

90TH ANNUAL Missouri FFA Convention



APRIL 19-20, 2018

**MU Hearnes Center
Columbia, Missouri**

WELCOME

The 90th Annual State FFA Convention of the Missouri FFA Association is a special event to reward and recognize the hard work and achievements of FFA members. FFA members are the future of the diverse and ever-changing agriculture industry. Our convention theme this year is "RISE". For 90 years, our organization has given individuals an opportunity. An opportunity to "RISE" and expand their knowledge/skills in the areas of applied science, technical and employability skills, while learning about our nation's #1 industry: agriculture. Our organization provides members with the educational foundations to be leaders and innovators within our industry. Over the years FFA has adjusted to reflect our ever changing society. In an agriculture classroom today students learn about many topics such as animal agriculture, crop production, agriscience, and even urban agriculture. We hope each of you will be confident in your abilities, wear your official dress with pride while representing your school and community, and take advantage of each opportunity to "RISE" and influence those around you about agriculture, not only today but as you continue your life.

2017-2018 STATE FFA OFFICERS



Front row (L-R): Abby Bertz, Odessa (President); Mariah Fox, Trenton (First Vice-President); Sydnee Mason, Marshall (Secretary).

Second Row (L-R): Emily Blaue, Wellsville-Middletown; Madelyn Warren, Chillicothe; Rhiannen Schneider, Savannah; Isabel Legg, Perryville.

Third Row (L-R): Elizabeth Knipp, Tipton; Aaron Mott, Columbia; Abby Turner, Brookfield; Justin Belew, Ashland; Elise Bailey, Bowling Green.

Back Row (L-R): Chad Laxton, Miller; Ben Luebbering, Fatima; Colton Spencer, Aurora (Past President); Chance Wallace, Seneca; Dakota Allen, Fairfax.

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 the 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. In 2018, the national membership was more than 653,000 students in 8,568 chapters. The current Missouri FFA membership is 25,375 in 343 chapters.

The Missouri FFA Association holds its convention in April each year. More than 8,000 FFA members and guests take part in leadership development activities, Career Development Events, award programs, and convention sessions. Participants also include adults representing the agriculture industry; the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; NWSMU; 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 686 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:

Leon Busdieker State Advisor
Keith Dietzschold, District Supervisor State Executive Secretary
Marie Davis, District Supervisor State Executive Treasurer
Lisa Evans, District Supervisor State Executive Committee
David Higgins, District Supervisor State Executive Committee
Steven Rogers, District Supervisor State Executive Committee
Valerie Houston Administrative Assistant
Kathy Kilmer Administrative Assistant

NEW FFA CHAPTERS

New FFA chapters for the 2017-18 school year will be chartered during the second session program, 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19.

Blair Oaks
Grandview

Congratulations and welcome to Missouri FFA!

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.

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 8.)

FFA Career Show – Exhibits are provided by businesses and organizations for educational purposes from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. 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 pressroom backstage. Check at the Registration/Information Desk for directions or assistance. The convention media website is: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/moffaconv/>.

Food Service/Court – Beverages, pizza, hamburgers and sandwiches are available at the refreshment stands located on the Main Concourse.

FFA Book Display – The first-place Scrapbook, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book and Supervised Agricultural Experience Record Books from each of the FFA Areas in the state are on display in the north corridor of the East Entrance.

FFA Apparel Booth – The Mizzou FFA Alumni Chapter is sponsoring a booth offering FFA items. The booth will be at the main concourse on Thursday and part of the FFA Career Show from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on 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 were chosen on the basis of individual applications. The chorus holds rehearsals and performs as part of the Friday afternoon and evening sessions.

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 page 13 along with Dr. Bryan Garton, Dr. Anna Ball, Dr. Jon Simonsen, Dr. John Tummons, Dr. Adam Cletzer, Mrs. Colleen Abbott, Carol Swaim, and Mandy Aholt-Gayler.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

ANDREW MCCREA

This year, the Missouri FFA Association is pleased to recognize Mr. Andrew McCrea for his service to agricultural education and the Missouri FFA.

Andrew McCrea is a farmer and rancher, an award-winning radio and tv broadcaster and a nationally-recognized speaker.

