety.

SUMMER CAME TO A CLOSE AT JAG LAKE

We can't believe all of our amazing summer events are finished. It's so bittersweet!

We were able to finalize many fall activities at Jag Lake. From FLWs, to chapter visits, FIRE conference, and so much more, we have many great things coming our way! We can't wait to see all members and chapters!



JAG LAKE As you can see, we had a great time this summer! But we are going to have an even better time this school year! Our team can't wait to get to know all of the members. Here's what the Section 2 chapter visit schedule looks like this year!

CHAPTER VISITS

Glenwood City September 3 Stanley-Boyd October 7 Augusta October 8 New Richmond October 9 Elmwood October 15 Eleva Strum October 16 **Cadott** October 17 Osseo-Fairchild October 18 **Spring Valley** October 28 Fall Creek October 29 **River Falls** November 1 Eau Claire Area November 4 Boyceville November 5 St. Croix Central November 7 **Baldwin-Woodville** November 8 Ellsworth November 11 Chippewa Falls November 12 Menomonie November 13 **Elk Mound** November 20 **Durand-Arkansas** November 22 Colfax November 25 Hudson November 26

December 18

TBD

Mondovi

Plum City



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Leadership Workshop

Tuesday, September 17th Glenwood City High School

Registration begins at 3:45. Go ALL IN at our workshops and learn about being the best member possible! All members are welcome!

FIRE Conferences

Are you a middle school member looking to Forge Your Path? Look no further! Join us at our FIRE Conferences to learn all about FFA!

FVTC Appleton - October 5

UWSP Marshfield Campus - October 11

UW River Falls - October 12

SWTC Fennimore - February 28

National Convention

October 23 - October 26 Indianapolis, IN

Take your passion for FFA across the country! Join us at Lucas Oil Stadium and broaden your FFA horizons!

FFA in the USA

Watch for Glenwood City FFA member, Emily Tews, as she crafts articles for National programs such as the New Horizons Magazine. She was selected as a National Reporter this summer. Congrats, Emily!

National Leadership Conferences

November 15-16 Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

This conference encompasses opportunities for 9-10th graders through "Connect", and 11-12th graders through "I Am". Watch for more inrformation!

NATIONAL CONVENTION

SNEAK PEEK!



We can expect to see many Section 2 and Wisconsin FFA members at National Convention this year!



Sophie Pernsteiner & Jianna Scheffer
Osseo-Fairchild FFA
Food Products and
Processing Systems

Holden McCray & Henry Cash
Osseo-Fairchild FFA
Plant Systems

Alexis Deflorin Hudson FFA Plant Systems

American Degree Recipients

Rylee Bovee Alan George Sophie Koehler Grace Mansell Kayden Miller Owen Rozeboom Abbygail Schlough Elizabeth Schmoldt Nathan Stanek Olivia Taylor

National Chorus
Abby Sauvola



WIFFA National Officer Candidate



Mary Schrieber

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Member of the Month

Do you know an outstanding Section 2 member who deserves to be recognized? Nominate them here to be the Member of the Month!



Teacher Appreciation

Do you know a teacher who is so good at their job that they deserve to be recognized by the entire state? Nominate them here to be selected for the teacher appreciation program on the state social media page!



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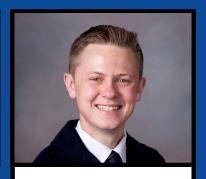
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