



About State Officer Visits

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

- Chapter Workshop: These are curriculum-based workshops within your classrooms led by state and district officers. They can either be full or partial day visits.
- Chapter Visit: 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 2026-2027 school year will offer curriculum in four areas. The 2027-2028 cycle will offer a different curriculum.

- Leadership: Within the leadership workshop, students will identify qualities of leadership and see how to fulfill these roles. They will also discover time management tactics to be a more effective leader.
- Recruitment/Involvement: After participating, students will discover opportunities in FFA and benefits of involvement in agricultural education. They will also have an opportunity to engage in conversations with the officers to better refine their involvement interests.
- Advocacy: The advocacy workshop will help students tell their agriculture story and address issues facing the agricultural industry.
- Careers in Agriculture: This curriculum is designed for students to discover their interests and opportunities within agriculture. They will develop skills needed in the workforce and apply critical thinking strategies to make situational decisions.
- Communication: Students will learn how to successfully communicate through both verbal and non-verbal strategies. They will also learn about the importance of listening.

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:

- 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 Iowa FFA Association social media.
- Advocacy Meetings: 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 2026-2027 school year, the nine state officers are assigned to the six districts as outlined below:

- Northeast and North Central Districts: Andrew Pingnot, apingenot@iowaffa.com, NE State VP; Julia Mortvedt, jmortvedt@iowaffa.com, NC State VP; and Nora Pickhinke, npickhinke@iowaffa.com, State President.
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- Northwest and Southwest Districts: Grace Flannigan, gflannigan@iowaffa.com, NW State VP; Lauren Comes, lcomes@iowaffa.com, SW State VP; and Karlee VanderHamm, kvanderhamm@iowaffa.com, State Reporter.

Request a state officer to come to your program today! [Click here](#) to complete the form and make the request.