He is the host of the nationally-broadcast radio feature, *The American Countryside*, a program that has won five Oscars for rural and agricultural broadcasting. McCrea has interviewed hall of fame sports stars, Emmy and Grammy winners and even been body slammed by professional wrestlers! His broadcasting work has taken him to all 50 states and six continents to interview thousands of guests for his program. *The American Countryside* is unique in broadcasting because all of the interviews are done on location. His broadcasts are heard daily on nearly 100 radio stations and Sirius XM satellite radio. The television version of the show is a regular feature on U.S. Farm Report.



In addition to McCrea's broadcasting duties, he continues to own and manage the farm and ranch where he was born and raised. McCrea Farms operates nearly 4,000 acres of crop and pastureland in northwest Missouri raising corn, soybeans and beef cattle. A past chairman of the Missouri Beef Industry Council and representative to the U.S. Meat Export Federation, McCrea remains active in a number of agricultural groups, both as a participant and as a frequent speaker.

McCrea's past is rooted in Missouri FFA, beginning with the King City FFA Chapter in the late 1980's. He served as the 1991-92 Missouri State FFA President and 1993-94 National FFA Secretary. He also worked as a trainer for National FFA from 1995-2005 and continues to assist the organization with national officer training and behind-the-scenes work at National FFA Convention. Since 1996, McCrea has conducted Missouri FFA State Officer Training, in addition to working with state officers in Illinois and Arizona. He is the Missouri State FFA Convention manager and is the director of both Area Officer Institute and Public Speaking Institute. McCrea has received the chapter, state and American Honorary FFA Degrees.

McCrea and wife Paula, along with children Luke and Allison, reside near Maysville, Missouri, where they are the fifth and sixth generations to operate the family farm. He's quick to credit his VERY supportive wife, kids and father who handle the chores at home while he travels.

The Missouri FFA extends a special thank you to Andrew McCrea for his many years of service to agricultural education and the Missouri FFA.

Check out State FFA Convention results on the State FFA Media Page at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/moffaconv/>



GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest Speaker – First General Session – Thursday 2:00 pm

Bryce Cluff, National FFA Western Region Vice President Queen City FFA – Queen City, Arizona

Bryce Cluff was elected to the 2017-18 National FFA Officer Team as western region vice president at the 90th National FFA Convention & Expo.

Majoring in agricultural technology and management with an emphasis in education, Cluff is a junior at the University of Arizona.



Cluff served as the Arizona FFA vice president in 2015-16. While in high school, his supervised agricultural experience (SAE) was focused on poultry production. As a first-year FFA member, he worried about his ability to create a successful SAE in his urban neighborhood. Cluff began his SAE by purchasing a male Pekin duck at the local feed store. He quickly found his passion in the poultry world, and his SAE grew from a single bird into a backyard full of diverse poultry.

"I developed my business skills, and learned how I could challenge myself to become a better agriculturist," Cluff says.

"These skills and experiences have since translated into my life and have shaped me to be a successful student and employee."

Throughout his year of service, Cluff says he hopes to grow alongside FFA members from a wide variety of backgrounds.

First General Session – Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

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

Chris Chinn, a fifth generation Missouri farmer from Clarence, was named Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture in January 2017. Director Chinn has held leadership positions in agriculture on the local, state and national level for more than 12 years.

As a trailblazer in ag advocacy, Chinn has established her brand through social media and public speaking. Through her outreach, she stands up for both rural and urban Missouri by bridging the gap between farmers and consumers, contributing to the advancement of the state's No. 1 industry.



In 2013, Chinn became a national spokesperson when she was named one of four Faces of Farming and Ranching by the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance, an honor that identifies farmers and ranchers that are eager to share their farm story. Chinn resides on her family's farm in Shelby County with her husband, Kevin, and her two children, Rachele and Conner, where she helps manage their farrow-to-finish hog operation as well as their family feed mill. The Chinn family also have a small cow-calf herd and raise corn, soybeans and alfalfa.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Second General Session – Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Mike Parson

Missouri Lieutenant Governor

Michael L. Parson was elected Missouri's 47th Lieutenant Governor on Nov. 8, 2016. He was victorious in 110 of Missouri's 114 counties and received the most votes of any lieutenant governor in Missouri history.

