

Erica Dawn Lieb

Preferred First Name

Erica

High School

Pike Valley Highschool

Chapter Name

Pike Valley

Chapter Number

KS0037

Semesters of Agricultural Education Completed

10

Years in FFA

5

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

Agriculture Education

Career Objective

Agriculture Educator

FFA and Agriculture Education Experience

Supervised Agriculture Experience Program and Scope

My Agricultural Education SAE focuses on leadership and agricultural literacy through community outreach. I organize my chapter's Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, coordinating schedules, presenters, and member roles while working with local businesses for supplies. I also manage the Kiddie Barn at our county fair, coordinating animals, chores, and educational activities. Additionally, I mentor youth through various agricultural lessons and National FFA Week trivia announcements.

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

Pike Valley FFA, Chapter President 2025-2026

Pike Valley FFA, Chapter Vice President 2024-2025

Pike Valley FFA, Chapter Secretary 2023-2024

North Central FFA District, Reporter 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

State Convention - 4 years

Agricultural Sales CDE- 3 years

Discussion Meet LDE - 3 years

Public Speaking LDE - 2 years

Vet Science CDE - 3 years

Livestock Judging CDE - 2 years

Dairy Cattle Judging CDE- 2 years

Floriculture CDE - 2 years

Nursery Landscape CDE - 2 years

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

KAYS Club - 4 years

Pike Valley History Preservation Project - 3 years

Basketball Team - 4 years
Cross Country Team - 3 years
Pike Valley FBLA - Club President
Track and Field - 3 years
Courtland Covenant Church - 17 years
National Honors Society - 2 years
FBLA Member - 4 years
Scholars Bowl member - 4 years

Essay Questions

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

My greatest accomplishment thus far has been being selected as the North Central FFA District Reporter during my senior year. This achievement is especially meaningful to me because it represents perseverance and growth. Running for a district office had been a long-term goal of mine, and when I first ran as a sophomore, I was not selected. While that experience was disappointing, it motivated me to improve, build my skills, and try again. After not being selected my sophomore year, I focused on improving my communication skills, becoming more involved in FFA activities, and stepping into leadership roles within my chapter. Due to my resilience and I choosing not to give up, I earned a position on the 2025–2026 North Central District Officer Team.

This experience has significantly shaped my leadership style by teaching me the importance of finding and embracing my role within a team. I discovered that my greatest strength is uplifting others. I strive to be someone who encourages those around me, helping others believe in their own potential. Whether it is through words of encouragement or simply being a positive presence, I aim to remind FFA members that they are capable of achieving difficult goals if they are willing to work for it.

Through this role, I have learned that leadership is not always about being in the spotlight, but about how you impact others. I believe leadership is about service, connection, and helping others see their own potential, rather than seeking recognition. My goal is to create an environment where people feel valued, confident, and inspired to grow. This mindset has pushed me to continually challenge myself and set even higher goals.

Earning a district officer position has only strengthened my desire to continue growing as a leader. I now aspire to run for a State FFA office and further expand my ability to serve others. FFA has given me a sense of belonging and a community that has shaped who I am today. It has provided me with lifelong connections and the confidence to pursue my ambitions. Through my journey, I hope to not only grow as a leader, but to inspire others to chase goals that may once have seemed out of reach.

Ultimately, I hope to leave a lasting impact on FFA members across Kansas by encouraging them to persevere, believe in themselves, and never give up on their goals.

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

I remember my first state convention vividly. As I walked out of the auditorium after the final session, I felt something shift inside me. I was inspired by the newly elected state officers, I saw the joy and passion on their faces. In that moment, I realized what I wanted most, which is to stand where they stood and make others feel the same spark I felt that day.

From that point on, becoming a state officer became more than a goal, it became my purpose. I want to inspire Kansas FFA members to believe that they are capable of anything, to chase their goals with confidence, and to never doubt their potential. If I can be the reason even one member walks away from state convention believing in themselves just a little bit more, then I will know I have fulfilled the promise I made to myself as a freshman.

Throughout my time in FFA, I have worked to become the kind of leader who once inspired me. By taking on leadership roles and actively engaging in my chapter, I have had the opportunity to encourage others, especially younger members who may be unsure of themselves. I have seen firsthand how a simple conversation, a word of encouragement, a friendly smile, or leading by example can spark confidence in someone. Those moments have not only reinforced my passion for serving others, but have also shown me that I am already making a meaningful difference.

FFA has shaped me into the person I am today. It has given me opportunities, confidence, and a passion for serving others. As I reflect on my journey, I realize I'm not ready for it to end. I still have more to give, more to learn, and more lives to impact.

Serving as a state officer would allow me to continue that journey. I want to lead, inspire, and make a difference in the lives of FFA members across Kansas. Because just like that moment years ago changed me, I want to be part of the moments that change someone else. And this time, I hope to be the one standing on that stage, inspiring the next member to believe in themselves.