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Meet the 2023-2024 FFA State Officer Team



Submitted photos
Crystal Bomgardner

**Crystal Bomgardner
President**

I am serving as the 2023-2024 Pennsylvania FFA state president, and I am a member of the Northern Lebanon FFA chapter. I am the daughter of Corwin and Tara Bomgardner of Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

My SAE projects include my dairy herd and my 2021-2022 Pennsylvania dairy princess journey. My dairy herd focuses on breeding my Holstein show line in hopes of being successful in showing and selling calves and cows.

My FFA favorite memory is when the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania state officer team asked me to sing the national anthem at the 2022 Mid-Winter Convention. Currently, my future plans are undecided, but I have a passion for agriculture policy and being a voice for Pennsylvania's farmers.

While in high school, I was a member of the Northern Lebanon girls basketball team. I was also honored to serve as the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania alternate dairy princess. Outside of FFA, I enjoy playing basketball, volleyball, singing and anything adventurous.

I also attend the Times Square Church Summit campus.

**Clayton Hetrick
Vice President**

I am serving as the Pennsylvania FFA state vice president. I am a member of the Big Spring FFA chapter in Newville, Pennsylvania.

I am the son of Chad and Rebecca Hetrick. My SAE consists of working on a local dairy farm, raising market animals to show at our county fair and a small woodworking business where I build a variety of different picnic tables.

My favorite FFA memory is attending leadership conferences, especially the State Legislative Leadership Conference. My favorite CDE is safe tractor driving where I am able to apply things I have learned over the span of



Clayton Hetrick

my life working with and around tractors.

I am planning on attending Shippensburg University to major in mechanical engineering in hopes of designing machinery or agricultural implements.

In high school, I was a starter on the wrestling team for four years and played football for two years. Outside of school and FFA, I love hunting, fishing and trapping.

I am also active in our church in the Royal Ranger Ministry as well as Frontiersman Camping Fellowship.

A fun fact about me is I can talk like Donald Duck.



Rebecca Lehman

**Rebecca Lehman
Secretary**

I am serving as the Pennsylvania FFA state secretary. I am from the Central Columbia FFA chapter.

I am the daughter of Timothy and Amanda Lehman. My SAE projects consist of working a paid placement job at Nescopeck Agway, which is a feed, farm, lawn, garden and pet store.

I raise market dairy beef steers and market goats. I also breed registered American Boer Goat Association goats to market to youths interested in showing through 4-H and FFA.

My favorite memory from FFA is being selected to compete in the senior prepared public speaking competition at the national FFA convention.

Upon completing my year of service, I plan to attend Penn State to major in animal science. My career goal is to work in livestock nutrition or with livestock genetics.

Outside of FFA, I enjoy bow fishing, being a member of the American Boer Goat and Keystone Goat Producers Associations, playing guitar and trail running.



Grace McCarty

**Grace McCarty
Treasurer**

This year, I am serving as the Pennsylvania FFA state treasurer. I, the daughter of Timothy and Toni McCarty, have the opportunity to be a member of the Grassland FFA.

My SAE focuses on horse rehabilitation and training. Within this SAE, I work with my quarter horse, Hank, which involves mucking his stall, grooming him and riding him.

My favorite FFA memory is celebrating national FFA week with my home chapter. My favorite event within the week is Kolby's Cow Karaoke. We sing lots of songs, eat lots of food and hang out with cows.

In the future, I will be attending Penn State with an undecided major. I'm excited to see where the future leads.

Outside of FFA, I enjoy riding my horse, spending time at my family cabin, listening to Taylor Swift and coaching Girls on the Run.

**Maggie McAteer
Reporter**

This year, I am serving as the Pennsylvania state reporter. I have the great pleasure of being a member of the Little Dutchmen FFA chapter.

I am the daughter of Gerald and Beth McAteer.

My SAE consists of providing children with disabilities the opportunity to work with animals. We



Maggie McAteer

do a variety of farm visits with the local IU-13 classes in our county, giving children the opportunity to learn about the importance of farms.

My favorite FFA memory was when I had the opportunity to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where I made friends across the country. After my year of service, I plan to attend Delaware Valley University to double major in agribusiness and agricultural communications while also playing on the field hockey team.

Outside of FFA, I enjoy playing field hockey while also working at our local summer camp. There we do a variety of different activities throughout the summer.



Grace Brammer

**Grace Brammer
Sentinel**

This year, I am serving as the 2023-2024 Pennsylvania state sentinel. I am a member of the Cumberland Valley FFA chapter.

I am the daughter of Greg and Jackie Brammer. I have multiple SAEs, consisting of diversified livestock, on-farm employment and off-farm employment.

My favorite FFA memory is my cousin coming up on stage after being elected and giving me a huge hug in celebration.

After this year, I plan to further my education with a major in animal science and a minor in agricultural business. Other activities I like outside of FFA include watching sprint car races and camping.



Madeline Musser

**Madeline Musser
Chaplin**

This year, I am serving as the Pennsylvania FFA state chaplain. I am proud to be a member of the Shippensburg FFA chapter.

I am the daughter of Barry and Joy Musser.

I have multiple SAEs, including one on my paid placement job at BB's grocery store. I also have SAEs for raising market swine and a market goat that I show at my local fair.

My favorite FFA memories come from this year's state convention. From joyful moments with friends and family to getting elected to the state officer team with an amazing group of individuals, I'm so thankful for all the memories.

My future plans are undecided, but I plan to pursue a career in the agriculture industry. Outside of FFA, I'm actively involved in my church.

I also love being outdoors. A fun fact about me is that one of my pigs is named Hot Dog.