Lieutenant Governor Parson served in the Missouri Senate from 2011 to 2017 and the Missouri House of Representatives from 2005 to 2011. Lieutenant Governor Parson was sheriff of Polk County from 1993 to 2005 and is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

While in the Missouri Senate, Lieutenant Governor Parson chaired the Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee, and during his first two years served as the majority whip. While serving in the House of Representatives, he was chair of the House Rules Committee. He sponsored and co-sponsored landmark legislation, including the Missouri Farming Rights Amendment, which changed the Missouri Constitution to guarantee all Missourians the right to farm and ranch.

Lieutenant Governor Parson resides in Bolivar with his wife Teresa. Together they have two grown children and five grandchildren. He was raised on a farm in Hickory County, and graduated from Wheatland High School. He is a small business owner and third generation farmer with a cow-calf operation near Bolivar.



Fourth General Session – Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Carey Portell — St. James, Missouri

Never give up. It's a common phrase we often take for granted. But motivational speaker and Missouri native Carey Portell lives it every day. As she headlines this year's State FFA Convention, Portell will inspire FFA members across the state to push their limits and, most importantly, never give up.



After Portell and her children were involved in a fatal drunk driving collision, she was left with partial disabilities, even after a four-year recovery. Connecting with agriculture and assisting on her family's cattle operation has given Portell hope. She claims farm work as her physical and mental therapy.

Portell travels nationwide to share her story. Additionally, Portell shares how farming has given her a focus and a feeling of life again. She enlightens listeners with her sense of perseverance and persistence.

2018 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 19

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

(Please note there are time and location changes this year)

Agricultural Issues Forum Preliminaries

(Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd)

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

FFA Creed Speaking Preliminaries and Finals

Hearnes Center 317

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Food Science (Eckles)

Registration 10:15–11 a.m. at Trowbridge Livestock Center

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Floriculture

Registration – 10:15–11 a.m. in Hearnes, Section B10/14

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Poultry

Registration – 10:15–11 a.m. in Hearnes, Section B16/17

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Soils—Registration – 10:15–11 a.m. Hearnes-Section B9

Buses leave at 11 a.m. & return students to Hearnes Center

11:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Agromony

Registration – 10:15–11 a.m. in Hearnes-Section B15/16

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Nursery/Landscaping

Registration – 10:15–11 a.m. Hearnes-Section B15/16

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Livestock

Registration 10:15–11 a.m. at Trowbridge Livestock Center

11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Horses (Stephens Stables, Old Highway 63)

Registration 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

11:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Dairy Foods

Registration 11–11:45 a.m. in Hearnes, Section B10/14

12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Farm Management (Hampton Inn & Suites)

Registration 12–12:45 p.m.

12:45 Noon- 3:30 p.m.

Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1225 Fellows Place

Entomology

Registration 12–12:45 p.m. in Hearnes, Section B16/17

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural Issues Forum Finals—Forum Christian Church

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

FFA Knowledge (Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center)

Registration 5:15 – 6 p.m.

Friday, April 21

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Agricultural Mechanics

(Registration 6:30–7 a.m. in S147 An Sci Research Center)

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Agricultural Sales (Sheldon Academic Resource Center,

Mizzou Athletics Training Complex) Reg. 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Forestry (Trowbridge Livestock Center, South Side)

Registration 7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., Buses leave at 8:00 a.m.

(Buses will return students to Hearnes Center)

8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Dairy Cattle (Trowbridge Livestock Center Show Arena)

Registration 7:15- 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meats (Trowbridge Livestock Center Sales Arena)

Registration 7:15- 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

Parliamentary Procedure Preliminaries and Finals

(Stoney Creek Inn – 2601 South Providence Road)

8:00 a.m.

Conduct of Chapter Meeting Preliminaries and Finals

(Stoney Creek Inn – 2601 South Providence Road)

2018 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 20

The Following LDEs are held at Forum Christian Church, 3900 Forum Blvd:

8:00 a.m.	Division I Prepared Public Speaking Check-In
8:00 a.m.	Job Interview Preliminaries And Finals
8:30 a.m.	Extemporaneous Public Speaking Check-In
8:30 a.m.	Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Check-In
10:00 a.m.	Division II Prepared Public Speaking Check-In
1:00 p.m.	Job Interview Finals
1:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Public Speaking Final Check-In
1:30 p.m.	Prepared Public Speaking Finals

FCC = Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd. | Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center at 1225 Fellows Place

