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# State Officers Reflect on an Adventurous Year



**Mikara Anderson**  
President

This year has been incredible! Pennsylvania FFA members, thank you for teaching me more about myself than I ever knew before.

I am inspired by the resilience and motivation of our members, teachers and supporters.

Thank you for sharing your hearts, persevering through some of the toughest times we will ever face, and remaining committed to this industry that we know and love.

I am so proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for the greatest year of my life! This year is one that I have dreamt about since my first FFA convention in 2015. I am appreciative of the opportunity to serve Pennsylvania's over 13,000 FFA members, but even more, I am humbled to have walked this year of life alongside Pennsylvania's coolest and brightest agricultural leaders. I am who I am because of all of you.



## 2020-2021 Pennsylvania FFA State Officer Team



**Cody Lehman**  
Vice President

I remember the excitement of being elected to serve the Pennsylvania FFA Association.

I looked forward to opportunities to make connections with FFA members across the state representing the organization that has been so instrumental in my life. But that excitement quickly turned to disappointment as event after event was canceled, postponed or moved to a virtual platform.

To say that this year has been difficult would be an understatement. Despite the circumstances of this year, time and time again, I have seen FFA members rise above their circumstances and do more, be more, and make more out of this year than I could have imagined.

This year has been more because of the incredible students that make up the Pennsylvania FFA Association, and I could not be more proud of the members that I have been blessed to serve.

Thank you for creating more memories, making more laughs, and growing, this year was more than I could have ever asked or hoped for.



**Jessica Herr**  
Secretary

What a sweet year. I still can't believe that it's over. I've kept a list of every time I zipped up my blue corduroy FFA jacket. From board meeting Zoom calls to giving a fist bump to U.S. secretary of agriculture, Sonny Perdue, or facilitating workshops with FFA members across the state, I got chills each time I would zip up my jacket.

This year was a gift. Every member I met, every school I visited, every unexpected joyful moment — it was all a gift.

I'm incredibly grateful for this experience, and I am already so proud of the next team who will lead new generations of members.



**Cheyenne Bastian-Brown**  
Treasurer

Our members made an impact this year, on and off the computer screen.

Individually or together, you can change the world in more ways than one. You can embrace the genuineness, transparency in its rawest form and the humility of being you.

In this world, what we need more of is you being your true selves.

**Emma Musser**  
Chaplain

This year was much different than I ever imagined. It was exhausting, exciting, meaningful and like a dream come true all at the same time.

I have seen the Lord work in my life and the lives of many students across the state. I kept a running list on my phone of all the ways I have seen God working in FFA.

From text messages sent to me by students, teachers, teammates and friends to the members that chose to grow no matter the circumstances, I have documented the Lord's faithfulness.

It says in Jeremiah chapter 29, verse 13: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

I intentionally looked for the Lord this year, and I found him in fellowship, conversation and most importantly, in my blue corduroy jacket.

It's hard not to look at this year and wish it could've been normal, but as I retire my jacket and look toward the future, I feel secure knowing that the Lord wanted me here and it's here that he has met me with love, mercy and grace.



**Alayna Harrell**  
Reporter

I will forever cherish each memory that I have made in the blue corduroy the last six years.

This year has been filled with incredible members, opportunities and experiences.

Our members have led with resilience, intention and grace — much of this experience I owe to them.

This opportunity will always have a special place in my heart. To the Pennsylvania FFA, thank you for being a part of my moments and giving me a place to call home.



**Emily O'Brien**  
Sentinel

When I started my year of service I wanted to create an impact, but I never knew the scope of impact this association would have on me.

I'm amazed by the compassion I have seen from Pennsylvania FFA members. And I have also been blessed with six teammates who have traveled this journey with me. To my fellow members: Never stop achieving more, be intentional with your actions, and never stop telling your stories.