

Minutes from the 95th Kansas FFA Convention

Delegate Business Session

The delegate business session was called to order by Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright, in Forum Hall at the Kansas State University Union, at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 1st.

Kansas FFA State Secretary, Aidan Yoho, called roll: a quorum was present.

Delaney Bradford of the Neodesha FFA Chapter moved to approve the minutes of the 94th Kansas FFA State Convention as read. It was seconded by Brynn Perry of the Ottawa FFA Chapter. The motion was adopted.

Rylie Meinhardt, Northeast District president, presented the report of the Committee on Opportunities for Underserved Populations. Christian Parson from the Oxford FFA Chapter moved to accept their committee report. The motion passed.

Adelle Higbie, East Central District president, presented the report of the Committee on Middle School Involvement. Peyton Merrick from the Labette County FFA Chapter moved to accept their committee report. The motion passed.

Ainsley Norton, Southeast District president, presented the report of the Committee on Developing Ag Ed Instructor Recruitment, Support, and Retention. Jessica Jahay from the South Barber FFA Chapter moved to accept their committee report. The motion passed.

Connor Blubaugh, South Central District president, presented the report of the Committee on Foundation Support of Members and Chapters. Austin Teter from the Anderson County FFA Chapter moved to accept their committee report. The motion passed.

Madison Seyb, Southwest District president, presented the report of the Committee on Chapter Engagement on the District Level. Kaydence Gunlock from the Southern Coffey County FFA Chapter moved to accept their committee report. The motion passed.

Maddy Krueger, North Central District president presented the report of the Committee on Student Interaction with Alumni and Supporters. Jase Beltz from the Canton-Galva FFA Chapter moved to accept their committee report. The motion passed.

Marisa Wasinger, Northwest District president, presented the report of the Committee on Valuing Recognition. Shawn Morgan from the Pike Valley FFA Chapter moved to accept their committee report. The motion passed.

There was no unfinished business.

Dallas Hill from the Labette County FFA Chapter moved to approve the 302 State FFA Degree candidates. The motion was seconded by Keely Peteris from the Deerfield FFA Chapter. The motion was passed.

Wade Enman from the Paola FFA Chapter moved to approve the following recipients of the Honorary State Degree: the parents of the 2022-2023 State Officers, the parents and advisors of the 2023 State

Stars, Congressman Tracey Mann, Dr. Jason Grady, and Mrs. Halley Nett. The motion was seconded by Bricen Benyshek from the Concordia FFA Chapter. The motion was adopted.

Hayley Hines from the Paola FFA Chapter moved to approve the new Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees members, Tom Benoit of Damar, Kyle Nichols of El Dorado, Kelly Sipes from KAAE, Todd Sturgis of Joplin, MO, and Shelly Turner of Scott City. The motion was seconded by Austin Teeter from the Anderson County FFA Chapter. The motion was passed.

Dagen Murray from the Mission Valley FFA Chapter moved to approve the following recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation: Dave VanderGriend, CEO of ICM Biofuels, Colwich. The motion was seconded by Allie Aldi from the Beloit FFA Chapter. The motion was passed.

Jory Ratzlaff from the Canton-Galva FFA Chapter moved to approve the following recipients of the VIP Citation: Dr. Kevin Donnelly retired professor of Agronomy at Kansas State University and Mr. Greg Krissek former CEO of Kansas Corn. The motion was seconded by Bricen Benyshek from the Concordia FFA Chapter. The motion was passed.

Austin Teeter from the Anderson County FFA Chapter moved to recess until the seventh general session of the 95th State FFA Convention tomorrow, Friday, June 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Dallas Hill, from the Labette County FFA Chapter seconded. The motion was passed.

Those in attendance also heard some words from J.W. Wells with Kansas Ag Bankers. After those words, delegates were released.

Opening Session:

The first session of the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention was called to order by Kansas FFA President, Karlie Albright, on Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. in McCain Auditorium.

Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright was introduced as the chair of the opening session for the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention.

Bryston Warren, a graduate student in the Agriculture Economics department at Kansas State, provided opening remarks.

The following FFA Chapters that chartered in the 2022-2023 school year were recognized: Conway Springs FFA Chapter, Hutchinson CTE Academy FFA Chapter, Jefferson County North FFA Chapter, and White City FFA Chapter.

