



Forest Lake FFA Chapter

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Local FFA Members Receive Awards

Chapter holds 84th 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 12th for the Chapter's 84th Annual Banquet and Awards Program. The event was dedicated to recognizing members for their outstanding efforts during the year.

The FFA members elected the following individuals to Honorary Members:

- Jason and Mary Nelson (Parents of 2019 Minnesota FFA Degree Recipient, McKenna Nelson)
- Dina Parker (Parent of 2019 Minnesota FFA Degree Recipient, Sydney Parker)
- Larry and Julie Tietje (Parents of 2019 Minnesota FFA Degree Recipient, Kalley Tietje)
- Randy Rehbein (Brother of 2019 Minnesota FFA Degree Recipient, Jenna Skarphol)
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FFA members also received recognition for their outstanding achievements. Award winners included:

- **Senior Accomplishment Award:** Abby Youngman
- **Chapter Star in Farmer:** Rebecca Anderson
- **Chapter Star in AgriBusiness:** Maria Anderson
- **Chapter Star Greenhand:** Hannah Goodwin
- **Chapter Star Discovery:** Lillian Desrosier
- **Leadership:** Autumn Huddleston
- **Community Service:** Grace Ackerman
- **Most Improved Member:** Eric Knies
- **Outstanding 1st Year Member:** Conner Neeser
- **Cooperation:** Grace Ackerman
- **Spirit of FFA:** Grant Rutford, Aliyah Neeser, Kendall Tinklenberg
- **Outstanding Fundraiser:** Jacob & Zach Orthaus
- **FFA Go-Getter Award:** Zach Orthaus
- **Recruitment and Retention:** Ben Desrosier
- **Future Agricultural Educator:** Abby Youngman, Autumn Huddleston, Gracie Gregoire
- **CDE/LDE All-Star Award:** Ben Desrosier, Maria Anderson, Rebecca Anderson
- **Awarded Forest Lake High School Letters:** Abby Youngman

- **Scholar Awards:** Bartholomew Buske (7th grade), Jaden Fiedler (8th grade), Kendall Tinklenberg (freshman), Natalie Oestreich (sophomore), Gina Moua (junior) & Gracie Gregoire (senior)

Chapter proficiencies were also presented to the following students: Autumn Huddleston (equine science entrepreneurship/placement), Jenna Skarphol (equine science entrepreneurship), Rebecca Anderson (swine production placement), Zachary Orthaus (beef production entrepreneurship), Kayla Burns (veterinary science placement) Natalie Vogel (poultry production entrepreneurship) & Alison Johnson (dairy goat production placement).

Students in 7th or 8th grade who have just started their FFA experience were awarded Discover Degrees. Those receiving this recognition included: Bartholomew Buske & Lilly Desrosier

Kenball Tinklenberg, Aliyah Neeser, Eric Knies, Connor Neeser, Ellie Peters and Hannah Goodwin were awarded the Greenhand Degree for having started a Supervised Agricultural Experience program, enrolled in agricultural education courses, and participating in leadership development experiences.

A Chapter Degree was presented to Grant Rutford.

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 5 events with additional competitions being held later in April.

Finally, the 2020-2021 chapter officer team was installed. The team consists of:

President – Ben Desrosier
 Vice President - Rebecca Anderson
 Vice President - Grace Ackerman
 Secretary – Maxwell Osterkamp
 Treasurer – Jacob Orthaus
 Reporter – Gina Moua
 Sentinel – Jack Ihlenfedt
 Parliamentarian – Emma Newcomb
 Community Outreach – Hannah Goodwin

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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Picture: Forest Lake FFA members gathered for a group picture after their 84th Annual Banquet & Awards ceremony. More than 140 students, parents, alumni and community members gathered to recognize chapter accomplishments during the past year.