2018 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT SUPERINTENDENTS

Agricultural Mechanics	Dr. Leon Schumacher
Agricultural Sales	Mrs. Linda Sowers & Mr. Matt Arri
Agronomy	Mr. Timothy Reinbott & Mr. Andrew Biggs
Dairy Cattle	Mr. Ted Probert
Dairy Foods	Mr. Rick Linhardt & Dr. Bongkosh Vardhanabhubit
Entomology	Mr. Terry Woods & Ms. Kris Simpson
Farm Management	Mr. Bruce Fowler & Advisory Committee
Floriculture	Dr. David Trinklein
Forestry	Dr. Hank Stelzer
Horse Evaluation	Ms. Marci Crosby
Livestock	Ms. Addison Byrne & Mr. Britton Francis
Meats	Dr. Bryon Wiegand and Mr. Rick Disselhorst
Nursery/Landscaping	Mr. Tim Moloney
Poultry	Mr. Jess Lyons
Soils	Dr. Dusty Walter & Advisory Committee
Food Science Pilot	Dr. Andrew Clarke & Dr. Ingolf Gruen
FFA Knowledge	Dr. Jon Simonsen
Public Speaking Coordinator	Joann Pipkin, Show Me Agri-Comm
Assistant Public Speaking Coordinator	Taylor Tuttle, MBIC
Ag Issues Forum	Garrett Hawkins, Mo. Dept. of Agriculture
Extemporaneous Speaking	Gene Cook, Retired Ag Teacher
Job Interview	Brady James & Jessica Kueffer, Past State Officers
Parliamentary Procedure	Tom Mooney, Retired Ag Teacher
Conduct of Chapter Meetings	Jeremy Haley, FCS Financial
Creed Speaking	Hilary Black, Missouri Corn Growers Association

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00 a.m. Stage Practice (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 8:00 a.m. FFA Talent Rehearsal Time (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 8:30 – 5:00 p.m. Agricultural Issues Forum (Forum Christian Church)
- 9:00 a.m. New Officer Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium, Backstage)
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Creed Speaking Preliminaries and Finals — (Hearnes Center 317)
- 10:15 a.m. Creed Finals (Hearnes Center 317)
- 10:00 a.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
- 10:30 a.m. FFA Talent Performers Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 11:00 a.m. State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Mizzou Arena Foyer)
- 11:00 a.m. Career Development Events – See page 6.
Some registrations begin at 10:15 a.m. Please refer to the schedule.
- 12:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 16
Hearnes Center 309, Hearnes Center 311, Hearnes Center 317
- 12:00 p.m. Delegate Orientation and Business Session**
Check in begins at 11:00 a.m. (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 1:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 16
Hearnes Center 309, Hearnes Center 311, Hearnes Center 317
- 1:30 p.m. FFA Talent
- 2:00 p.m. FIRST SESSION of the 90th Missouri State FFA Convention**
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star Farmer Interviews (Hearnes Center 309)
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star in Placement Interviews (Hearnes Center 307)
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agribusiness Interviews (Hearnes Center 311)
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agriscience Interviews (Hearnes Center 324)
- 3:00 p.m. FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship Interviews (Hearnes Center 272 G)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner, Honorary State Degree Award Recipients (Hearnes Center 317)
Courtesy of Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives Inc.
- 5:15 p.m. FFA Talent/Pre-session
- 6:00 p.m. FFA Knowledge Contest
Hampton Inn & Suites Conf. Center
(Missouri, Stephens, Columbia rooms)
- 6:00 p.m. SECOND SESSION of the 90th Missouri State FFA Convention**

NOTE:

FCC = Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd.

