96th MISSOURI FFA MISSOURI FFA CONVENTION





April 17-19, 2024

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

#### WELCOME

The 96th Annual State FFA Convention of the Missouri FFA Association is truly a special event this year. Columbia, Missouri, is welcoming us to town for this special event where Missouri FFA members will be recognized and rewarded for their hard work and achievements throughout the past year. The Convention theme this year is "Open the Door..." For 96 years, our organization has opened the door for students in classrooms across the state to develop and expand their knowledge of applied science, as well as their technical and employability skills while learning about our nation's no. 1 industry: agriculture. Our organization has opened the door for members to embrace their passions with their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs (SAE) in areas such as animal agriculture, crop production, mechanics and agriscience. Over the years, FFA has adjusted to reflect our ever-changing society and has opened the door for members to be leaders and innovators within our industry. We hope that as you represent your school and community, you wear your official dress with pride. We hope that you thirst for knowledge as you "Open the Door..." to your future, embrace the opportunities that come your way and are empowered to influence those around you within our vast agricultural industry.

# 2023-2024 STATE FFA OFFICERS



Front Row (seated, L-R): (standing) Jaden Kultgen, Mt. Vernon; (seated) Owen Neely, Lockwood (First Vice-President); Sam Tummons, Columbia (President); Karson Calvin, Troy (Secretary); (standing) Isabella Hamner, Lake CTC.

Second Row (L-R): Lilly Weber, Lamar; Gabriel Todd, Norwood; Kiley Mattson, Stanberry; Claire Walker, Chillicothe; Caleb Simpson, Bolivar; Maggie Stark, Adrian.

**Third Row (L-R):** Kelsey Miller, Warrenton; Lynn Dyer, Higginsville; Wyatt Hendley, Bloomfield; Noah Graham, Clearwater; Jacob King, Dadeville (State Officer Mentor); Colin McIntyre, Belton.

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The Missouri FFA Association and Missouri FFA Foundation would like to recognize Can-Am for their support as a BLUE LEVEL SPONSOR at this year's Missouri FFA State Convention.



#### **FFA IN MISSOURI**

The FFA is a national organization of, by and for students enrolled in Agricultural Education. It was organized in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1928 and is an integral part of the program of career education in agriculture in public schools. The Missouri FFA Association was organized and elected its first officers on May 4, 1928. The state charter was issued by the National Office in 1929. Membership in the National FFA Organization includes more than 945,988 students in 9,163 chapters. Currently, Missouri FFA is home to 26,830 members in 362 chapters across the state.

The Missouri FFA Association holds its convention in April each year. More than 8,000 FFA members and guests take part in Leadership Development Events, Career Development Events, award programs, workshops and convention sessions. Participants include adults representing the agriculture industry; MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; NWMSU; MSU; school officials; the press; parents; and guests.

The State FFA Officers plan and conduct the convention sessions, including the business meetings, award programs, entertainment and inspirational activities. The 724 delegates, two from each chapter, transact all business.

# **Supervision of Convention and Career Development Events**

The Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education staff of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education assist in the planning and supervision of the convention and competitions. These staff members, along with the State FFA Officers, form the State FFA Executive Committee:

Keith Dietzschold	State Advisor
Teresa Briscoe	State Executive Secretary
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David Higgins, District Supervisor	State Executive Committee
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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Registration/Information Desk** – The information desk, located near the East Entrance door, will be open at all times. Staff can provide information and directions for various activities. An advisor from each chapter should register and indicate the number of FFA members and guests in attendance from their chapter.

**Parking** – Use the parking lots on the south and southeast side of the Hearnes Center, except for school buses.

**Sponsors and Guests** – Please check in at the Registration/Information Desk for directions and seating.

**Delegates** – The two delegates from each chapter should register on the floor of the auditorium prior to the delegate session. **(See page 12)** 

**FFA Career Show** – Businesses and organizations will set up exhibits for educational purposes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday at the Trowbridge Livestock Center. FFA members and guests are encouraged to visit these exhibits.

**News Media Office** – Representatives of the news media may obtain information about all Convention activities and competition results at the press room backstage. Check in at the Registration/Information Desk for directions or assistance. The Convention media website is: <a href="https://convention.missouriffa.org/">https://convention.missouriffa.org/</a>. Watch the convention live stream at <a href="https://dese.mo.gov/">https://dese.mo.gov/</a>/ FFA-livestream.

**Food Service** – Beverages, pizza, hamburgers and sandwiches are available at the refreshment stands located on the Main Concourse. Several food trucks will also be available outside of the Hearnes Building and near Trowbridge during busy times.

**FFA Book Display** – The first-place Scrapbook, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book and SAE Record Books from each of the FFA areas in the state are on display in the north corridor of the Hearnes Building East Entrance.

**FFA Apparel Booth** – The Mizzou FFA Collegiate Chapter is sponsoring a booth offering FFA items. The booth will be on the Hearnes Building Main Concourse on Thursday and Friday.

**Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau** – The Registration/Information Desk located just inside the East Entrance will be providing informational packets about Columbia. They will gladly assist you with information regarding restaurant locations and other Columbia attractions.

# **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**State FFA Chorus** – The State FFA Chorus is under the direction of Beth Dampf and Beth Eckles, both of Jefferson City. Chorus members belong to FFA chapters throughout Missouri and are selected based on individual applications. The chorus holds rehearsals and performs at 3:30 p.m. ahead of the 5th session on Friday.

**Courtesy Corps and Ushers** – Volunteer groups from various chapters serve in this capacity with supervision by postsecondary agriculture students.

**Career Development Events** – We want to thank the army of volunteers, MU Agricultural Education faculty and staff along with each advisory committee for their coordination and operation of the Career Development Events. Those assisting can be found on pages 14-16 along with Dr. Bryan Garton, Dr. Jon Simonsen, Dr. John Tummons, Dr. Rebecca Mott, Mr. Avery Deevers, Mrs. Alex Ebbesmeyer, Ms. Hannah-Rose Foote, Mr. Bruce Fowler and administrative staff.

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# CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHER

Meet Whitney Whitaker, the 2024 Missouri FFA State Convention photographer. Whitaker and her team will be capturing photos throughout Convention to celebrate on-stage victories and select award winners. Check out the following FAQs to help you navigate this new Convention photography experience:

# Q: How do I purchase my photos from Convention?

A: You can purchase digital downloads or prints from whitneywhitaker.org.

#### Q: Who will be taking photos?

**A:** Whitney Whitaker Photography will be providing photography coverage of the 2024 MO FFA Convention. There will be a team of photographers covering all the sessions as well as official photos backstage.

# Q: How much are photos going to cost?

A: Digital downloads will cost \$20 per image. You can purchase prints starting at \$1.

# Q: When can I expect photos to be online and ready to purchase?

A: All the photos should be uploaded within 24 hours following each session.

#### Q: Where can I go to take a group photo of my FFA Chapter?

**A:** Backdrops will be provided throughout the halls around the arena for anyone to access at no cost.

# Q: When can I get a professional photo taken during convention?

**A:** The photographer will be available to take professional photos outside of Convention sessions during scheduled times as outlined on her website, accessible via the QR code below.

Learn more about Whitney and view Convention photos:



# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

# **Don Nikodim**



he Missouri FFA Association is honored to recognize Mr. Don Nikodim for his outstanding service to agriculture, agricultural education and Missouri FFA. Nikodim served Missouri agriculture as the executive director of the Missouri Pork Association for more than 40 years, retiring in January 2024. Originally from a small, diversified farm in southwest Missouri, Nikodim came to lead the association in 1983 and has served on numerous committees and task forces for the National Pork Producers Council, National Pork Board, University of Missouri and related agencies. He also served as chair of Missouri Farmers

Care, a joint effort by Missouri's farming and agricultural community to promote the continued growth of Missouri agriculture and rural communities.

Prior to his career at MPA, Nikodim worked as a farm management specialist for the University of Missouri Cooperative Extension Service, as executive director for the Poland China Record Association, Inc. and as an agricultural education instructor.

Nikodim and his wife, Betty, live in Hallsville. In his spare time, Nikodim enjoys collecting and restoring old farm tractors.

# **Joyce Cutright**

issouri FFA is also pleased to recognize Ms. Joyce Cutright for her service to agricultural education and to the organization by operating the Missouri FFA Convention media room since 1992. In cooperation with Missouri State University, she has written thousands of press releases and worked with media outlets across the state to highlight the accomplishments of FFA members. Cutright graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in agricultural communications with an emphasis in advertising and marketing. She used that degree in several capacities within agriculture, including farm broadcasting, at the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. As a per-course instructor for Missouri



State, she has helped college students gain valuable industry experience while offering hands-on application opportunities through working at the convention.



The Missouri FFA Association and Missouri FFA Foundation would like to recognize Missouri Army National Guard for their sponsorship of the **Leadership Development Program** 

at this year's Missouri FFA State Convention.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Fifth General Session - Friday, 4 p.m.

Michael L. Parson 57th Governor of Missouri Jefferson City, Missouri

Michael L. Parson was sworn in as Missouri's 57th Governor on June 1, 2018. Governor Parson came into the role of Governor with a lifelong commitment to serving others and more than 30 years of experience in public service. He previously served as the 47th Lieutenant Governor of Missouri from 2017–2018. He is a United States Army veteran and former Sheriff of Polk County. Governor Parson also served in the Missouri

House of Representatives from 2005–2011 and in the Missouri Senate from 2011–2017.



With Governor Parson's leadership on workforce development and infrastructure, Missouri has experienced a booming economy, achieving the lowest unemployment rate ever recorded, high wage growth, more than 110,000 new jobs and billions in business investment through public-private partnerships with the state. Governor Parson has cut taxes three times and signed the largest income tax cut in Missouri history.

