

# **2023 Greenon FFA - A Year in Review**

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The Greenon FFA chapter has had a very successful year with members participating in numerous Career Development Events (CDE's), fundraisers, and enjoying our new school building. Our members participated in many different CDE's including job interview, public speaking, equine, dairy cattle and livestock judging, food science and technology, and Agriculture power diagnostics. Notable awards included: In the Public Speaking CDE, Macy Young, Kaylee Smith, and Allie Hundley advanced to the district competition. Macy placed 5th at districts in the extemporaneous competition. Kaylee placed 2nd at district in the Beginning prepared speaking competition and Allie placed 8th at districts in the Advanced prepared speaking competition. Our fundraisers were very successful this year. Our fundraisers include our fall fruit sale and spring strawberry sale - Thank you to our community who supports our fundraisers! In October, Greenon FFA members traveled with county FFA chapters to attend the National Convention. Students toured agriculture companies, explored career opportunities, celebrated successes of FFA members across the nation, and heard motivational speakers. Graduate FFA Members Kacie Sizer, Macy Timmons and Kaylynn Wilhelm earned their American FFA Degrees!

We celebrated our FFA chapter's achievements at our 67th Annual FFA banquet on April 12, 2023. Key awards included - Star Greenhands: Gabriella Halderman, Abigail Adduchio and Haylee Spencer. Outstanding upperclassmen students were: Kaylee Smith, Sara Jewell, Allie Hundley, Sydney Hartley, Claire Henry Emily Hope and Mariah Longshore. Star Chapter Farmer was awarded to Macy Young. Blue & Gold Gierke Award, named after retired FFA Advisor, Collin Gierke, was awarded to Macy Young and Tru Buddenberg. FFA members annually elect individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the Greenon FFA. Recipients included: Mrs. Pat Dorney, Suzie Buddenberg, Officer Vaughn Apel and Student Teacher Matthew Roth. Retiring Officers were awarded for their

work over the past year and included: President Macy Young, Vice President Tru Buddenberg, Secretary Sara Jewell, Treasurer Sydney Hartley, Reporter Allie Hundley, Sentinel Jackson Wilhelm, Student Advisor Mariah Longshore and Chaplain Kaylee Smith. The 2023-2024 Greenon FFA Officers were installed:

President Allie Hundley, Vice President Sara Jewell, Secretary Sydney Hartley, Treasurer Ethan Cunningham, Reporter Kaylee Smith, Sentinel Jaydlynn Auckerman, Student Advisor Paige Bromagen and Chaplain Caleb Tener

As we approached the end of the school year, FFA Members planned and hosted a Farm Day for our elementary students and attended State FFA Convention. At this year's State Convention Sara Jewell, Sydney Hartley and Allie Hundley were recognized for earning gold ratings on their officer books. Mariah Longshore received her state degree. Greenon FFA will be recognized as a Bronze Rated Chapter! Macy Young was recognized at State Convention for being in the the top 4 in the state in the Outdoor Recreation proficiency award. During Farm Day, FFA members taught Greenon elementary students in grades preschool through fourth grade about the agricultural industry!

FFA members exhibited their SAE at the 2023 Clark County Fair July 21nd-July 28th. FFA members showed both non-livestock and livestock projects at the fair, including rabbits, poultry, dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats and pigs at the fair this year! We are thankful for everyone who came out and supported our students at the Clark County Fair!