Stoney Creek Inn at 2601 South Providence

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 a.m.	Career Development Events (See page 6 & 7)
8:00 a.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Registration (Stoney Creek Inn)
8:00 a.m.	Conduct of Chapter Meeting Registration (Stoney Creek Inn)
8:00 a.m.	Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
8:00 a.m.	Division I Prepared Public Speaking Check-In (FCC)
8:00 a.m.	Job Interview Check-In (FCC)
8:30 a.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Check-In (FCC)
8:30 a.m.	Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Check-In (FCC)
8:30 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
9:00 a.m.	Agriculture Teachers Meeting (Columns Club, East Tower, Memorial Football Stadium)
9:00 a.m.	FFA Career Show
9:15 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (See page 17)
10:00 a.m.	Division II Prepared Public Speaking Check-In (FCC)
10:30 a.m.	State FFA Alumni Convention (Columns Club, East Tower, Memorial Football Stadium)
10:30 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (See page 17)
10:45 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center 324)
11:00 a.m.	Meeting for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Retiring and New State Officers and Parents Courtesy of Missouri Farm Bureau (Lower Concourse)
1:00 p.m.	Job Interview Finals Check-In (FCC)
1:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Finals Check-In (FCC)
1:00 p.m.	FFA Talent
1:30 p.m.	Prepared Speaking Finals Check-In: Division I, Division II and Advanced (FCC)
1:30 p.m.	THIRD SESSION of the 90th Missouri State FFA Convention
2:00 p.m.	Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Finals (FCC)
2:00 p.m.	Division I Prepared Public Speaking Finals (FCC)
2:00 p.m.	Division II Prepared Public Speaking Finals (FCC)
2:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Finals (FCC)
3:00 p.m.	Past State Officer Reunion Reception (Columns Club, East Tower, Memorial Football Stadium)
4:30 p.m.	Past State Officer Reunion Program (Columns Club, East Tower, Memorial Football Stadium)
4:30 p.m.	Dinner for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents (Hearnes Center Lower Concourse) Courtesy of FCS Financial
4:45 p.m.	FFA Talent/Pre-session
5:00 p.m.	Seating of State Degree Candidates
5:30 p.m.	2018 State FFA Chorus Concert (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
6:00 p.m.	FOURTH SESSION of the 90th Missouri State FFA Convention

FIRST SESSION PROGRAM

Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2017-18 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Isabel Legg, State Vice President, Perryville
- **Reflections** — Dakota Allen, Mariah Fox, Isabel Legg, Chance Wallace
- **Kickoff Speaker** — Bryce Cluff, National FFA Western Region Vice President
- **FFA Talent**
- **Missouri FFA Convention T-Shirt Results**
- **Remarks** — Ms. Chris Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
- **BOAC Missouri Department of Agriculture Grant Awards**
- **Missouri Agribusiness Academy Recipients**
- **GROWMARK Essay Contest** — Karen Jones, Education Specialist
- **MO FFA vs. KS FFA Border War Food Drive Awards** — Southwestern Association
- **Teach Ag Fall Speaking LDE Winner** — Dalton Sanders, Salem
- **FFA Talent**
- **Chapter Activity Awards** — Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapters
- **Closing Ceremony**

SECOND SESSION PROGRAM

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2017–2018 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Emily Blau, State Vice President, Wellsville-Middletown
- **National Anthem** — Gracyn Blackburn, Gainesville FFA
- **Reflections:** Elise Bailey, Justin Belew, Elizabeth Knipp, Ben Luebbering
- **FFA Talent**
- **Remarks** — Lieutenant Governor Michael L. Parson
- **Distinguished Service Citation** — Mr. Andrew McCrea
- **MVATA President Remarks** – Heather Johnson, Salem FFA
 - MVATA Tech Ag Scholarship
- **FFA Proficiency Awards** — **Part I (in order of presentation)**
 - Agricultural Communications
 - Agricultural Education
 - Agricultural Mechanics Fabrication and Design
 - Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship
 - Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement
 - Agricultural Processing
 - Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship
 - Agricultural Sales – Placement
 - Agricultural Services

Agriscience Research – Animal Systems
Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems
Agriscience Research – Plant Systems
Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
Beef Production – Placement
Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship
Dairy Production – Placement
Diversified Agricultural Production

- **FFA Talent**

- **Honorary State Degree Ceremony and Presentation**

- **FFA Proficiency Awards — Part II (in order of presentation)**

- Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship
- Diversified Crop Production – Placement
- Diversified Horticulture
- Diversified Livestock Production
- Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management
- Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
- Equine Science – Placement
- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
- Food Science and Technology
- Food Service
- Forage Production
- Forest Management
- Fruit Production
- Goat Production
- Grain Production – Entrepreneurship
- Grain Production – Placement

- **FFA Talent**

- **Chartering New FFA Chapters**

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

- **FFA Proficiency Awards — Part III (in order of presentation)**

- Home and/or Community Development
- Landscape Management
- Nursery Operations
- Outdoor Recreation
- Poultry Production
- Sheep Production
- Small Animal Production and Care
- Specialty Animal Production
- Specialty Crop Production
- Swine Production – Entrepreneurship
- Swine Production – Placement
- Turf Grass Management
- Vegetable Production
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Management

- **Closing Ceremony**

THIRD SESSION PROGRAM

Friday, 1:30 p.m.

