

Dassel-Cokato FFA



NATIONAL CONVENTION

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During the week of October 23rd, 11 students, including the parliamentary procedure team, traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to the 90th annual National FFA convention. This year, Dassel-Cokato placed first in the state for Parliamentary Procedure and went on to showcase Minnesota at the national level. Team members include Spencer Flood,

Kaitlyn Niska, Katie Hendrickson, Melissa Moy, Emma Erickson, and Natalea Marttinen. The team made it all the way to semi-finals and in the end, placed in the top 6 in the nation with a gold rating. Other members that attended include Megan Tritz, Calyn Rieger, Grace Zeidler, Eric Meredith, and Jack Zeidler. Members got to good-

bye to our very own Valerie Earley of Wykoff, Minnesota as she retired from her position as the National FFA Central Region Vice President. Congratulations to the Parli team and we hope y'all had an amazing experience!

National Officer Candidate Training

The first day of NOCT (National Officer Candidate Training) there was a barn dance and potluck at Irene Benders. We got to meet the candidates and learn about them. The candidates were Sam Harris(Arkansas), Annalee Witte(Indiana), Rebekka Paskewitz (Minnesota), and Kacie Cummings(Montana). After the dinner and dancing we did a little cleaning and took the candidates to see the

World's Largest Ball of Twine in Darwin. The next day was a long day, the candidates were in training all day and the officers were doing tabs or helping judge. We also had some members participate as students in the Facilitation portion of the day. Many people had come from different chapters and around the region. Unfortunately we did-

n't have any make it to becoming National Officers this year, but they were a great group of members to work with. It was a great experience for the members that participated in it. Be sure to come join us next year for it and have a great time like we did this year!

CORN DRIVE

Corn Drive is an event that takes place during harvest season every year. This event consists of members asking farmers for a donation of corn or cash. Corn Drive is a fundraiser for Camp Courage out of Annandale. Camp Courage is a camp helps high-needs youth and adults.

This year we raised an estimated **\$2,750** with the help of Dassel-Cokato members and our local farmers.

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The FFA Member in the Spotlight for November is Dayna Terning! Dayna is the daughter of Darrel and Heidi Terning and the sister of Dylan, Dustyn, Dessa, Talia and Tate. Dayna is in 7th grade and she enjoys riding her horse, barrel racing, game showing and cow showing.

This year she is on the Horse Judging team for Dassel-Cokato and recently placed 4th individually in the entire competition! Dayna joined FFA to learn more, teach and meet more people



with the same interests as her.

When asked what she hopes to get out of FFA, she responded with, “to get friendship, knowledge about agriculture, and to

be able to teach others who don’t know about our states agriculture program.”

Other than FFA, she is on the Meeker County 4-H Horse Bowl Team.

Congratulations, Dayna! We are so excited as a chapter to lead you on a path of leadership and agricultural excellence.

Have any Member in the Spotlight suggestions? Email one of the officers with your choice!

HABITS 2 OWN CONFERENCE (H2O)

Habits to Own or better known as H2O, is a one day conference held at Camp Courage near Annandale. H2O focus on developing members leadership skills, and habits of successful leaders. Focusing on the skill and habits of a successful leader is crucial to personal growth. This conference is open to FFA members statewide, grades 9th-12th. FFA members attending get the opportunity to meet and connect with FFA members from across the state, as well as hear about their personal FFA stories, and activities they do in their chapter. This year, H2O will be at the Dassel-Cokato High School on November 18th! The conference will start in the morning and ask one of the advisors for the cost. Keep a lookout for announcements on Google Classroom about similar opportunities for this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8: Regions: Dairy Foods, Fish and Wildlife, Farm Business Management, and Nursery Landscape

November 18: H2O Leadership Conference

December 1: Regions: Food Science

December 14: U of M Invite: LDEs, Farm Business Management, Small Animals, Floriculture

January: Ag Policy Experience

January 5: Regions: Crops, Ag Sales, Poultry, FB Discussion Meet, Small Animals

February 3-4: Leading the Challenge (LTC)

February 8: Leadership CDEs-Parli Pro, Conduct of Chapter

Meetings, Creed Speaking, Extemp. Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Employability Skills

February 22: FFA Day at the Capitol

MEET THE OFFICERS!

