

UNITED FFA HONORED AT STATE CONVENTION

SPRINGFIELD – Members of the United FFA chapter attended the 94th annual Illinois State FFA Convention June 14-16 along with more than 5,000 other FFA members, advisors, and guests. With a 2022 theme of "Initiate," the three-day event annually recognizes achievements of Illinois FFA members, elects the major state officer team, and celebrates agriculture.

During the convention, the following awards were presented to the United FFA chapter.

<u>Major State FFA Officer Candidate</u>: Elaina Allaman is one of ten candidate finalists for a 2022-2023 Major State Officer position with the Illinois Association FFA. The elections are scheduled for Thursday, June 16.



Pictured above in photo **004A**: Elaina Allaman

Top 10 Section President: **Elaina Allaman** was recognized as one of ten outstanding section presidents in the state who achieved the highest degree of excellence during their year of service to the chapters in their section and the Illinois Association FFA. The Illinois Farm Bureau Family of Companies Youth Education in Agriculture Committee sponsors the Top 10 section presidents award.



Pictured above in photo **004B**: Elaina Allaman

<u>State Winner Livestock (non-reasons) Career Development Event</u>: The chapter was recognized for winning the state Livestock Evaluation CDE, which requires team members to evaluate and rank breeding and market

livestock based on current industry desired traits and performance data. Teams evaluate cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.



Pictured above (from L to R) in photo **004C**: Jack Jungmann, Luke Jungmann, Reed Yung, William Boock

The convention spotlighted the Association's annual service project, which provided \$250 scholarships to 20 FFA chapters planting trees throughout the state.

Students at the convention were greeted with activities including a career fair featuring colleges and agribusinesses and an opportunity to engage in the history of Illinois' capital city. The sessions featured addresses by National FFA Western Region Vice President Josiah Cruikshank of Oregon and from each of the retiring major state officers.

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About Illinois Association FFA

The Illinois Association FFA is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America. More than 23,000 students are enrolled in 354 different FFA chapters in the State of Illinois. FFA is a national youth organization of 735,038 student members with a mission of making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ilaged.org for more information.

About the Illinois Foundation FFA

Illinois Foundation FFA engages individuals, industry, education, government, and foundations in securing funds to support quality agricultural education and FFA programs in Illinois, including providing awards at the State FFA Convention. To learn more and become involved, visit www.illinoisffafoundation.org.

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