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Meet the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania FFA Officer Team



Abby O'Neill
President

Abigail O'Neill, daughter of Carla and Thomas O'Neill, will serve as the president.

She is a recent graduate of Garden Spot High School and was an active member of the Grassland FFA chapter. O'Neill joined Grassland after her freshman year introduction to agriculture course. She enjoyed the field trips and saw the great opportunities that the organization could provide her to grow as a leader and person.

After a year of membership in the chapter, she followed her mom's encouragement her to run for chapter office. O'Neill served as the sentinel, vice president and president of her chapter.

Additionally, she served as the Lancaster County vice president on the 2020-2021 team. O'Neill says she was encouraged to run for state office by her family, friends and past state officers.

Running for state office means that O'Neill will make an impact on members like the state officers before her. O'Neill remembers the first time that she met state officers and still holds with her the value that they added to her life, she said. She also enjoys meeting new people and learning from those around her. That's what truly attracted her to state office, O'Neill said.

After her year of service, she will be attending the University of Delaware to study food and agribusiness marketing and management.

Outside of the blue jacket, O'Neill loves to spend time with her family and friends. She also enjoys going to the beach and going on adventures.

She is beyond excited to connect with and learn from her teammates, FFA members, advisers and supporters.



Greg Gipe
Vice President

Greg Gipe, son of Brenda and Gary Gipe, will serve as vice president.

Gipe became fascinated by all things agriculture after he took his first agriculture class and joined the Mason Dixon FFA chapter. His supervised agriculture experience was swine production, and he served as his chapter treasurer and president. Gipe was involved with starting an aquaponics system in the school's greenhouse. He ran for state office because he wanted to make sure that all 13,000-plus FFA members in Pennsylvania feel like they belong in the organization. In his free time, he enjoys working at his local golf course and playing golf. He also enjoys spending time working at a local farm. After state office, he will be attending Delaware Valley University, majoring in agriculture education and playing on the men's golf team.



Trevor Maxwell
Reporter

Trevor Maxwell, son of Shannon Dorsey and Rich Maxwell, will serve as reporter. Growing up, Maxwell was involved in 4-H and was a member of the McGuffey FFA chapter. In his home chapter, he served as the reporter his freshman year, and president from sophomore to senior year. Maxwell was always trying to better the program, not only for his classmates, but for future generations too.

He took the chance to run for state office to "make a difference in the lives of our past, present and future generations by living up to the FFA motto," he said. Maxwell is attending Penn State to study animal science and hopes to become a large-animal veterinarian. In his spare time, he can be found in his barn with all of his animals, at a show, or working at his local vet clinic.



Nina Coolidge
Secretary

Nina Coolidge, daughter of Lance and Stacey Coolidge, will be serving as secretary.

As a member of the Grand Canyon FFA chapter, Coolidge took advantage of opportunities to improve her knowledge of agriculture and gain leadership skills. Coolidge got her chapter involved in Wreaths Across America, which provides wreaths at veterans' graves.

During her time in FFA, she competed in various leadership development events such as public speaking, employment skills and parliamentary procedure. She also played all four years of high school football.

Coolidge ran for state office to promote diversity and inclusivity within the organization. After her year of service, Coolidge will return to Penn State to continue her degree in agricultural and Extension education.



Molly Cessna
Treasurer

Molly Cessna, daughter of Wayne and Dana Cessna, will be serving as treasurer. She joined the Bedford County Technical Center FFA because she had such a strong passion for agriculture and the dairy industry, which stems from growing up on her family's dairy farm.

Cessna joined her local agriscience class and FFA chapter her sophomore year because she was looking for opportunities to expand her knowledge about dairy and agriculture. At the chapter level, she held offices of secretary and president. She also planned annual elementary school visits for her fellow classmates to teach the children about agriculture.

Being an FFA member helped Cessna to find the voice she never knew she had. She decided that becoming a state officer would allow her to be able to help other FFA members find their voice. Her plans are to attend Potomac State College in West Virginia to major in animal science to continue to work in the dairy industry.

Jordan Anderson
Chaplain

Jordan Anderson, daughter of Donald and Angela Anderson, will serve as chaplain.

Inspired by the support of her family members, especially her grandfather, Anderson joined the Penns Valley FFA chapter as an eighth grader. While enrolled in the introduction to agriculture class, she competed in the creed speaking contest. Anderson says she joined the FFA because she saw the incredible opportunities it presented to continue her passion for agriculture.

During her time in high school Anderson was encouraged by senior FFA members to run for chapter office, which led to her serving as secretary and president. Anderson's love for agriculture grew from her involvement on her family's farm while showing dairy, pigs, sheep and goats. Also during her high school career, she was a member of the Centre County 4-H program and held offices in livestock clubs and county council.

Anderson was also involved in her school's youth center, National Honor Society, yearbook club and student council. She enjoys working with a camera and running her business, Jordan Anderson Photography, in her spare time.

Anderson plans to attend the University of Wyoming for agricultural communications.



Ravyn Bashore
Sentinel

Ravyn Bashore, daughter of Robert and Sherry Bashore, will be serving as the sentinel.

Bashore joined the Northern Lebanon FFA because of her passion for agriculture and the dairy industry. In her chapter, she served as parliamentarian, chaplain and vice president. Bashore enjoys meeting new people and helping members learn about agriculture. In her free time, she enjoys showing cows, baby sitting and baking. After state office, she plans to work on a dairy farm.



Pennsylvania FFA photos

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