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## Meet The 2021 State FFA Officers

### Mikara Anderson President

Serving as state president, Mikara Anderson is the daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson. She joined the Southern Huntingdon County FFA chapter as an eighth-grade student because she wanted to continue the legacy of her family members before her, as well as to explore career opportunities.

All throughout her FFA career, she competed in Leadership Development Events, with her favorite being the senior prepared public speaking contest. She loves speaking to a subject she is passionate about and the uncertainty that comes along with the five-minute question period following the speech. Her plans include returning to the Penn State in University Park, Pennsylvania. Anderson is majoring in animal science with minors in agribusiness management and wildlife and fisheries science to obtain a job with a government agency pertaining to outdoor recreation, wildlife or animals.



### Cheyenne Bastian-Brown Treasurer

Serving as state treasurer, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown is the daughter of Cory and Jennifer Brown. Bastian-Brown is from the Canton FFA chapter. She joined FFA to experience something completely out of her ordinary interest. She enjoys the senior prepared LDE and soils CDE. Throughout her high school career she was involved in band, track and field, cheerleading, and her county's junior fair board. In her free time, Bastian-Brown loves to listen to music, work with her rabbit, and spend time with her friends and family. During her year of service, she will continue her employment at Goodview Dairies and Tops Friendly Markets.

She will attend Penn State to major in agriculture and Extension education, and later minor in political science, after her year as a state officer. Bastian-Brown cannot wait to connect with members through her passion for agriculture.



### Alayna Harrell Reporter

Serving as the state reporter, Alayna Harrell is the daughter of John and Andrea Harrell. She is a proud member of the Little Dutchmen FFA chapter at Annville-Cleona High School. In eighth grade, she joined the FFA because her friends encouraged her to, but quickly discovered the endless opportunities that the FFA has to offer. The FFA was always a place that felt like a second family to her. Throughout her career in FFA, she enjoyed participating in the public speaking leadership development events. In her free time, Harrell enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking, and playing with her dog. After her year of service, Harrell plans to attend Penn State to major in agribusiness management with a minor in communications. She cannot wait to build long-lasting relationships with members of the Pennsylvania FFA Association.

### Emma Musser Chaplain

Serving as state chaplain, Emma Musser is the daughter of Greg and Jodi Musser. With inspiration and encouragement from her grandfather and dad, former FFA members, and her older sister, Maddie, Emma joined the Elizabethtown FFA chapter when she was a freshman. Musser developed her passion for agriculture showing steers, pigs, sheep and goats on her grandparents' farm with her sisters and cousins. Throughout her high school career, she was a member of the Lancaster County 4-H program, holding offices in the livestock clubs and participating on the livestock judging, skillathon and square-dancing teams. Musser was active in her school's Bible Club, National Honor Society and art program. She also enjoys working at Floral Designs of Mount Joy. After her year of state office, Musser plans to attend Penn State, majoring in agricultural sciences or art education. Musser is excited to see the ways the Lord will lead her this year and for the opportunity to interact with Pennsylvania FFA members.



### Jessica Herr Secretary

Serving as the state secretary, Jessica Herr is the daughter of Eric and Melissa Herr. She joined the Garden Spot FFA chapter at Lampeter-Strasburg High School after seeing the impact it had on her family members. Throughout high school, Herr was active in her home chapter, the Lancaster County FFA Association, as well as the international missions team at her local church. These experiences have led her to travel internationally on missions trips and invest in the lives of students around her. She has served the community through her years of volunteering at the West Lampeter Fair, along with her job at a local coffee shop. She loves to work in her garden, travel, and spend time with friends and family. With her future plans undecided, Herr hopes her year of service will open her eyes to a potential career in the agriculture industry.



### Cody Lehman Vice President

Serving as state vice president, Cody Lehman is the son of Timothy and Amanda Lehman. He joined the Central Columbia FFA chapter as a transfer student to explore new opportunities and pursue his passion for agriculture. Throughout high school he enjoyed his many agricultural science classes as well as competing in various career and leadership development events including creed speaking, safe tractor driving, and senior prepared public speaking. Lehman also enjoys working at his family's business, Nescopeck Agway, a local feed and agricultural supply store. In his free time, he loves mowing his lawn, learning about the intricacies of soil, caring for his garden, raising rabbits, and volunteering at his church. His plans include attending Penn State to major in plant science and pursue a career in agronomy and soils.



### Emily O'Brien Sentinel

Serving as the state sentinel, Emily O'Brien is the daughter of Mike and Sonya O'Brien. She joined the Bedford CTC FFA because she wanted to continue to show livestock and broaden her knowledge of agriculture every day. FFA opened the door to many interests of hers. O'Brien's favorite career development event is livestock judging because it is fascinating to see everyone else's thought process on how they placed a class, and maybe even sneaking some pets to the goats. While in high school her extracurriculars were soccer, FBLA, video production club, student council, and Bedford County Junior Fair Board. Her plans are to attend WVU Potomac State College to dual major in agribusiness and political science, and to pursue a career in ag policy or lobbying.



## Pennsylvania FFA Foundation Sets Golf Fundraiser

The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation has announced that its 28th annual Golf Outing, usually held in July, has been rescheduled to Sept. 9 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The event, held at Foxchase Golf Club in Stevens, is open to the public and benefits the foundation's annual fund, a cornerstone of financial support for Pennsylvania FFA and agricultural education in the state. The Golf Outing is one of the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation's largest annual fundraisers, and in 2019 provided nearly \$15,000 in support for this important fund.

The final golfer registration deadline is Sept. 1, though participants who complete the registration process by July 31 will be entered into a drawing to win a prize. Registration is \$125 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, a buffet lunch, drinks throughout the event, and a dinner program which includes awards and an auction.

Register online at [paffa.org/page.aspx?ID=5836](http://paffa.org/page.aspx?ID=5836)

The dinner program is available for non-golfers at \$40 per ticket. Donations for auction items, as well as outing sponsorships, are always welcome. The 2020 flier and explanation of sponsorship opportunities also can be found online.

"Our annual golf outings are a great way for local businesses around the state to meet and mingle with current customers, potential clients and most importantly, other agricultural advocates," says Sarah Sparks, executive director of the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation. "The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation truly appreciates the generosity of our sponsors and golfers each year. It is always fun to see familiar faces and meet new friends throughout Pennsylvania." The 2020-21 Pennsylvania FFA State Officer team will be on hand to assist with the day's events.