The top four individuals along with state president, Karlie Albright presented a paragraph from the FFA Creed. Those individuals who were the finalists for the Creed Speaking LDE in ranking order were: 4th, Emberlee Allen, Holton; 3rd, Hailey Wilson, Udall; 2nd, Lily Wiley, Labette County; and representing Kansas at National Convention and placing 1st, Anessa Polzin, Stanton County.

Layton Johnson, Abby Porter, and Chelsey Figge introduced Kansas FFA Vice President, Kristen Kyger, for her retiring address entitled "The Power to Define." Following her remarks, Kristen's sister and advisor were recognized for their continued support of her endeavors, Kansas FFA, and the Russell FFA Chapter. Kristen's sister, Ember Meadows, also received her Honorary State Degree.

The top four teams in the novice and senior Parliamentary procedure were announced. The top four teams in the novice division were: 4th- Labette County, 3rd- Uniontown, 2nd- Chapman, and 1st- Mission Valley. The top four teams in the senior division were: 4th- Royal Valley, 3rd- Labette County, 2nd- Holton, and 1st- Mission Valley.

The top four teams in the Ritual Demonstration Leadership Development Event were announced. Those chapters were: 4th- Royal Valley, 3rd- Neodesha, 2nd- Moundridge, and 1st- Hays.

The 12 state officers candidates were brought on stage to present their candidate speeches to the delegates. State Secretary, Aidan Yoho, called the role of chapters and a quorum was present. The 12 state officer candidates were in alphabetical order: Katina Bartel, Kacey Butler, Kai Cox, Tessa Hartman, Karli Neher, Cecilia Newby, Nissa Olsen, Christian Peña, Jaymee Renfro, Payton Ryba, Hannah Schreiner, and Sage Toews.

After some brief announcements, closing ceremonies were conducted.

Second Session:

The second session of the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention was called to order by Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright, on Thursday, June 1st at 8:30 a.m. in McCain Auditorium.

Kansas FFA State Sentinel, Mackenzie Anderson, was introduced as the second session chair and assumed the duties of the chair.

Those chapters with innovative ideas in the Building Communities area of the National Chapter Award were the Doniphan West FFA Chapter with their activity Cow Patty Bingo with PRIDE, the Minneapolis FFA Chapter with their activity Sitting with Seniors, the Sedan FFA Chapter with their activity Warming our Outside Friends, and the Tonganoxie FFA Chapter with their Butterfly Release activity.

Brylee Budde, Cody Newdigger, and ReAnna Dunlap introduced Kansas FFA State Reporter, Cali Newdigger, for her retiring address entitled "Just Fine." Following her remarks, Cali's parents, advisor, and administration were recognized for their continued support of her endeavors, Kansas FFA and the Skyline FFA Chapter. Cali's parents, Glenn and Carrie Newdigger, also received their Honorary State Degree.

The Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees were recognized on stage for all of their hard work and dedication to the Kansas FFA. The Board of Trustees consisted of: Halley Nett - Chair, Mike Smith - Vice-Chair, Yancy Wright - Treasurer, Kevin Davis and Kurt Dillon - Executive Committee, Jay Armstrong, Chad Bontrager, Glenn Brunkow, Michael Burns, Karlie Albright, Kevin Gleason, Kim Harms, Kevin Harris, Loy James, Mary Kane, Dana Ladner, Lloyd Schneider, Kelly Sipes, Jessica Smith, Karl Dawn Stover, Dr. Sharon Thielen, Dr. John Ulmer, Beth Gaines, and Johanna Andres.

Halley Nett, Jay Armstrong, Chad Bontrager, Michael Burns, and Lloyd Schneider all were recognized for their service to the board as they were stepping down. Todd Sturgis, Shelly Turner, and Tom Benoit were recognized as new members of the board at that time as well.

The results from the Leadership Information Test were announced. The top 10 individuals were: 10th, Jacob Huyett, Holton; 9th, Gracie Karst, Russell; 8th, Clara Johnston, Mission Valley; 7th, Jansen Gerstner, Frankfort; 6th, Lily Gronau, Girard; 5th, Spencer Rockers, Anderson County; 4th, Mallory Wheat, Anderson County; 3rd, Olivia Rickel, Royal Valley; 2nd, Cecilla Newby, Labette County; and 1st, Lakin Giager, Labette County. The top five teams were also announced. They were in ranking order: 5th, Holton; 4th, Girard; 3rd, Anderson County; 2nd, Royal Valley; and 1st, Labette County.

