Madisen Carns

Lawrence, Indiana

Mt.Vernon @ Fortville FFA

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Madisen Carns, 18, is proudly serving as the 2021-2022 State Sentinel. Madisen is the daughter of Doug and Lynn Carns. Madisen is beyond thrilled to serve the over 12,500 members of the Indiana FFA Association.

Even though Madisen only has three years of active membership, she still worked hard within the organization to be involved. Madisen has served in leadership positions on both the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Madisen has served as Mt.Vernon @ Fortville FFA Vice President for 2019-2020 and has served as the 2020-2021 President. She has also been awarded Officer of the Year, Outstanding Chapter Member, and Star Greenhand. Madisen has served as the chair for FFA Week, Chapter Banquet, and Thanksgiving Dinner committees. At the District level, Madisen has served as the 2020-2021 District VIII Sentinel. Concerning her involvement on the State Level, Madisen has attended Premier Leadership Training, Leadership Development Workshop, and Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results conferences. In 2020, she had the opportunity to serve as a counselor and mentor to younger FFA members in hopes to energize them to become as passionate as she is.

Madisen has been involved in many Career Development Events, including National Contest for Meats Judging where she placed fifth in Meat Quality Grading. She has also competed in Dairy Judging and Crops Judging at the Area Level. At the District Convention, Madisen received 3rd in Multimedia Scrapbook and 4th in Leadership Ambassador.

Madisen’s Supervised Agricultural Experience is both Agribusiness and Animal Systems Placement. For her Agribusiness Placement, Madisen worked for Wilburties where she made animal collars and leashes for local events. Her responsibilities included working with customers, selling products, and making more inventory. With her Animal Systems Placement, Madisen currently works at Grand Canine Hotel where she works with 30-40 dogs a day. Her responsibilities here include supervising large rooms of dogs, caring for boarding animals, and managing the front desk.

Madisen was very active in school and was always looking for new ways to improve her community. She was involved in National Honor Society and served as the 2020-2021 Vice President. She also participated in Service Learning; an organization focused on volunteering, and has served as their 2018-2019 Secretary. Madisen was also on the council for Marauder Mentors, an establishment at our school that pairs upperclassmen with incoming freshmen to smooth their transition into high school. Madisen was also involved in theatre at her school and participated in two shows while holding the position of Dance Captain. Madisen has also held council positions in her school’s Spanish Club. On top of these activities, Madisen volunteers at local clothing drives and food pantries.

Madisen is ranked 42nd out of 308 students in her class with a GPA of 3.9 on a 4.0 scale. She will be graduating with a Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma. Madisen will attend Purdue University and major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine in the College of Agriculture and minor in Agribusiness. One day, she hopes to become a veterinarian with her own practice in the great state of Indiana.