Nicholas Neuman

Rushville, Indiana

Rushville FFA Chapter

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Nicholas Neuman, 18, is currently serving as the 2021-2022 Indiana FFA State Secretary. He is the son of Mark and Michelle Neuman and is beyond excited for the opportunity to serve the Indiana FFA Association.

Throughout his four years of membership in the National FFA Organization, Nicholas served in numerous leadership positions on the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Nicholas served as the Rushville FFA Reporter as well as President. He has also been awarded Star Greenhand and was a Top Twenty Member each year. Nicholas served as the chair for the Grant Writing / Fundraising committee. On the District level, Nicholas served as the 2019-2020 District IX Reporter and was stationed by the rising sun as the 2020-2021 District IX President. Throughout his involvement at the State level, Nicholas attended numerous Executive Committee meetings and trainings. Through Premier Leadership Training, Foundations in Reaching Excellence, and the Seeking Opportunities Achieving Results conferences, Nicholas was able to connect with members across the state. These conferences allowed him to serve as a counselor and mentor to younger FFA members. Nicholas also had the opportunity to serve on the inaugural Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) taskforce for Indiana FFA. Moreover, his participation in the Indiana FFA Social Media Focus Group allowed him to analyze the effectiveness of social media communication. At the National level, Nicholas attended National Convention for three years and took part in numerous National workshops.

Nicholas participated in many Career Development Events. Through hours of studying, he was able to place first individually at the 2020 Livestock Skillathon Competition. At the 2021 Indiana FFA State Convention, Nicholas placed 3rd in the Prepared Public Speaking competition and 1st in Leadership Ambassador. Nicholas has also competed in Creed Speaking—earning 5th place, Dairy Cattle Evaluation—receiving 8th place individually, and Parliamentary Procedure—earning 4th place, at the State level.

Nicholas’s Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) are Dairy Production Placement, Agricultural Processing, and Agricultural Communications. For the past four years, he was an employee of Wicker Dairy Farms. His responsibilities included feeding the cattle, cleaning bunks, and properly breaking them to show. His Agricultural Processing Proficiency revolved entirely around Nicholas Bakes, his custom dessert business. In addition, Nicholas was fortunate enough to win the Agricultural Communications Proficiency at the State level in 2019.

Nicholas has been extremely active within his school and community as well. He was an intern for the City of Rushville and sat on the Christmas on Main planning committee. He is a ten-year member of 4-H, earning the offices of Secretary, Vice President, and President along the way. On a state level, Nicholas sat on the Indiana 4-H Teens as Teachers Leadership Team and acted as an ambassador for the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy. Within his school, Nicholas was an active member of RCHS Student Council, International Club, Key Club, and National Honor Society. Nicholas earned the distinction of Junior Rotarian and Rising Star of Indiana. Athletically, Nicholas was the Captain of the Varsity Soccer team and earned the Leadership award. Because of his academic prowess, he was named a three time Academic All Conference recipient. Nicholas was named a Lilly Endowment Scholarship recipient as well as a Purdue Presidential Scholarship recipient. When Nicholas is not working, he can be found baking in the kitchen, getting coffee with his best friend, or making memories with his nieces.

Nicholas was ranked 1st out of 153 students in his class. He graduated with an Academic Honors Diploma in June. Nicholas plans to attend Purdue University and major in Food and Animal Science with a Political Science minor.