SAE Grants were also recognized during the second session. Those individuals receiving state level grants were: Anah Warren - Wichita Southeast; Kayley McGuire and Chesnie Dickinson - Beloit; McKaley Chambers and Robert Long - Clay Center; Sophie Polson - Frankfort; Isabelle Barker - Tonganoxie; Jonathan Wright, Makenna Elliot, and Carson Kearn - Washington County; Brooklyn Rawles - Doniphan West; Karlee McPhail - Riverton; Halle Young, Megan Matulka, and Kodi McComb - Skyline; Isabel Wright - Blue Valley; Clayton Wagner - Labette County; Morgan Carson - Buhler; Adelaide Haverkamp and Dave Haverkamp - Nemaha Central; Talon Jasper - Anderson County; Corbett Hinck, Dagan Murray, Kenady Deever, and Connor Hoelting - Mission Valley; Alyssia Brown and Emmy Gfeller, Chapman; Vanessa Jones - Rock Creek; and Braxton Unruh - Goessel.

Individuals receiving national level SAE Grants were: Jocelynn Arndt, Kelsie Bowers, Natalia Onelio and Ivy Schwartz - Arkansas City; Quinn Eilert - Beloit; Brock Burgman, Easton Dunstan, Bryce Hoeltzel, Landon Schreiber, Gage Williams, and Koy Williams - Blue Valley; Payton Huffman and Rylan Parks - Buhler; Brayden Lexow and Jason Mader - Chapman; Grace Lance -Chetopa; John Moyer - Columbus; Noah Goss - Ellsworth; Isabel Armstrong and Kale Koch -Frankfort; Gracyn Bracken - Fredonia; Ella Neher - Hays; Kailei Mitchell and Dalton Peters - Holton; Noah Wiley - Labette County; Ava Gustin and Haiden Lowe - Mission Valley; Kylee Simon - Renwick; Kirstyn Busby and Abby Porter - Riverton; Benjamin Kneisler - Royal Valley; Nolan Kenworthy - Skyline; Lane Fritz - Southeast of Saline; and Graham Foley, Emma Myers, Grace Patterson, and Dalton Regehr - Tonganoxie.

The KAAE Essay and Video Contest winners were announced. In the Essay category, the top three individuals were: 3rd, Ethan Kneisler - Lyndon; 2nd, Kierra Eck - Russell; and 1st, Peyton Sherron - Spring Hill. In the Video category, the top three were: 3rd, Geoffery Zohner - Hill City; 2nd, Leanne Schoup and Savannah Davis - Lyndon; and 1st, Gracie Billips, Alexander Hamel, and Ella Heart - Hill City.

Our KAAE Vice Presidents and District Advisors were recognized. Ms. Sydney Cullison of the Fort Scott FFA Chapter was the lone retiring KAAE Vice President. Ms. Alicia Hampton - East Central District, Mrs. Katie Carlgren - North Central District, Mr. Andy Morton and Ms. Ashley Carr - Northeast District, Mrs. Nicole Winter - Northwest District, Mrs. Ashley Austin - South Central District, Mr. Dustin Wiley, Mr. Kyle Zwahlen, and Mr. Keith Geren - Southeast District, and Ms. Elizabeth Meyer - Southwest District.

Dr. Jill Brown of Northwest Missouri State University gave a special keynote for those in attendance.

The first part of the Proficiency Award pageant was presented to the following members: Agricultural Education- Payton Ryba, Cheney FFA Chapter; Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication- Lawson Jones, Chapman FFA Chapter; Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance (Placement)- Cole McCorkle, Wellington FFA Chapter; Agricultural Processing- Josie Buck, Jackson Heights FFA Chapter; Agricultural Sales (Entrepreneurship)-Ben Burling, Eudora FFA Chapter; Agricultural Sales (Placement)- Nick Kuntz, Mission Valley FFA Chapter; Agricultural Services- Ethan Kneisler, Lyndon FFA Chapter; Agriscience Research (Animal Systems)- Mikayla Dibben, Junction City FFA Chapter; Agriscience Research (Integrated Systems)- Gracie Karst, Russell FFA Chapter; Agriscience Research (Plant Systems)- Hannah