Governor Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson live in Bolivar. Together, they have two grown children, six grandchildren and recently welcomed their first great grandchild. He is a small business owner and a third-generation farmer who currently owns and operates a cow-calf operation near Bolivar. When Governor Parson was born, his parents were sharecroppers until they bought their first farm around the time he was 10 years old. It was on that farm in Hickory County where Governor Parson cemented his passion for farming and agriculture. He has remained an active farmer throughout his time in elected office, including while serving as Missouri's 57th Governor.

Governor Parson graduated from Wheatland High School in Wheatland, Missouri.

# **MISSOURI FFA FACTS**

- ✓ Missouri FFA membership includes 26,830 agricultural education students.
- ✓ Missouri FFA will award 1,051 State FFA Degrees at this convention.
- ✓ This year, 562 FFA members will be recognized with an FFA Proficiency Award for the development of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

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FFA Foundation would like
to recognize U.S.
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#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

# First General Session - Wednesday, 6 p.m.

# Chris Chinn, Director Missouri Department of Agriculture Jefferson City, Missouri

Fifth-generation farmer Chris Chinn was named Missouri Director of Agriculture in 2017. Director Chinn has been an agriculture leader on the local, state and national level, in roles such as the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Faces of Farming, American Farm Bureau Young

Farmers and Ranchers chair and Missouri Farm Bureau board of directors.



As a trailblazer in agriculture advocacy, Chinn established her brand through social media and public speaking. Through her outreach, she bridges the gap between farmers and consumers.

Chinn and her husband, Kevin, raise hogs, cattle, corn and soybeans, as well as operate their family feed mill in northeast Missouri. They have two children, Rachelle and Conner, who are both involved in production agriculture.

# Grant Norfleet National FFA Secretary

Mexico, Missouri

Mexico, Missouri, native Grant Norfleet grew up raising and showing beef cattle in addition to growing his Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) in Service Learning and Agricultural Education. Grant loves learning and strives to make an impact by empowering others. After his year of service as National FFA Secretary, Grant will return to the University of Missouri to complete his degree in Agricultural Education and Leadership. In the future, he plans to pursue a career in program and curriculum development.



# Second General Session - Thursday, 2 p.m.

# Christopher R. Daubert, Vice Chancellor and Dean University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Columbia, Missouri



Christopher R. Daubert, Ph.D., serves as the Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at the University of Missouri. He is also a Professor of Food Science and Engineering in the Division of Food, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Daubert joined Mizzou from North Carolina State University, where he served as a professor and head of the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences; director of the Food Rheology Laboratory; and system co-chair of Food, Biochemical and Engineered Systems.

Daubert has served as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Texture Studies and on the editorial board of the Journal of Food Process Engineering. He is a fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) and will become IFT President in 2024. Daubert also serves on the board of trustees for the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) and was recently selected as incoming chair for the academic heads section of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). Daubert received his Ph.D. in agricultural engineering and food science at Michigan State University, and has been recognized with distinguished alumnus awards from both Pennsylvania State University and Michigan State University.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Third General Session - Thursday, 6 p.m.

# Dr. Margie Vandeven

Commissioner of Education

Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Jefferson City, Missouri

Dr. Margie Vandeven is Missouri's Commissioner of Education. She is passionate about ensuring that each child has the opportunity to graduate prepared for success. She has more than 30 years of student-centered service in education, including eight at Missouri's top educational post.

As commissioner, Dr. Vandeven works collaboratively with a diverse group of stakeholders to improve educational opportunities for Missouri's nearly 900,000 public school students.



Dr. Vandeven earned a bachelor's degree in education from Missouri State University and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Loyola University Maryland. She received a doctorate of philosophy in educational leadership from Saint Louis University and has been recognized by Missouri State University and St. Louis University as a distinguished alumna.

# Fifth General Session - Friday, 4 p.m.

# Mun Choi, President

University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri

Mun Y. Choi, PhD serves as the 24th president of the University of Missouri — a dual role as chancellor of the University of Missouri and president of the University of Missouri System. He oversees the academic, business and financial aspects of the four universities, as well as a health care system and statewide extension program.



As President, he helped transform the perception of higher education's value with the university community, alumni, legislators and Missourians.

Choi's MU leadership team, working closely with faculty, staff and committed stakeholders, has set Mizzou on a record-breaking path. MU is committed to supporting Missouri agriculture through innovation, and recently secured the largest federal research, education and extension grant in university history, as well as an additional grant (\$35 million total) to pair farmers with scientists.

The Missouri FFA Association and Missouri FFA Foundation would like to recognize MFA Foundation for sponsoring the State FFA Degree Awards at this year's Missouri FFA State Convention.



