



Forest Lake FFA Chapter

Premier Leadership ~ Personal Growth ~ Career Success

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Local FFA Members Receive Awards

Chapter holds 82nd Annual FFA Banquet and Awards Program

FOREST LAKE, Minn – More than 140 community leaders, parents, members and FFA supporters filled Forest Lake High School on March 22nd for the Chapter's 82nd Annual Banquet and Awards Program. The event was dedicated to recognizing members for their outstanding efforts during the year.

The FFA members elected their agriculture teachers & FFA advisors Ann Tauszell, Veronica Ward & Mike Miron to Honorary Membership.

FFA members also received recognition for their outstanding achievements. Award winners included:

- **Senior Accomplishment Award:** Abby Huset
- **Chapter Star in Placement:** Amanda Zaudtke
- **Chapter Star in AgriBusiness:** Ben Niemczyk
- **Chapter Star Greenhand:** Rebecca Anderson
- **Leadership:** Jenna Skarphol
- **Community Service:** Emma Newcomb
- **Most Improved Member:** Callie Johnson
- **Cooperation:** Abby Youngman
- **Spirit of FFA:** Carrie Voss, Kalley Tietje, & Sydney Parker
- **Outstanding Fundraiser:** Ben Niemczyk
- **Outstanding First Year Member:** Rachel Roers
- **Awarded Forest Lake High School Letters:** Jenna Skarphol & Amanda Zaudtke
- **Excellence in Communication Award:** Jenna Skarphol
- **Scholar Awards:** Grace Ackerman (freshman), Camryn Oachs (sophomore), Geena Zebrasky (junior) & Ben Niemczyk (senior)

Chapter proficiencies were also presented to the following students: Callie Johnson (equine entrepreneurship), Jenna Skarphol (equine entrepreneurship/placement), Autumn Huddleston (equine placement), Ashley Ekvall (small animal care placement), Maria Anderson (swine production entrepreneurship), Brynn Miron (dairy placement), Amanda Zaudtke (dairy placement), McKenna Nelson (AgriScience), Amber Zebrasky (poultry entrepreneurship), and Abby Youngman (food science & technology placement).

Members with outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience programs and exceptional participation in leadership activities were awarded Greenhand Degree pins. These members included: Grace Ackerman, Ben Desrosier, Emelia Jacobson, Jocelyn Lewis, Amber Zebrasky, Rachel Roers, Rebecca Anderson, Jacob Orthaus, Geena Zebrasky, & Joslyn Rustad.

Chapter degrees were presented to: Kalley Tietje, Sydney Parker, Jenna Skarphol, Carrie Voss, & Camryn Oachs.

Members who are advancing to state competition in Career Development Events (CDE) were also recognized. CDEs allow students to demonstrate relevant connections between classroom instruction and real-life scenarios. The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture and demonstrate technical skills and knowledge in a competitive setting. The chapter is pleased to have state qualifiers in 6 events with additional competitions being held later in April.

Finally, the 2018-2019 chapter officer team was installed. The team consists of:

President – Callie Johnson
Vice President - McKenna Nelson
Secretary – Kalley Tietje
Treasurer – Abby Youngman
Reporter – Sydney Parker
Sentinel – Ben Desrosier
Officer at Large – Jenna Skarphol
Parliamentarian – Rebecca Anderson
Community Outreach – Allison Witzmann

The Forest Lake Agricultural Education Department offers courses and internship opportunities in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources career pathway. Students are also members of the Forest Lake FFA. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more information about the Forest Lake Agricultural Education Department and the FFA chapter contact an agricultural education instructor at (651) 982-8495 or visit our website at www.ForestLakeFFA.org.

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