Gideon, Russell FFA Chapter; Beef Production (Entrepreneurship)- Nissa Olsen, Manhattan FFA Chapter; Beef Production (Placement)- Emma Audemberger, Tonganoxie FFA Chapter; Dairy Production (Entrepreneurship)- Cole Meyer, Hanover FFA Chapter; Dairy Production (Placement)- Kyndall Sextro, Nemaha Central FFA Chapter; Diversified Agricultural Production- Madisyn Helwig, Labette County FFA Chapter; Diversified Crop Production (Placement)- Cristian Bain, Oxford FFA Chapter; Diversified Horticulture- Rebekah Vague, Ellsworth FFA Chapter; and Diversified Livestock Production- Delaney New, Holton FFA Chapter.

After some brief announcements, closing ceremonies were conducted.

Third Session:

The second session of the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention was called to order by Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright, on Thursday, June 1st at 2:00 p.m. in McCain Auditorium.

Retiring advisor, Mr. Wayne DeWerff, was recognized for his years of service to agricultural education, Kansas FFA and his students of the Central Plains FFA Chapter.

Kansas FFA State Secretary, Aidan Yoho was introduced as the third session chair and assumed the duties of the chair.

The second part of the Proficiency Award pageant was presented to the following members: Equine Science (Entrepreneurship)- Natalee Bray, Pike Valley FFA Chapter; Equine Science (Placement)- Zane Poulsen, Hugoton FFA Chapter; Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production- Cody Willie, Iola FFA Chapter; Forage Production- Ella Pachta, Republic County FFA Chapter; Fruit Production- Emilee Gaston, Chapman FFA Chapter; Goat Production- Tucker Seibert, Chapman FFA Chapter; Grain Production- Noah Wiley, Labette County FFA Chapter; Landscape Management- Christian Pena, Sublette FFA Chapter; Outdoor Recreation- Benton Kerr, Manhattan FFA Chapter; Poultry Production- Christopher Cain, Mission Valley FFA Chapter; Service Learning- Brecken Pearson, Canton-Galva FFA Chapter; Sheep Production- Kacey Butler, Chapman FFA Chapter; Small Animal Production and Care- Carly Dreher, Iola FFA Chapter; Specialty Animal Production- Michaela Neely, Renwick FFA Chapter; Swine Production (Entrepreneurship)- Tucker Leck, Neodesha; Swine Production (Placement)- Jenna DeRouche, Wamego FFA Chapter; Turf Grass Management- Landon Schreiber, Blue Valley FFA Chapter; Vegetable Production- Augustus Wright, Paola FFA Chapter; Veterinary Science- Cecillia Newby, Labette County FFA Chapter; and Wildlife Production and Management- Trey Melton, Republic County FFA Chapter.

Jaysa, Kennedy, Breckyn, and Laken Anderson introduced Kansas FFA State Sentinel, Mackenzie Anderson, for her retiring address entitled "Embrace Your Circle." Following her remarks, Mackenzie's parents, advisor, and administration were recognized for their continued support of her endeavors, Kansas FFA, and the Renwick FFA Chapter. Mackenzie's parents, James and Betsy Anderson, also received their Honorary State Degree.

The Kansas FFA Foundation Sponsors were recognized for the continued support of the Kansas FFA Association over the last year.

Chapter seed programs were also recognized for the contribution they give to the Kansas FFA Association by making a minimum donation of \$200 per year. The 19 chapters participating in the chapter seed program were: Cheney FFA Chapter, Clay Center FFA Chapter, Ell-Saline FFA Chapter,

Ellsworth FFA Chapter, Holton FFA Chapter, Ingalls FFA Chapter, Iola FFA Chapter, Jefferson West FFA Chapter, Marais des Cygnes FFA Chapter, Mission Valley FFA Chapter, Osborne County FFA Chapter, and Southeast of Saline FFA Chapter. These next chapters have donated over \$1,000 through the last 5 years: Buhler FFA Chapter, Centre FFA Chapter, Hugoton FFA Chapter, Marion-Florence FFA Chapter, Republic County FFA Chapter, Sedan FFA Chapter, and South Barber FFA Chapter.

Scrapbook awards were recognized next. These chapters were the best of the best when it came to capturing those perfect moments for their chapters.

The Employment Skills LDE results were announced. The top six individuals in ranking order are: 6th- Sage Toews - Canton-Galva, 5th- Kaley Wagner - Smith Center, 4th- Ella Pachta - Republic County, 3rd- Addison Green-Russell - Smith Center, 2nd- Tanner Templeton - Labette County, and 1st- Katherine Henderson - Dexter.