# MFA FOUNDATION

Dedicated to Greater Opportunity for Youth

# **2024 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS**

# Thursday, April 18

TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER	WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION
12 p.m.	Hearnes Building Room 311	Lindsey Ball and Kailey Narron, Teach Ag Ambassadors	It all Starts with Ag Ed! Students will discover the ways that agricultural education can open many doors within the ag industry. We will dive into some of the different career paths besides ag ed, while emphasizing the importance of our instructors. Ag teachers inspire their students every day and teach them about different careers that they might not have known about. Will you be that inspiration?
12 p.m.	Hampton Inn Missouri Room	Aubrey Jung, Past State FFA Officer	Roundin' up Opportunities A fun and active workshop where members will explore the multitude of opportunies that are available in the FFA Organization.
12 p.m.	Hampton Inn Stephens Room Secretary  Grant Norfleet, Stephens National FFA Secretary  Vision Voyage Blast off as we learn how to make our ideal world a reality.		Blast off as we learn how to make
12 p.m. AND 1:15 p.m.	Hampton Inn Columbia Room	Nancy Wilkerson, Past FFA Member Assisted by past state FFA officers Kate Rogers & Hannah Rice	Community Service Project  Each session will count as one hour of community service. Students will be making jump ropes for "Samaritan's Purse" to be placed in shoebox gift boxes for youth all over the world. Each attendee should bring two, old, CLEAN, colorful t-shirts to use in this project.
1:15 p.m	Hampton Inn Missouri Room	Eric Robinson, Past National FFA Officer, and Morgan Watkins, Past State Officer	Be a Shark in the Fish Tank This will be an upbeat workshop with useful information for the FFA member who wants to experience new opportunities, learn skills and prepare for a career after being an FFA member.
1:15 p.m	Hampton Inn Stephens Room	Grant Norfleet, National FFA Secretary	<b>Open the Door</b> Let's unlock our greatest potential in the FFA and beyond!
1:15 p.m	Hearnes Building Room 311	Colin Boyd and Aubrey Jung, Missouri Teach Ag Ambassadors	Finding Your Perfect Fit with Agricultural Education! Come join us in this Teach Ag workshop where we will learn how to walk the walk and talk the talk of being an agricultural educator! We will learn about the numerous opportunities within the field of Ag Ed and the impact Agricultural Education can have on your life.

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9 a.m.	Hampton Inn Stephens Room	Grant Norfleet, National FFA Secretary	<b>Vision Voyage</b> Blast off as we learn how to make our ideal world a reality.
9—11:15 a.m. (2 Hour Workshop)	Hampton Inn Columbia Room	Dr. Linda Hickam, Veterinarian	BQA + MO FFA  Missouri Beef Industry Council hosts this Beef Quality Assurance Training Session. Participants will become BQA certified at the conclusion of the workshop, earning chapters a chance to win \$500. For more details, visit https://www.mobeef.org/ cattlemens-corner/beef-quality-assurance.
10:15 a.m.	Hampton Inn Missouri Room	Eric Robinson, Past National FFA Officer, and Morgan Watkins, Past State Officer	Be a Shark in the Fish Tank This will be an upbeat workshop with useful information for the FFA member who wants to experience new opportunities, learn skills and prepare for a career after being an FFA member.
10:15 a.m	Hampton Inn Stephens Room	Grant Norfleet, National FFA Secretary	<b>Open the Door</b> Let's unlock our greatest potential in the FFA and beyond!
1 p.m.	Hearnes Center Room 311 INVITATION ONLY	Heather Eberlin, Ag Instructor & Farm Manager, Ozarks Technical Community College, and Pam Proffitt-Rowland, Coordinator, Missouri Teach Ag	Help Open the Door for Others This high-energy, hands-on workshop will engage participants in activities that focus on the power of teaching and the importance of ag teachers, encouraging students to consider the awesome career of ag education.



Watch the Convention Live Stream: https://dese.mo.gov/FFA-livestream

# **HYPE | HELPING YOUTH PREPARE FOR EXCELLENCE**

A youth leadership conference, HYPE is designed to challenge and equip 30 incoming high school senior FFA members to be advocates for agriculture. These 30 FFA



members receive hands-on experiences to prepare them to communicate, lead and advocate for the agricultural industry. In addition, students gain strategies to continue strengthening their knowledge base in agricultural issues, sharpen their written and verbal communication skills and spark potential career interests. Most importantly, these students bring home tools to help themselves and other members in their FFA chapter tell agriculture's story.

# HYMAX | HELPING YOUTH MAXIMIZE THEIR AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Designed to train students to be stronger advocates for agriculture, HYMAX Academy challenges students through hands-on activities while digging into the issues facing agriculture today. The program works to sharpen skills and strengthen voices of freshman in high school.



# MISSOURI AGRIBUSINESS ACADEMY

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy (MAbA) provides 30 Missouri high school sophomores a chance to explore the vast agribusiness resources of our state. Academy members are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process.



The primary objective of MAbA is to provide an opportunity for students to view various facets of agriculture, visit agribusinesses and meet leaders in agriculture, government and education. Other objectives are to aid students with communication skills and personal development as well as explore career opportunities.