Kaitlyn Niska is a senior this year and is serving as the chapter president. She has been in FFA for five years and loves the National Officer Candidate Training event! Kaitlyn's favorite livestock animal is goats!



Elizabeth Knutson, who is a junior, is this year's chapter secretary. She has been apart of the organization for one year and likes attending the region event, Leading The Challenge (LTC). Elizabeth's favorite livestock animal is sheep!



Jack Zeidler is currently a junior serving as the chapter vice president. Jack has been in FFA for four years and likes to help be a part of National Officer Candidate Training. His favorite livestock animal is cows!



Eric Meredith is a junior and is serving as the chapter treasurer. He has been apart of FFA for four years and his favorite event is National Officer Candidate Training. Eric's favorite livestock animal is sheep!



MEET THE OFFICERS!

Camryn Sullivan is currently a junior this year and is the chapter reporter. Camryn has been in FFA for two years and loves Officer Retreat. Camryn's favorite livestock animal is goats!



Grace Zeidler is a sophomore this year serving as the chapter officer-at-large. Grace has been in the organization for three years and likes to participate in National Officer Candidate Training. Her favorite livestock animal is cows!



Dylan Terning, who is a senior, is serving as the chapter sentinel. He has been apart of FFA for five years and likes to organize and participate in the annual Corn Drive.



Tyi LaZarre is currently a sophomore and is the chapter historian. She has been in FFA for one year and loves participating in the Horse CDE. Tyi's favorite livestock animal is horses!



MEET THE ALUMNI

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Jeff and Katie Carpenter began their journey with the FFA Chapter and Alumni this past year. They live out in the country by Howard Lake with their 3 kids Abby who is a Sophomore, Austin who is not with us anymore would be 15 years old, Lucy who is a seventh grader and just started her first year in FFA and Max who is not yet in FFA and is in third grade. Abby is on the Parli team and Lucy in on the Horse evaluation team. They have 4

rabbits, 2 house cats, 2 labradors who have 6 puppies. Jeff and Katie got involved with the Alumni because they wanted to get more involved with what their kids were doing and what the chapter was doing. They want to help further the agricultural knowledge of the chapter and themselves. Their first thoughts of the Alumni is that the alumni has what seems like super nice people other than the few people who have

portrayed it in another way. They said that their favorite part of the FFA/Alumni other than the food is being able to help the chapter thrive. They are looking forward to the rest of the year and the success of the chapter. Make sure the next you see Jeff and Katie ask about their family, animals, or the things that they are excited to participate in.



SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Want to earn awards and money for things you already do? Talk to Ms. Nelson about an SAE!

SAE = Supervised Agricultural Experience. An SAE is an individual learning project with a focus in agriculture. Students design a project, set goals, keep records, and reflect on the project. FFA members have the opportunity to apply for proficiency awards based on their SAE. Almost anything related to agriculture can be an SAE! Your SAE can be one year or extend your entire FFA career. Proficiency Applications (the FFA award application for your SAE) are due February 1st.

Ms. Nelson will host SAE work nights on December 7 and December 18 after school until 6 pm.

The DC chapter goal is to submit 15 proficiency applications to the regional competition.

Questions: Ask Ms. Nelson





The FFA emblem consisting of five symbols is representative of the history, goals and future of the organization. As a whole, the emblem covers the broad spectrum of FFA and agriculture. Each element within the emblem has unique significance.



The rising sun signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrows will bring a new day glowing with opportunity.



The eagle is a national symbol which serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture.



The cross section of the ear of corn provides the foundation of the emblem, just as corn has historically served as the foundation crop of American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, as corn is grown in every state of the nation.



The plow signifies labor and tillage of the soil, the backbone of agriculture and the historic foundation of our country's strength.



The owl, long recognized for its wisdom, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture.

What does the emblem mean?

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