The Agriscience Fair winners of each division in the Animal Systems category were: Division 1- Gentry Hartman, Clay Center; Division 3- Katy Prieb, Canton-Galva; Division 4- Hannah Younger and Brynlin Schwindt, Ness City; Division 5- Maddie Weaber, Wamego; Division 6- Emma Herrera and Liliana Espinoza, Canton-Galva. The winners of each division in the Environmental and Natural Resources category were: Division 3- Alex Buch, Junction City; Division 4- Chris Henry and Jace Goggins, Junction City; Division 5- Sage Toews, Canton-Galva; Division 6- Jory Ratzlaff and Garrett Maltbie, Canton-Galva. The winners of each division in the Food Products category were: Division 1- Sierra Fengel, Clay Center; Division 3- Grady Oentrich, Junction City; Division 4- Makinlee Hoppes and Emerson Hoppes, Canton-Galva; Division 5- Mikayla Dibben, Junction City; Division 6- Emma Hinds and Keiondrae Wilcox, Junction City. The winners of each division in the Plant Systems category were: Division 1- Bailey Parker, Clay Center; Division 3- Keira Gliniecki, Junction City; Division 4- Kenzie Forbus and Eliana Re, Junction City; Division 5- Kourtney Dibben, Junction City; Division 6- Ezekiel Witt and Jordan Thiem, Junction City. The winners of each division in the Power and Technology category were: Division 3- Jace Beltz, Canton-Galva; Division 4- Grant Roeser and Blake Proietti, Junction City; Division 5- Chloe Wilson, Junction City; Division 6- Shep Kidd and Aaron Goering, Canton-Galva. The winners of each division in the Social Science category were: Division 3- Maggie Chandler, Neodesha; Division 4- Kaitlyn Sohnrey and Brianna Wallace, Junction City; Division 5- Lilye Cartwright, Junction City; and Division 6- Noah Goss and Rebekah Vague, Ellsworth.

Those chapters exceling with innovative ideas in the Growing Leaders category of the National Chapter award are: Chapman FFA with "Where's the Energy," Oxford FFA with "Dinger Derby," Russell FFA with "Positivity Wall," and Skyline FFA with "Ships and Shadows."

The recipients of the CTE Scholars award were recognized during this time. Those individuals who were designated as CTE Scholars are: from Buhler FFA - Breanna Bingle, Lillian Coldren, Crislyn Frank, Myles Fredrick, Elise Gover, Rylan Parks, Ivan Penrose, Bryce Ruda, Willow Schlatter, and Emilie Schweizer; from Labette County FFA - Cecillia Newby; from Manhattan FFA - Nissa Olsen and Soledad Rodriguez; from Newton - Brylee Budde, Jacob Budde, Lana Mayfield, and Addie Nickel; from Olathe Advanced Tech - Madison Dumas and Kai Willoughby-Neal; from Olathe West - Brylee Adkins, Nile Asentwa, Darby Russell, Eliza Watson, and Mackenzie Wealot; from Russell FFA - Gracie Karst; from Skyline FFA - Halle Young; from Wamego FFA - Allie Blume and Jenna DeRouchey; from Wellington FFA - Chloe Hibbs, Shianna Hughes, Skylar Koehn, Cole McCorkle, and Emma Stover.

Our National FFA Central Region Vice President, Karstyn Cantrell, from Oklahoma gave special remarks.

WLC Scholarship recipients were recognized for their hard work and achievement on stage. Those individuals were: Jory Ratzlaff- Canton-Galva, Carmen Rock- Chapman, Adalyn Pfizenmyer and Candace Lippe- Clay Center, Brooke Haunschild and Riley Schalk- Dexter, Noah Goss- Ellsworth, Blake LaPean- Eudora, Ainsley Norton- Girard, Karson Schierling and Zachary Martisko- Inman, Lola Edwards and Abigail Christensen- Louisburg, Tucker Leck- Neodesha, Hanna Orr and Kadence Henke- Republic County, Joseph Kern- Washington County, Cody Brown- White City, Montana McCurdy- Marais des Cygnes, Kallie Belle and Nathyn Burris- Seaman, Makenzie Shivey- Arkansas City, Chantel Hernandez- Cimarron, Landon Ritter- Colby, and Jady Eckert- Newton.