FFA members who graduated as a part of the 2023 MAbA class will be recognized during Thursday afternoon's convention session.

# **GOLDEN OWL AWARD**

Presented by Nationwide® and the Missouri FFA Foundation, the Golden Owl Award® recognizes outstanding Missouri agricultural educators. Students, parents, fellow

teachers and other supporters submitted almost 400 nominations in this inaugural year for the award in Missouri. From those nominations, 18 teachers representing the 16 Missouri FFA areas and our post-secondary/adult education programs were selected as semi-finalists. After the second round of competition, seven finalists were surprised at their schools with a \$500 cash prize. On Thursday evening's session, one of those finalists will be named the Missouri Agricultural Educator of the Year, receiving a \$3,000 cash prize and the coveted Golden Owl Award trophy.



# **2024 CAREER SHOW INFORMATION & EXHIBITORS**



This year the Missouri FFA Convention Career Show will be held in the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the MU Campus from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be shuttle buses leaving at frequent intervals from the West Side of the Hearnes building all day. There will be food trucks available at Trowbridge for the students. Please use the provided QR code to see the list of exhibitors along with a map of location.

#### 2024 CAREER EXPLORATORY EXPERIENCES TOURS

The Missouri FFA Association, in collaboration with the University of Missouri, is providing FFA members with the following career exploratory experiences (tours) during the **FFA Career Expo on Friday, April 19**.

Advanced registration is required by using the unique registration link associated with each experience. Capacity is limited, so check for open slots as soon as possible. Each experience is scheduled for an hour, with additional 30 minutes of walk time. Students will be escorted to campus locations.



10:00 a.m.— Depart Trowbridge Events Center 11:30 a.m.— Return to Trowbridge Events Center

- Explore Careers in Plant Science & Technology
- · Careers in Nutrition & Dietetics
- · Careers in Food Science and Processing
- Explore Careers in Weather Forecasting and Data Collection
- Explore a Career in Nursing
- Discover Engineering Impacts on the Environment

10:30 a.m. — Depart Trowbridge Events Center 12:00 p.m. — Return to Trowbridge Events Center

- Explore a Career as a Food Animal Veterinarian
- Careers in Agribusiness Management
- Careers in Exercise Physiology
- Discover Careers in Forestry
- Discover the Power of Conservation GIS

# **NEW FFA CHAPTERS**

New FFA chapters for the 2023-24 school year will be chartered during the Second Session, 2 p.m., Thursday, April 18.

Bell City • Ellington • Glendale • STA at Paradise Park • Van Buren Congratulations and welcome to Missouri FFA!

# **GENERAL SCHEDULE**

# Wednesday, April 17

\*\*\* <u>ALL</u> LDE AND CDE EVENT INFORMATION IS LISTED ON PAGES 14–16, including registration & start times and locations.

LDEs—Ag Issues, Parliamentary Procedure, and Conduct of Meetings

**CDEs**—Nursery/Landscape, Dairy Foods, Livestock and Agronomy

1:00 p.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)

4:00 p.m. Wednesday FFA Talent Performers Meeting

(Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)

5:30 p.m. Pre-Session and FFA Talent

6:00 p.m. FIRST SESSION of the 96th Missouri FFA State Convention

See page 17 for session details

# Thursday, April 18

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**LDEs**—Creed Speaking, Division 1 Speaking, Division 2 Speaking, Advanced Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking and Employment Skills

**CDEs**—Forestry, Ag Mechanics, Soils, Dairy Cattle, Floriculture, Food Science, Horse Evaluation and Poultry

8:00–11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday FFA Talent Reheasal

(Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)

8:00 a.m. FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship Interviews (Columns Club, North Suite)

9:00 a.m. New Officer Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium, Backstage)10:00 a.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)

10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday FFA Talent Performers Meeting

(Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)

11:00 a.m. State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Mizzou Arena Foyer)

12:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn AND Hearnes 311)

See page 8 for details

12:00 p.m. Delegate Orientation and Business Session

Check in begins at 11:00 a.m. (Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)

1:15 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn AND Hearnes 311)

See page 8 for details

1:30 p.m. Pre-Session and FFA Talent

2:00 p.m. SECOND SESSION of the 96th Missouri FFA State Convention

See page 17 for session details

4:00–5:30 p.m. Dinner for Past State Officers and Current State Officers

(Columns Club – Memorial Stadium Eastside)

