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Stars Over Indiana

Congratulations to all of the members who made it to the finals in their designated categories for the star awards. We rounded out the 4th general session of the 92nd Indiana FFA State Convention by awarding the top star in each category; agriscience, placement, and farmer. A huge congratulations to the state star winners Rowan Tinker, Carson Kretzmeier, and Brent Studebaker!

While doing a personal interview with each of the winners, I was able to find out more about what inspired them to start their SAE, what their SAE is about, and how it has shaped their future. All of these star winners have worked hard and put in the numerous hours of work and

dedication to their projects.

Starting with our state star agriscience winner, Rowan Tinker! Her SAE was designed to help create an ethanol that produces less waste and is more cost effective. Her project started when she competed in her local agriscience fair in the 8th grade. Since then her project has continued to grow, as well as her determination to help others. She loves to work within science and has always competed in science fair competitions. After high school, she plans to attend Purdue University and get a degree in pharmacy. Congratulations Rowan!

Next up, our state star farmer winner, Carson Kretzmeier! Her SAE is all about raising

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and selling purebred Southdown lambs. Her operation started from a young age, when she fell in love with showing Southdown lambs at her local 4H fair. In addition to showing sheep, Carson also shows cattle and pigs. After high school, she plans to attend Purdue University to study brain and behavior science with the hopes of becoming an occupational therapist. Congratulations Carson!

Finally, our state star agricultural placement winner, Brent Studebaker! His SAE is about helping his family on their farm and working for them. His inspiration to become involved with the farm came from watching his grandpa and dad farm. The ultimate goal is to help the family business by becoming a successful farmer. After high school, he plans to attend Purdue University and study ag systems management with a minor in agronomy. His advice to younger members was, "Use your free time to start something new and always do your best." Congratulations Brent!



Talent Review

Isabella Norris



Indiana FFA has many members that have talent outside of their leadership skills. Some can sing, some can dance, others can play instruments! These talents were shown at the Indiana FFA State Convention on Thursday, June 17. 9 students performed on stage before the sixth general session including Zachary Troxell, Preston McCabe, Abigail Overdorf, Dalton Keltz, Kenna Green, Kathryn Helminiak, Marie Schwartzkopf, Kendall Harrell, and James Green. All of them sang, and most played the guitar. One of the singers, Kathryn Helminiak, sang one of her own songs. She said, in an interview, that she was troubled with some friend relationships and thought of this song. Her song name is called Why? she has sang for about 10 years and even helps out in her FFA Chapter, Tipton, doing service projects for her class and being on the Parliamentary Procedure Team. Some of her hobbies include skating and writing songs. Another interview that took place was with Kendall Herrell. He sang and played the guitar so good even the crowd went crazy. He is 16 and is going to be a junior. When he graduates high school, he says that he wants to study music. When asked for three words to describe himself he stated indecisive, fun and passionate. He participates in the Parliamentary Procedure Team, talent, and Prepared Public Speaking.



2021-2022 State Officer Team



The 2021-22 Indiana FFA State Officer slate was posted Wednesday evening following the conclusion of the fourth session of the 92nd Indiana State FFA Convention at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. These seven individuals have been chosen by a committee of peers and slate was passed at the sixth session of the convention that took place this afternoon Thursday, June 17. These individuals will serve as officers for the Indiana FFA Organization in the coming year.

The slate is as follows:

President: Kourtney Otte, Seymour FFA

Secretary: Nicholas Neuman, Rushville FFA

North Region Vice President: Tyler Kilmer , Tri-County FFA

South Region Vice President: Abby Stuckwisch, Brownstown Central FFA

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Member Spotlight



Makayla Hitt



Seth Ariens is a 5 year FFA member from North Putnam. Seth enjoys doing sheep, dairy, and pigs in 4-H, playing football, and being in the National Honors Society. He is excited to compete, and see his friends from all over the state at convention. Seth is 17, and participates in many LDE's and CDE's. Some include, dairy judging, soils, welding, and prepared public speaking. He plans to attend a college, and get a degree in animal science. He is also thinking of trying for a state office. His advice to fellow FFA members was, "Pursue your passions as priorities' ', and we couldn't agree more!



16-year-old Kenzie Slough has been in FFA for 4 years. She does many LDE's and CDE's that include, vet science demonstration, prepared public speaking, soils, and forestry. Kenzie enjoys playing volleyball, basketball, and running track. In her free time she also shows livestock, is involved in 4-H, and participates in demolition derbies. Kenzie spends the summer doing her SAE, and helping the Brown Baggers. After high school she plans to be a vet, and go to the military. Kenzie is excited to see her friends at this years convention, and her advice to other FFA members is, "Enjoy it while you can."



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