The 10 finalists for the Gator Drawing were also announced. Those 10 individuals will be eligible to win the Gator during the end of the 6th session!

After some brief announcements, closing ceremonies were conducted.

Fourth Session:

The fourth session of the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention was called to order by Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright, on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. in McCain Auditorium.

Retiring advisor, Mr. Danny Rice, was recognized for his years of service to agricultural education, Kansas FFA, and his students of the Marais des Cygnes FFA Chapter.

Kansas FFA State Treasurer, Emma Kepley, was introduced as the chair of the fourth session for the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention.

Emery and Quinlyn Yoho, Brady Hurt, and Tucker Leck introduced Kansas FFA State Secretary, Aidan Yoho, for his retiring address entitled "Write Your Story." Following his remarks, Aidan's parents, advisors, and administration were recognized for their continued support of his endeavors, Kansas FFA and the Yates Center FFA Chapter. Quentin and Hollie Yoho were recognized for their continued support, they have previously received the Honorary State Degree.

The Honorary Degree ceremony was performed by the state officers, and three special individuals were selected to receive this degree. Those individuals were: Representative Tracey Mann, Dr. Jason Grady, and Mrs. Halley Nett.

ICM Biofuels was recognized as the Distinguished Service Award recipient for the Kansas FFA Association. The VIP Citations were also announced. Those individuals receiving this recognition were: Dr. Kevin Donnelly and Mr. Greg Krissek.

The top four individuals in the Discussion Meet LDE were recognized next. Those individuals in ranking order were: 4th- Cory Hampton - Skyline, 3rd- Brady Hurt - Chanute, 2nd- Jenna Pitts - Atchison County, and 1st- Jackson McCurry - Renwick.

The top team in the Agricultural Issues Forum LDE was recognized next. That chapter was Junction City.

The top four individuals in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE were then recognized. The top four individuals in ranking order were: 4th- Hank Newton - Southern Coffey County, 3rd- Zoe Rhodes - Girard, 2nd- Noah Goss - Ellsworth, and 1st- Tucker Leck - Neodesha.

The top four individuals in the Prepared Public Speaking LDE were then recognized. The top four individuals in ranking order were: 4th- Madeline Murnahan - Holton, 3rd- Josie Buck - Jackson Heights, 2nd- Carly Dreher - Iola, and 1st- Tucker Leck - Neodesha.

Those chapters with innovative ideas in the Strengthening Agriculture area of the National Chapter Award were the Dexter FFA Chapter with "Sound the Alarm," the Girard FFA Chapter with "Morning Announcements," the Inman FFA Chapter with "Corn Hole Tournament for a Cause," and the Smith Center FFA Chapter with "FFA Exchange."

We heard from our keynote speaker of the convention, Mike Pierce, also known as "Antarctic Mike," give an inspiring message.

After some brief announcements, closing ceremonies were conducted.

Fifth Session:

The first session of the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention was called to order by Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright, on Friday, June 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in McCain Auditorium.

The 25th Anniversary Team presented Opening Ceremonies in place of the state officers.

Kansas FFA State Reporter, Cali Newdigger, was introduced as the chair of the fifth session for the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention

Megan Shuler, Elizabeth Sturgis, and Ellie Woodall introduced Kansas FFA Treasurer, Emma Kepley, for her retiring address entitled "No Hardwork, No Reward; Know Hardwork, Know Reward." Following her remarks, Emma's parents, advisors, and administration were recognized for their continued support of her endeavors, Kansas FFA, and the Riverton FFA Chapter. Emma's parents, Kevin and Stephanie Kepley also received their Honorary State Degree.

Those chapters that excelled in the National Chapter award were recognized on stage. Silver and Gold Divisions were both recognized. Those chapters in the Gold Division were: Arkansas City, Beloit, Buhler, Caney, Chapman, Clay Center, Dexter, Doniphan West, Ell-Saline, Ellsworth, Haven, Holton, Inman, Marysville, McLouth, Minneapolis, Ottawa, Oxford, Riverton, Royal Valley, Sedan, Udall, and Victoria.

The results from the Leadership Quiz Bowl CDE that happened during the convention were read. The teams that placed in the 2023 Kansas FFA Quiz Bowl Competition were: 2nd- Anderson County and 1st- Minneapolis.

