



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Florida FFA Announces State Officer Candidates

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The Florida FFA Association recently selected nine (9) students as candidates for state FFA office. Sixteen (16) FFA members from throughout the state took part in the 2021 State Officer Screening Process. These student members were challenged with an intense interview process, which included an individual interview, individual problem-solving activity, State Degree interview, agricultural knowledge Interview, and a conversational exercise. The 2021-2022 State FFA Officer Team will be announced during the 2021 Florida FFA State Convention and Expo.

Those selected are:



### **Presidential Candidate**

Julia Heijkoop, South Sumter  
Carter Howell, Durant

### **Area I Candidate**

Meg Alexander, Sneads

### **Area II Candidate**

Clayton Brauman, QI Roberts  
Barrett Young, Branford

### **Area IV Candidates**

Tyler Brannan, Auburndale  
Hendrix Paterson, Windermere

### **Area VI Candidates**

Jillian Johnston, Okeechobee Brahman  
Cathryn Rowley, Lake Placid

### **ABOUT THE FLORIDA FFA STATE CONVENTION & EXPO**

The annual state FFA convention and expo is the highlight of Florida FFA's year. Nearly 5,000 FFA members, advisors, administrators, alumni, parents and industry partners come together to celebrate the achievements

### **FLORIDA FFA ASSOCIATION**

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won by the past and present generations of agriculturalists, while continuing to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Attendees will be inspired and motivated to take pride in our industry, serve our communities, and become leaders of the next generation.

While at the convention, FFA members and guests will experience motivational speakers, award presentations, exciting exhibits, challenging Career and Leadership Development Events, and plenty of entertaining activities. Attendees can take a stroll through the Florida FFA Expo in search of the perfect career connection, attend a workshop to brush up on those leadership skills, or simply interact and share ideas with FFA members and advisors from across the state.

## **ABOUT THE FLORIDA FFA ASSOCIATION**

The Florida FFA Association is a premier youth, leadership organization with nearly 30,000 middle and high school student members - as part of over 300 local FFA chapters across the state. FFA members participate in nearly 50 leadership and career development events each year. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

The Florida FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control, supervise or approve local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the Florida FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws.

The Florida FFA Association affirms its belief in the value of all human beings and seeks diversity in its membership, leadership and staff as an equal opportunity employer.

## **THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MISSION**

Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resource systems.

## **THE FFA MISSION**

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

For more information about Florida FFA and agricultural education, visit [floridaffa.org](http://floridaffa.org).

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