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2017-2018 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Rhiannen Schneider, State Vice President, Savannah
- **State FFA Chorus** — Directed by Beth Dampf, Jefferson City; and
Accompanied by Beth Eckles, Jefferson City
Down in Missouri—Words by James R. Shannon, Music by John Valentine Eppel,
Arranged by Greg Gilpin
Who are the Brave—Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Joseph M. Martin
Save the World/Don't You Worry Child—Arranged by Mark Brymer
- **Reflections** — Emily Blaue, Chad Laxton, Rhiannen Schneider & Abby Turner
- **FFA Talent**
- **Introduction of New State FFA Officers**
- **Installation of New Officers**
- **State FFA Talent**
- **"Missouri Ruralist" Larry Harper Young Writers Contest** — Mindy Ward, Editor
- **Hammons Products Company Presentation** — Josh Abercrombie
- **Honoring of State FFA Officers' Parents**
- **Missouri Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Recognition**
- **FFA Talent**
- **State Star Farmer, State Star in Agribusiness, State Star in Placement Awards, State Star in Agriscience.** Sponsored by MFA, Inc.
- **Closing Ceremony**

FOURTH SESSION PROGRAM

Friday, 5:30 p.m.

- **2017 State FFA Choir Concert**
Director: Beth Dampf, Choral Director, Jefferson City;
Accompanist: Beth Eckles, Jefferson City
If You're Out There — Words and Music by John Stephens, DeVon Harris, Kawan Prather & Marcus Bryant, Arranged by Mark Brymer
For Good — Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, Arranged by Mac Huff
This is Me—Words and Music by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul, Arranged by Mac Huff
- **National Anthem "Star Spangled Banner" by Jamey Ray** – 2018 State FFA Choir
- **Opening Ceremony** — 2017-18 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Abby Turner, State Vice President, Brookfield
- **Reflections** — Abby Bertz, Sydnee Mason, Aaron Mott, Madelyn Warren
- **Keynote Address** — Carey Portell, St. James, Missouri
- **State FFA Talent**
- **FFA Contest Results** – FFA Knowledge, Creed, Conduct of Chapter Meeting, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Ag Issues Forum, Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedure and Bailey Scholarship
- **State FFA Talent**
- **State FFA Degree Ceremony**
- **Career Development Events Results**
- **State FFA Talent**
- **Awarding of the State FFA Degree**
- **Closing Ceremony**

2018 CAREER SHOW

9 A.M. - 3 P.M. FRIDAY | HEARNES FIELDHOUSE

Star Club Member Exhibitors

The following exhibitors have contributed to the computer giveaway for FFA members. Members must stop by these booths to receive an entry ticket and must be present at the Career Show at 3:00 p.m. to win.

