



BLUE & GOLD NEWS

Pennsylvania FFA Happenings



Hello, Blue and Gold Readers!

The 2026–2027 Pennsylvania FFA officer team is honored to serve more than 16,000 FFA members as we center our year around our theme, “Redefine Possible.” This challenges us to push our boundaries, believe that nothing is truly impossible and discover the incredible potential within ourselves, our chapters and our communities.

We look forward to visiting members from every corner of Pennsylvania, developing leaders and sharing the many opportunities that agricultural education and FFA provide. Whether in the classroom, on the farm or through community service, we believe every member can redefine what is possible through dedication, perseverance

and a willingness to believe in what others consider to be impossible. As your state officer team, we are excited to learn from your stories, encourage your growth and represent Pennsylvania FFA with pride. Together, let’s make this a year of bold dreams, meaningful connections and endless possibilities as we “Redefine Possible!”



The 2026-2027 Pennsylvania FFA state officers.

Nate Huber

Hey everybody! My name is Nate Huber and I am serving as the 2026-2027 Pennsylvania FFA state vice president. I am the son of John and Stephanie Huber of northern Lancaster County. I recently graduated from Manheim Central High School where I called Manheim FFA my home. After this year, I plan to attend Pennsylvania State University to major in agribusiness management. My supervised agricultural experiences consisted of working on a

local poultry farm, a custom forage and hog farm, and two years of showing livestock at the Manheim Farm Show. Outside of my blue jacket, I like golfing, backpacking, hiking, hunting, visiting my cabin and hanging out with friends. I’m excited to travel and connect with members all over the Commonwealth over our shared passion for agriculture. I want to learn, grow and pass along advice my mentors instilled in me.



Levi Ferster

Hey, folks! My name is Levi Ferster and I am honored to serve as the 2026-2027 PA FFA state president. I am the son of Donald and Francine Ferster of Dalmatia. I am a 2024 graduate of Line Mountain Sr. High School and am proudly representing the Line Mountain-Mahantango FFA chapter. Additionally, I am a 2026 graduate of Potomac State College of WVU, where I earned an associate degree in sustainable agriculture entrepreneurship. I plan to settle down around my family’s multi-generational crop and sheep farm and continue my family’s excavating business alongside my brother, father and uncle. I operate equipment with Ferster Excavating or West Malta Farms, a few of my supervised agricultural experiences. However, one of my favorite



hobbies is attending antique tractor shows and repairing our own antique tractors. I look forward to creating lasting connections with members and supporters, bridging the gap between agricultural perception and practice and helping members find their potential.

Kayla Hyde

Hello! My name is Kayla Hyde and I am honored and excited to serve as the 2026-2027 Pennsylvania FFA state secretary. I am the daughter of Andy and Holly Hyde from Ulysses, and a recent graduate of Northern Potter High School, where I was an active member of the Headwaters FFA chapter. After my year of service, I plan to attend West Virginia University to major in agricultural and Extension education. I hope to inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders and advocate for our industry.

My supervised agricultural experiences include raising market hogs for my local fair and a service-learning project volunteering with my local fire and ambulance company. When I’m not involved in FFA, I enjoy reading, playing card games with my family and spending time around a campfire. My goal for this year is to make every member feel welcomed, valued and encouraged to step outside of their comfort zone. FFA has given me so many opportunities and I am grateful to give back to the organization.



Emma Copenhaver

Hey, y’all! My name is Emma Copenhaver and I am excited to serve as the 2026–2027 Pennsylvania FFA state reporter. I am the daughter of Brent and Stacey Copenhaver of Lebanon. I am a recent graduate of Annville-Cleona High School and a proud representative of the Little Dutchmen FFA chapter. After my year of service, I plan to continue my education at Oklahoma State University majoring in agricultural education and minoring in agricultural communications. My supervised agricultural experience has been raising dairy cattle alongside my brothers to exhibit at our local, state and regional fairs and shows. Some of my favorite hobbies include spending time with family and friends, thrifting, grabbing a coffee and experiencing new things.



I love making memories with the people around me and embracing new adventures wherever they may lead. My goal for this year of service is to get to know every member I have the opportunity to meet. I hope to encourage members to step outside of their comfort zones, recognize their full potential and discover all that FFA has to offer.

Draven Stout

Hello! My name is Draven Stout and I cannot wait to serve as the 2026-2027 Pennsylvania FFA state treasurer. I am a recent graduate of West Perry High School and a proud representative of West Perry FFA chapter in Perry County. After my year of service, I plan to join the workforce by taking an electrical apprenticeship. I developed a strong interest in working with electricity in my agricultural mechanics class. My supervised agricultural experience mainly consisted of raising market goats to show and sell at my

local county fair. I fell in love with the market goat industry through the FFA and wanted to try raising goats myself. My favorite hobbies are motorcycle riding, hunting, camping, playing cards with my family and being active in the Boy Scouts. I spent 13 years in the scouting program and reached the rank of Eagle. My goal for our year of service is to help every member achieve their goals and prepare them for leadership and career success through our state FFA events and agricultural education.



Garrett Kaltenbach

Howdy! My name is Garrett Kaltenbach and I am thrilled to be serving as the 2026-2027 Pennsylvania FFA state sentinel. I am the son of Tim and Chasity Kaltenbach Sr. of Wellsboro. I am a recent graduate of Wellsboro Area High School and a proud representative of the Grand Canyon FFA chapter. After my year of service, I plan to travel to Bozeman, Montana, to attend the Western College of Auctioneering. I plan to keep growing my family’s beef operation and take a bigger role in my family’s auction company.

My supervised agricultural experience is a 50/50 ownership in a beef operation with my dad. I also show market hogs, goats and chickens. When I’m not in the blue jacket, I love to golf, cook, work on the farm and spend time with family and friends. I am also active with the Tioga County Junior Fair Board. My goal is to encourage members to step outside their comfort zones and lead with purpose while keeping others’ needs at the forefront. I also look forward to learning from the members I meet, seeing how agriculture unites us despite our differences.



Tanner Zimmerman

Hi, my name is Tanner Zimmerman and I am honored to serve as the 2026-2027 Pennsylvania FFA state chaplain. I am the son of Tony and Kelly Zimmerman of Lebanon. This past June, I graduated from Cedar Crest High School, where I was an active member of the Cedar Crest FFA chapter. After this year of service, I plan to enter the workforce and see what opportunities God lays before me. I have competed in FFA career and leadership development events ranging from ag sales and employment skills to parliamentary procedure and extemporaneous speaking. My supervised agricultural experience includes my dairy beef steers that I raise to show at the



Lebanon Area Fair. I strive to positively impact every member I interact with. I hope that every one of our over 16,000 members will see their potential for greatness this year.