The chapters that excelled in the Marketing Plan CDE were announced. Those three chapters in ranking order are: 3rd- Junction City, 2nd- Canton-Galva, and 1st- Paola.

Those teams that were going on and competing at the National FFA Career Development Events while representing Kansas were announced. After the conclusion of the team announcements, the high individuals from each Career Development Event were recognized as well.

The CDE Sweepstakes award was announced as well. This award is a culmination of success at the Career Development Events held during the first part of May. The five chapters that placed in the sweepstakes competition were: 5th- Spring Hill, 4th- Girard, 3rd-Anderson County, 2nd-Labette County, and 1st-Louisburg.

Mr. Guy Shoulders, Kansas FFA State Advisor, gave his State of the State remarks on the current situation of Agricultural Education in the state of Kansas.

Then 99 individuals from the state that received a scholarship from either the State or National Association were announced and recognized during this time.

After some brief announcements, closing ceremonies were conducted.

Sixth Session:

The sixth session of the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention was called to order by Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright, on Friday, June 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in McCain Auditorium.

We heard special remarks from Kaden and Emily Roush, owners of R Family Farms from Smith Center.

There were 302 recipients from chapters across Kansas approved to receive their State FFA Degree.

After the State Degree ceremony, the Gator Drawing occurred, and Madison Newell of the Ellsworth FFA Chapter was selected as the lucky winner.

After some brief announcements, closing ceremonies were conducted.

Seventh Session:

The seventh session of the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention was called to order by Kansas FFA State President, Karlie Albright, on Friday, June 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in McCain Auditorium.

Kansas FFA State Vice President, Kristen Kyger, was introduced as the chair of the seventh and final session for the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention.

The State Band performed a short concert to cap off a week spent training and presenting their talents to those who attended the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention.

Emily Albright, Raegan Andler, and Harper Andler introduced Kansas FFA President, Karlie Albright, for her retiring address entitled "Embrace the Loss." Following her remarks, Karlie's parents, advisors, and administration were recognized for their continued support of her endeavors, Kansas FFA, and the Royal Valley FFA Chapter. Scott and Barb Albright were recognized but already received their Honorary State Degree.

Those chapters who placed in the top 10 of the Triple Crown Award and the winner of the Bob Garlow Memorial Trophy were announced. Those chapters in ranking order were: 10th- Riverton, 9th- Arkansas City, 8th- Udall, 7th- Holton, 6th- Doniphan West, 5th- Oxford, 4th- Chapman, 3rd- Beloit, 2nd- Royal Valley, and the chapter that was awarded the Bob Garlow Memorial Trophy for placing first in the Triple Crown Award was Ellsworth.

The State Chorus performed a short concert to cap off a week spent training and presenting their talents to those who attended the 95th Kansas FFA State Convention.

The presentation of the Stars over Kansas was held. Christian Peña from the Sublette FFA Chapter was named Star in Agribusiness. Abigail Porter from the Beloit FFA Chapter was named Star in Agriculture Placement. Ella Pacht from the Republic County FFA Chapter was named Star Farmer. All the parents and advisors of the Stars over Kansas were presented with an Honorary State FFA Degree. The other students representing their district for the Star in Agribusiness were Ben Burling- Eudora and Rebekah Vague- Ellsworth. The other students representing their district for the Star in Agriculture Placement were Kyle Peterson- Center, Cole Nolte- Marysville, Cody Wille- Iola, and Will Sherman- Prairie View. The other students representing their district for the Star Farmer were Kyle Stephenson- Mission Valley, Catie Gooch- Hugoton, Delaney New- Holton, Luke Hartung- Haven, and Ean Doane- Smith Center.

Nominating Committee Chair and 2021-2022 Kansas FFA President, Ashley Chandler, assumed the duties of chair to announce the results for the new state officer team.

The 2023-2024 Kansas FFA Officer team was announced: Sentinel- Kai Cox, Northern Valley FFA; Reporter- Sage Toews, Canton-Galva FFA; Treasurer- Karli Neher, Hays FFA; Secretary- Cecillia Newby, Labette County FFA; Vice President-Payton Ryba, Cheney FFA; President- Christian Peña, Sublette FFA.

The 2023-2024 Kansas FFA Officer team was duly installed.

The 2023-2024 Kansas FFA Officers performed closing ceremonies.