

State Leadership Programs

#### **About State Officer Visits**

#### State officer engagements with local chapters occur one of two ways:

- a. <u>Chapter Workshop:</u> These are curriculum-based workshops within your classrooms led by state and district officers. They can either be full or partial day visits.
- b. <u>Chapter Visit:</u> State Officers present at chapter functions. This can include but is not limited to: Chapter Meetings, Banquets, Degree Ceremonies, Community Service Events, Back to School Nights, etc.

## Chapter workshop engagements for the 2025-2026 school year will offer curriculum in four areas. The 2026-2027 cycle will offer a different curriculum.

- a. <u>Teamwork:</u> Students will learn the importance of being reliable and trustworthy when working in a team, the importance of being aware of personal strengths and weaknesses, and how to be a team player.
- b. <u>Recruitment/Involvement:</u> Students will gain an understanding of opportunities on and above the chapter level in FFA and what they have to offer. Students will also be able to share with non-members what CDEs/LDEs are and name several of them.
- c. <u>Leadership:</u> Students will identify good qualities of leadership, see their potential to fulfill leadership roles, and discover time management tactics.
- d. <u>Careers in Agriculture:</u> Students will identify specific careers within the ag industry and find at least one they are passionate about, identify the 8 Career Pathways, and realize that the world is continuously growing and it is our job as future agriculturists to feed the world.

# State officers in attendance during the school day for chapter workshops welcome opportunities to be engaged in the Ag Ed/FFA program outside of delivering curriculum if the schedule allows. These opportunities include:

- a. Media/Promotion: This is designed for local members and programs to highlight what they do in Ag Ed/FFA! State Officers learn more about the members/activities in the program and members get experience with talking in front of a camera and for them to learn how to showcase what they are doing. State officers can offer the raw footage for local chapters to use however desired. Some of the footage may be used on lowa FFA Association social media.
- b. <u>Advocacy Meetings:</u> State Officers are equipped with resources to meet with administration, alumni, and community members about the value of Ag Ed/FFA and what students gain from being involved.

### For the 2025-2026 school year, the nine state officers are assigned to the six districts as outlined below:

- a. <u>Northeast and Southeast Districts:</u> Lindsay Beyer, <u>beyer@iowaffa.com</u>, NE State VP; Cooper VanderHeiden, <u>cvanderheiden@iowaffa.com</u>, SE State VP; and Hannah Gross, <u>hgross@iowaffa.com</u>, State Reporter.
- b. <u>North Central and Northwest Districts:</u> Nora Pickhinke, <u>npickhinke@iowaffa.com</u>, NW State VP; Jagger Ferrie, <u>iferrie@iowaffa.com</u>, NC State VP; and Adam McCrea, <u>amccrea@iowaffa.com</u>, State Secretary.
- c. <u>South Central and Southwest Districts:</u> Kelsey Greenslade, <u>kgreenslade@iowaffa.com</u>, SC State VP; Laura Steinkamp, <u>lsteinkamp@iowaffa.com</u>, SW State VP; and Chloe Zittergruen, <u>czittergruen@iowaffa.com</u>, State President.

Request a state officer to come to your program today! <u>Click here</u> to complete the form and make the request.