Buchheit Agri	MFA Inc.
Central Methodist University	Missouri Pet Breeders Asso.
College of the Ozarks	Missouri Valley College
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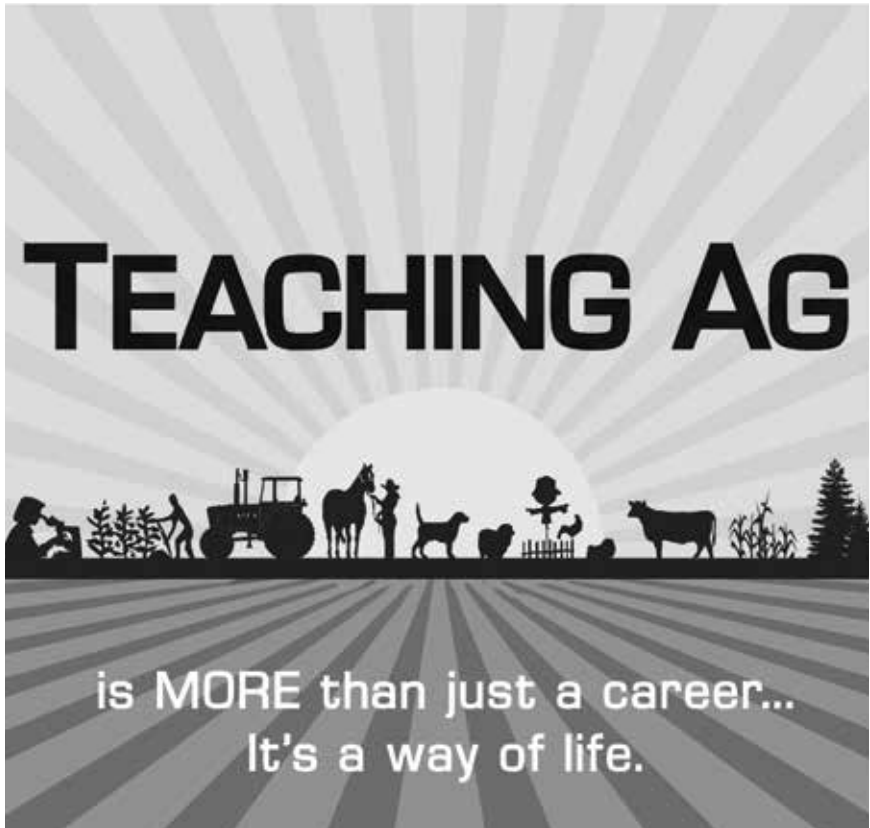
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TIME / LOCATION	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 317	Teach Ag Ambassadors Grant Louiselle - NWMSU Kassie Rankin - MU Maggie Voisard - NWMSU	Rise to the Occasion: Become an Ag Teacher Explore the different aspects of being an ag teacher and learn how to grow leaders, build communities and strengthen the industry.
12:00 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 311	Bryce Cluff National FFA Officer	Go for Goals What goals do you have in life? Do you strive for success within the blue jacket or in your personal life? Develop your current goals to become conducive to your personal growth and challenge yourself to attain your highest aspirations.
1:15 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 311	Bryce Cluff National FFA Officer	Diversity in Action Challenge yourself to rewrite society's definition of diversity and put it into action. Through comprehensive activities you can step outside your comfort zone and work alongside your fellow FFA members.
12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 309	Ethan Fordyce - MU Logan Korff - Past State Officer	Leading Precisely: A Precision Ag Insight Through drones and other technology the agricultural landscape is rapidly changing. Learn the newest advancements in precision agriculture and how we can all lead with the same precision.

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- ✓ Missouri FFA membership is 25,375 members.
- ✓ Missouri ranks sixth nationally in FFA membership.
- ✓ Missouri FFA will award 756 State FFA Degrees at this convention.
- ✓ Missouri has the largest number of American FFA Degree recipients of any state— 532 Missouri FFA members received the American FFA Degree in 2017.
- ✓ This year, 620 FFA members will be recognized with an FFA Proficiency Award for the development of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.
- ✓ That same SAE program generated over \$52 million in student income during the 2016-2017 school year across the state.

FFA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS • FRIDAY, APRIL 20

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TIME / LOCATION	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
9:15 & 10:30 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 317	Postsecondary Ag Students (PAS) Bryce King	PAS Jeopardy A look inside agriculture and PAS through ag-based game shows.
9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 307	Ryan Bake Utah State FFA Reporter	Find Your Success Do you think you have what it takes to be successful in life? Bring your skills to work through some obstacles and experiences you might go through in life.
9:15 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 311	Bryce Cluff National FFA Officer	Go for Goals What goals do you have in life? Do you strive for success within the blue jacket or in your personal life? Develop your current goals to become conducive to your personal growth and challenge yourself to attain your highest aspirations.
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9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 309	Keynote Speaker Carey Portell	Keep Calm & Set Goals Does the "big picture" or "end goal" scare you? Let's discuss how to get there without hyperventilating.
1:00 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 309 (By Invitation Only)	Brook Kreatz Lane Howard Lance Martin Missouri Agricultural Education Instructors	Are You Tagged to Teach Ag? 

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HYPE, Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence, is a youth leadership conference 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.

Helping Youth Maximize their Agricultural eXperience (HYMAX)

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.

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The primary objective of the 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.

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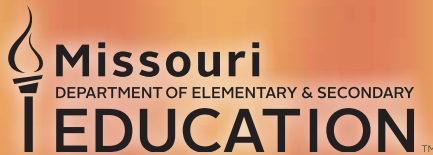
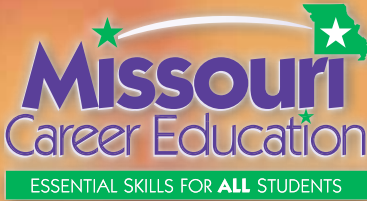
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