

Haley Dawn Brogan

Preferred First Name

Haley

High School

Winfield High School

Chapter Name

Winfield FFA Chapter

Chapter Number

KS0184

Semesters of Agricultural Education Completed

6

Years in FFA

4

In what level of education are you currently enrolled?

High School

If you will be enrolled in post-secondary education following election to state office, where will you be attending?

Kansas State University

Anticipated College Major

Feed and Pet Food Science

Career Objective

Large Animal Veterinarian

FFA and Agriculture Education Experience

Supervised Agriculture Experience Program and Scope

My Placement SAE in the Small Animal Production and Care started almost three years ago. At Prairie Paws LLC, I am in charge of caring for all of the boarded animals, maintaining the building and all facilities, keeping records of vaccines and forms, answering calls and messages, and interacting with customers. After my work there, my passion for the animal industry grew, which encouraged me to seek out more opportunities, enabling me to have two additional SAEs within the animal industry.

FFA Leadership Experience: (Office/Committee Assignment, Organization/Group, Year Held) - List up to 5

- Chapter Historian, 1 year (2023-2024)
- Chapter Secretary & Treasurer, 1 year (2024-2025)
- Chapter Reporter & Vice President 1 year, (2025-2026)

FFA Activities: (Chapter, District or National Events; CDEs; LDEs; Leadership Programs; and other FFA sponsored activities) - List up to 10

- National Convention- 2 years
- Leader Lab- 1 year
- Employment Skills LDE-2 years
- Agricultural Sales LDE-4 years
- Agriscience Fair-3 years
- Glimpse of Cargill-3 years
- Veterinary Science CDE-3 years
- Floriculture CDE-3 years
- Ritual LDE-2 years
- Public Speaking (Prepared) LDE-2 years

Other Leadership and Service Activities: (Community, School, 4-H, Church, Sports, Clubs, etc.) - List up to 10

- WHS Band-4 years
- Royal Viking Yearbook-3 years
- Student Council-4 years

- Interact-3 years
- National Honor Society-2 years
- Relay for Life-4 years
- Winfield Rotary Club-4 years
- Trinity Lutheran School & Church-4 years
- Winfield Early Learning Center-3 years
- Cowley County Mental Health Fair & Walk-4 years

Essay Questions

What is your biggest accomplishment up until now? How has it shaped you and your leadership style?

Growing up, I always had a quick answer to the question: what do you want to do after high school? It was second nature for me to say a science teacher, but within my first year of high school and FFA, that dream quickly changed into something new and exciting: a veterinarian. Looking back over the past 17 years, I have come to realize one specific thing. My biggest accomplishment hasn't been an award I have been given or an honor I have received, but rather an experience I am very blessed to have had. This experience has allowed me to find my passion and pursue it in numerous different avenues. From starting at a local boarding place, I was quickly able to become more comfortable and aware of how animals react to humans. As time went on, I began exploring the option of working in the livestock industry. I had already helped extended family work and vaccinate cattle, so this was a new opportunity to explore. To do so, I would reach out to a local clinic to gain more experience. After some time, I was able to shadow at a veterinary clinic for the first time, and after spending 200 hours over the summer and gaining a job as a kennel technician, the realization hit me. I have been able to experience the many different facets of veterinary medicine before my senior year of high school! I was able to build connections, have personal conversations with people in the industry, and be exposed to a work environment that values relationships, hard work, kindness, and staying true to your morals. This experience was perfect for me, because I was able to see, first hand, what I want my future clinic to look like. Not only a place where the animals are valued, but also where the relationships within the community are the foundation of the entire operation. The Winfield Veterinary Hospital and its staff became the role models for the person I wish to become. Although some of these events feel like they only happened yesterday, I have seen the effects in my everyday life, especially in my leadership style. After my growth within the animal industry, I have seen myself become more confident in my people skills, calm in hectic situations, and have an increased awareness of the effects of my actions. I have learned that Johann Wolfgang's quote, "The way you see people is the way you treat them, and the way you treat them is what they become," applies to animals. I have become a better, more understanding, and genuine person throughout my time in the vet med industry.

If elected, how would you positively influence the Kansas FFA Association?

As I became older, I was taught to tackle every new journey with a strong work ethic, an open mind, and a kind heart. Throughout my time in the National FFA Organization, I have seen these values align perfectly with the motto "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve." If I were to be elected as a state officer, I would benefit the organization by leading with a willingness to learn, hard work, and commitment to serving our members. Because of my experiences within FFA, I have come to realize that the opportunities for growth and learning were only possible through my ability to come into a new environment with excitement, an open mind, and a willingness to learn. From meeting new people to finding their very own passion, I believe that every member is a leader in their own way, ready for the challenge that lies ahead. My goal is to create a welcoming environment while helping each member recognize their true potential and apply it. With the help of Kansas FFA, I believe that all of us can and will have an everlasting positive impact on the future of agriculture and our world.