5:30 p.m. Pre-Session and FFA Talent

6:00 p.m. THIRD SESSION of the 96th Missouri FFA State Convention

See page 18 for session details

# **GENERAL SCHEDULE**

# Friday, April 19

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LDEs-FFA Knowledge

CDEs—Meats, Ag Sales, Entomology and Farm Management

8:00 a.m.	Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
8:00 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center Auditorium Floor)
8:30 a.m.	Brunch and Meeting for Retiring/New State FFA Officers/Parents Courtesy of the Missouri Farm Bureau (Columns Club, East Tower - Memorial Football Stadium)
9:00 a.m.	FFA Career Show (Trowbridge Livestock Center) (Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)  ***Shuttles will leave from the West side of the Hearnes Building
9:00 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn AND Hearnes 311)—See page 9 for details
9:30 a.m.	Dessert Reception for Honorary Degree Recipients Courtesy of the Association of Electric Cooperatives (Columns Club, East Tower – Memorial Football Stadium)
10:00 a.m.	Career Exploratory Tours depart from Trowbridge MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED See page10 for tour details
10:15 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (Hampton Inn AND Hearnes 311) See page 9 for details
10:30 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center Room 324 if needed)
11:00 a.m.	Pre-Session and FFA Talent
11:30 a.m.	<b>FOURTH SESSION of the 96th Missouri FFA State Convention</b> See page 20 for session details
2:45 p.m.	<b>Talent Review</b> — (Hearnes Center Arena)
3:00 p.m.	Seating of State Degree Candidates
3:15 p.m.	Pre-Session and FFA Talent
3:30 p.m.	2024 State FFA Chorus Concert (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
4:00 p.m.	FIFTH SESSION of the 96th Missouri FFA State Convention See page 21 for session details

# **REMINDER**

# **Advisors and Students:**

Please send thank you notes to our award sponsors.

Addresses will be posted on the DESE website the week after Convention.

# **CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCHEDULE**

Trowbridge Events Center will be "CDE Central" with ALL Career Development Events checking-in at the Sales or Show Arena (see Check-in Location).

**CDEs in Memorial Union and the Agriculture Science Bldg.:** students will walk in groups (e.g., A, B, C, D), escorted by CAFNR Ambassadors, to the event location. An 18–20-minute walk (.8 mile) using the walkway over College Avenue. At the conclusion of each event in Memorial Union and the Agriculture Science Bldg., students will walk in groups, escorted by CAFNR Ambassadors, to Trowbridge (.8 mile) or the Hearnes Center (1 mile, 20 minutes) following a designated route. Review the schedule below and on Pages 15 and 16 for student return location.

LDEs will be at various locations. Refer to information below and on Page 16 competition site.

In the case of lightening and/or severe weather (storms), delay for 30 minutes to walk between Trowbridge, Memorial Union, and Hearnes Center. Students need to be prepared for rain.

# Wednesday, April 17

CDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
NURSERY /LANDSCAPING 12–4:30 p.m.	11 a.m.	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections F, G, H, J)	Memorial Union, N201 ABC (100 for practicums) Stotler Lounge	Hearnes Center	Tom Moloney
DAIRY FOODS 12–4:15 p.m.	11 a.m	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections B, C, D, E)	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE (100 for practicums) Jesse Wrench Auditorium	Hearnes Center	Dr. Bongkosh Vardhananbhuti
LIVESTOCK 12-4:30 p.m.	11 a.m	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Show Arena	Hearnes Center	Kelsey Fuller
AGRONOMY 1-5:00 p.m.	12 p.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Show Arena	Hearnes Center	Tim Reinbott Andrew Biggs
LDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	30 mins. prior to presentation time for prelims	Holiday Inn Exec Center	Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	Tom Mooney
CONDUCT OF MEETINGS 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	30 mins. prior to presentation time for prelims	Holiday Inn Exec Center	Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	Jeremy Haley
AGRICULTURAL ISSUES FORUM 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	30 mins. prior to presentation time for prelims	Holiday Inn Exec Center	Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	Jill Fansler
FINALS (PARLI, CONDUCT & ISSUES) 30 min. after Prelims end		Holiday Inn Exec Center	Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW	Advisor Provided	

# **CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCHEDULE**

# Thursday, April 18

CDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
FORESTRY 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Sales Arena & Livestock Bays & off-site location (9:15 a.m. buses load)	Buses to Hearnes Center	Dr. Hank Stelzer
AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections L, M, N, O)	Agricultural Engineering Building	Hearnes Center	Dan Downing
SOILS 9:30 a.m. –1 p.m.	8 a.m	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections R, S, T, U)	Off-site location (9 a.m. buses load)	Buses to Hearnes Center	Sam Lord
DAIRY CATTLE 9 a.m1:30 p.m.	8 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Show Arena	Hearnes Center	Dr. Scott Poock
FLORICULTURE 9 a.m.–1 p.m.	8 a.m	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections F, G, H, J)	Memorial Union, N201 ABC & N204 (practicums) Stotler Lounge	Hearnes Center	Lesleighan Cravens
FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 9:30 a.m12 p.m.	8:30 a.m	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections N & O)	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE (practicum & exam)	Plaza 900	Dr. Andrew Clarke

# **FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:**

Lunch provided for students.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., eight finalists will be announced at the amphitheater (weather permitting).

Teachers are welcome to join for the announcement. Eight finalists will return to Memorial Union (no teachers), and the remaining 16 teams will be escorted to the Hearnes Center in time for the Second Convention Session.

Official Dress is requested for both preliminary and finals.

At the conclusion of the event, the finalists will be escorted back to the Hearnes Center.

CDE / TIME	CHECK-IN TIME	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FINALS 2–4 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Memorial Union N214	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE (product development preparation) Memorial Union, N204 (presentation)	Hearnes Center	Dr. Andrew Clarke
HORSE EVALUATION 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.	10 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Stephens College Equestrian Center (10:45 a.m. load buses)	Schools Pickup at Stephens	Marci Crosby
POULTRY 12 p.m. –3 p.m.	11 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Trowbridge Sales Arena & Livestock Bays	Hearnes Center	Eric Roller

# **CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCHEDULE**

# Thursday, April 18

LDE / START TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
CREED 8:30 a.m. / Finals to follow	8 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Hilary Black
DIVISION I SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Elise Luebbering
DIVISION II SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Samantha Turner
ADVANCED SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Courtney Williams
EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING 8:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Gene Cook
EMPLOYMENT SKILLS 8:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	Kari Weis- Asbury Jera Vehige
FINALS (For <u>all</u> except Creed) Start @ 1 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	Forum Christian Church	Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd, Columbia (rooms TBD)	Advisor Provided	

# Friday, April 19

CDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
MEATS 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Eckles – Meat Processing Lab & Eckles Event Center	Trowbridge	Dr. Teagan Schnurbusch Rick Disselhorst
AGRICULTURAL SALES 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections B, C, D, E)	Agriculture Science Bldg. – AP Offices, 2-43 Conf. Room, SNR Reading Room & 2-6 Classroom	Trowbridge	Dr. Bryan Garton Matt Arri Laura Friedrich
ENTOMOLOGY 8 a.m11:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections F, G, H, J)	Memorial Union, N214 ABCDE (ID and exam) Memorial Union, N204	Trowbridge	Dr. Deborah Finke
FARM MANAGEMENT 9 a.m. –11:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	Trowbridge Show Arena (Sections B, C, D, E)	Memorial Union Stotler Lounge	Trowbridge	Bruce Fowler
LDE / TIME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-IN LOCATION	EVENT LOCATION	STUDENT RETURN LOCATION	EVENT SUPT
KNOWLEDGE 10 –11:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	Trowbridge Sales Arena	Memorial Union, N201 ABC (104 for exam Jesse Wrench Auditorium	Trowbridge	Dr. Jon Simonsen

# FIRST SESSION PROGRAM

# Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

**Opening Ceremony** — 2023-2024 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Claire Walker, State Vice-President, Chillicothe

Invocation — Lynn Dyer, State Vice-President, Higginsville

National Anthem — Maria Vedder, Hermann

Session Reflections — Owen Neely, Caleb Simpson, Gabriel Todd, Kiley Mattson

Remarks from Missouri Department of Agriculture — Director Chris Chinn

**BOAC Missouri Department of Agriculture Grant Awards** 

Missouri Agribusiness Academy Recipients

**Distinguished Service Awards** 

**Convention Keynote Speaker** — Grant Norfleet, National FFA Secretary

**FFA Talent** 

Missouri Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Recognition

Missouri FFA Convention T-Shirt Results

Missouri Ruralist Larry Harper Young Writers Contest — Mindy Ward, Editor

Swine Facility Management Contest — Diane Slater, Missouri Pork Association FFA Talent

 ${\bf Chapter\ Activity\ Awards-Gold,\ Silver\ and\ Bronze\ Emblem\ Chapters}$ 

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Closing Ceremony

# **SECOND SESSION PROGRAM**

# Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

**Opening Ceremony** — 2023-2024 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Wyatt Hendley, State Vice President, Bloomfield

Invocation — Lilly Weber, State Vice President, Lamar

Session Reflections — Lilly Weber, Jaden Kultgen, Noah Graham, Maggie Stark

Welcome to Mizzou - Dean Christopher Daubert, Vice Chancellor and Dean of CAFNR

FFA Talent

#### FFA Leadership Development Event Results from Wednesday

**Conduct of Meetings** 

Parliamentary Procedure

Agricultural Issues

Missouri Teach Ag Fall Speaking LDE Winner — Dylan Hoyt, Audrain Co. R-VI FFA Chapter FFA Talent

Forever Blue Award Presentation

**Charter Presentation to New FFA Chapters** 

**FFA Talent** 

# **Agriscience Fair Results & Recognition**

Social Science

Environmental Services/ Natural Resource Systems

Power, Structure, and Technical Systems

Food Products & Processing Systems

**Animal Systems** 

Plant Systems

# **Closing Ceremony**

# THIRD SESSION PROGRAM Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony — 2023-2024 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Isabella Hamner, State Vice President, Lake Career & Technical Center

**Invocation** — Gabriel Todd, State Vice President, Norwood

**National Anthem** — Lillian Plattner, Santa Fe FFA Chapter

Session Reflections — Lynn Dyer, Karson Calvin, Wyatt Hendley, Kelsey Miller

Remarks from Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education — Commissioner Dr. Margie Vandeven

#### Career Development Event Results — Pre-Convention Events

**Veterinary Science** 

**Environmental and Natural Resources** 

**Agricultural Communications** 

# **Recognition of Past State FFA Officer Teams**

#### **FFA Talent**

# Proficiency Awards — Part 1

Wildlife Management

**Veterinary Science** 

**Vegetable Production** 

Turf Grass Management

Swine Production — Placement

Swine Production — Entrepreneurship

**Specialty Crop Production** 

Specialty Animal Production

Small Animal Production and Care

**Sheep Production** 

Service Learning

**Poultry Production** 

Outdoor Recreation

**Nursery Operations** 

Landscape Management

#### Missouri Corn Presentation

**FFA Alumni** — WLC Scholarships and Hagan Scholarship

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# Proficiency Awards — Part II

**Grain Production** 

**Goat Production** 

Fruit Production

Forest Management

Forage Production

Food Service

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

Equine Science - Placement

Equine Science – Entrepreneurship

**Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management** 

Diversified Livestock Production

**Diversified Horticulture** 

Diversified Crop Production - Placement

Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship

**Diversified Agriculture Production** 

#### **FFA Talent**

#### Golden Owl Award — Heather Dimitt-Fletcher

Presented by the Missouri FFA Foundation

# Proficiency Awards — Part III

Dairy Production — Placement

Dairy Production — Entrepreneurship

Beef Production — Placement

Beef Production — Entrepreneurship

Agriscience Research — Plant Systems

Agriscience Research — Integrated Systems

Agriscience Research — Animal Systems

**Agricultural Services** 

Agricultural Sales — Placement

Agricultural Sales — Entrepreneurship

Agricultural Processing

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance — Placement

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance — Entrepreneurship

Agricultural Mechanics Fabrication and Design

**Agricultural Education** 

**Agricultural Communications** 

#### Closing Ceremony

# FOURTH SESSION PROGRAM Friday, 11:30 a.m.

**Opening Ceremony** — 2023-2024 State FFA Officers

Session Moderator — Lilly Weber, State Vice President, Lamar FFA Chapter

Invocation — Caleb Simpson, State Vice President, Bolivar FFA Chapter

Career Development Event Results — Wednesday / Thursday Events

**Agricultural Mechanics** 

Agronomy

Dairy Cattle

**Dairy Foods** 

Floriculture

Food Science and Technology

Forestry

Horse Evaluation

Livestock Evaluation

Nursery / Landscape

Poultry

Soils

# **FFA Leadership Development Events** — Thursday Events

**Employment Skills** 

**Extemporaneous Speaking** 

#### FFA Leadership Development Events — Thursday Events

Division 1 Speaking

Division 2 Speaking

**Advanced Speaking** 

**Creed Speaking** 

**Honorary State Degree Ceremony** 

Soybean Innovation Challenge

**FFA Talent** 

**Honorary Degree Presentation** 

MVATA President Remarks — Travis Kramme, Sullivan

**MVATA Teach Ag Scholarships** 

**Honoring of State FFA Officers' Parents** 

FFA Talent

Introduction of New State FFA Officers

Installation of New Officers

State Officer Retirement

**Closing Ceremony** 

# 2024 TALENT REVUE Friday, 2:45 p.m.

# **2024 STATE FFA CHORUS CONCERT**

Friday, 3:30 p.m.

State FFA Chorus: Beth Dampf, Choral Director, California

Beth Eckles, Accompanist, Jefferson City

"He Never Failed Me Yet" — Robert Ray

"For Good" — Music & Lyrics by Stephan Schwartz, Arranged by Mac Huff

"Carry On Wayward Son" — Word & Music by Kerry Livgren, Arranged by Roger Emerson

"Walk Through Life" — Words & Music by Pinkzebra

# FIFTH SESSION PROGRAM Friday, 4:00 p.m.

National Anthem — "Star Spangled Banner"

Arrangement, Jamey Ray — 2023 State FFA Chorus

**Opening Ceremony** — 2023-2024 State FFA Officers

Session Moderators — Kiley Mattson, State Vice President, Stanberry and

Noah Graham, State Vice President, Clearwater

**Invocation** — Wyatt Hendley, State Vice President, Bloomfield

Session Reflections — Claire Walker, Sam Tummons, Colin McIntyre, Isabella Hamner Introduction of Guests

Missouri FFA Foundation Remarks — Heather Dimitt-Fletcher, Executive Director

Session Address — Governor Mike Parson, 57th Governor of Missouri

**FFA Talent** 

Career Development Event Results — Friday Events

**Agricultural Sales** 

Entomology

Farm Management

Meats

FFA Leadership Development Event Results — Friday Event

FFA Knowledge

Special Remarks — President Mun Choi, President, University of Missouri

**State FFA Degree Ceremony** 

State FFA Talent

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**Awarding of the State FFA Degree** — Sponsored by MFA Foundation

**Closing Ceremony** 

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