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GET TO KNOW Mr. Jake Gust, this edition's #TeacherTuesday.

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MEET Michigan's AFNR student teachers.

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JANUARY 7. Star Candidate Interviews

JANUARY 8-11. Regional Update Meetings

JANUARY 29-30. District Leadership Contests

FEBRUARY 12-13. Regional Leadership Contests

MARCH 4-6. Michigan FFA State Convention

MARCH 22. State FFA/4-H Horse Judging Contest at the MSU Livestock Pavilion

DECEMBER *2nd*

The following items are due to the State FFA Office:

- Academic Excellence Applications
- Regional Grant Applications
- Star Candidate Applications (includes Star Battery and State Degree Application)

The following items are due online to Michigan Farm Bureau:

- #SpeakAgMichigan Applications

NOTE: Star Candidate Applications and #SpeakAgMichigan Applications must be in the state office by December 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Those received after this time will not be considered.

JANUARY *8th – 11th*

The following items are due at the regional update:

- State FFA Degree Applications
- Outstanding Junior Applications
- Agriculture Proficiency Award Applications
- State Officer Applications
- Courtesy Corps Certification Form
- State FFA Band, Choir and Talent Applications

NOTE: Proficiency Award Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on the date of the final regional update meeting will not be considered.

JANUARY *17th*

The following items are due to the State FFA Office:

- BOMC Applications
- National Chapter Award Applications Forms I and II
- Chapter Program of Activities (Must be submitted in order to be eligible for the National and Superior Chapter Awards)

Due online via the CANR online submission process:

- Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair Applications

NOTE: National Chapter Award Applications Forms I and II must be in the state office by January 17th at 5:00 p.m., as late applications will not be considered.

State Officer FEATURE

SEE WHAT THE STATE OFFICERS
HAVE IN COMMON WITH YOU!



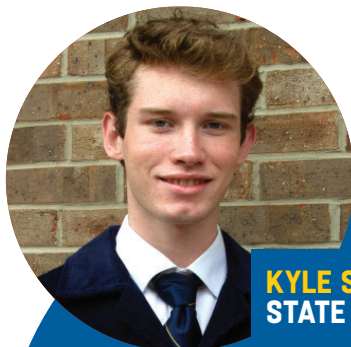
HAILI GUSA
STATE PRESIDENT

Home Chapter: Ubly

Favorite Movie: "Anastasia"

Favorite Sport: Cross Country

What is one word that best describes you?
"Driven. My ambition and willingness to go the extra mile have opened many doors for me. My drive is my best and most noticeable trait."



KYLE STACK
STATE REPORTER

Home Chapter: Fremont

Favorite Hobby: Traveling

Favorite Television Show: "Gold Rush"

What is your SAE?
Goat Production & Diversified Livestock Production
"I was the ABGA National Sales Talk winner and raise pig and lamb projects for the Newaygo County Fair."



ANDREW DAVIS
REGION III STATE VICE PRESIDENT

Home Chapter: Laker

Favorite FFA Activity: National FFA Band

Favorite Athletic Team: MSU Spartans

What do you think is the main role of a state officer?
"To serve and represent the Michigan FFA Association. That means motivating, inspiring and helping Michigan FFA members in any way possible"

Meet THE 2019-20

CAMP DATE:
APRIL 23-24, 2020

ADVISOR:
AARON SAARI

PRESIDENT:
JOSEY TERPENING

VICE PRESIDENT:
TRISTEN GLESS

SECRETARY:
STEPHANIE HARVEY

TREASURER:
KATRINA TUCKER

REPORTER:
JACKSON LYDEN

SENTINEL:
KIRSTEN LANGMAACK

CAMP DATE:
APRIL 26-27, 2020

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PRESIDENT:
ALEXIS WHEELER

VICE PRESIDENT:
KAITLYN HIGGINS

SECRETARY:
SYDNEY MASTERS

TREASURER:
JENNA PITTMAN

REPORTER:
ABBEEY JOHNSTON

SENTINEL:
TESSA BEDNARSKI

CAMP DATE:
MAY 28-29, 2020

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PRESIDENT:
ADDY BATTEL

VICE PRESIDENT:
DREW NEYER

SECRETARY:
SARAH LAURENZ

TREASURER:
MADDIE CARY

REPORTER:
BAILEY VANVALKENBURGH

SENTINEL:
BENJAMIN ROGGENBUCK

REPRESENTATIVE:
MICAH GORDON

REPRESENTATIVE:
HANNAH PENFOLD

REPRESENTATIVE:
PEYTON HUNTOON

REGIONAL *Officers*

IV

CAMP DATE:
MARCH 23-24, 2020

ADVISORS:
TOREY BIRCHMEIER &
BETH WILSON

PRESIDENT:
HALEY ZDUNIC

VICE PRESIDENT:
REBECCA FRALEY

SECRETARY:
EMMA BARNUM

TREASURER:
LOGAN HAGERTY

REPORTER:
JOSEPH DUCKERT

SENTINEL:
REGAN KOPESKY

V

CAMP DATE:
APRIL 29, 2020

ADVISOR:
TONY MCCAUL

PRESIDENT:
IAN KLAES

VICE PRESIDENT:
TREY ELLENS

SECRETARY:
CLAY JANCEK

TREASURER:
ZOEY ZUPIN

REPORTER:
ANDY YONKER

SENTINEL:
SADIE LOVELESS

DISTRICT 1 VP:
AVERY CLAYBAUGH

DISTRICT 2 VP:
AUBREY WOODWYK

DISTRICT 3 VP:
CORDELL DERUISCHER

VI

CAMP DATE:
MAY 14-15, 2020

ADVISOR:
KATIE HOLT

PRESIDENT:
JONATHAN SAYLES

VICE PRESIDENT:
RACHEL LEFEVER

SECRETARY:
LIZ HENDERSON

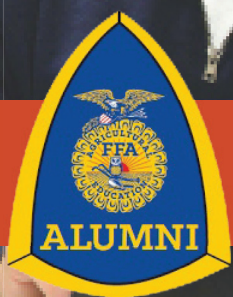
TREASURER:
STUART LIMBAUGH

REPORTER:
ALISON HARDY

SENTINEL:
LINDSEY RUPPERT

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#TEACHERTUESDAY

Mr. Jake Gust

Mr. Jake Gust, from the Whiteford FFA Chapter, is this edition's #TeacherTuesday! Mr. Gust's career in education began at Camden-Frontier High School, where he taught agriscience from 2011 to 2014. Today, Mr. Gust is currently in his sixth year advising and teaching agriscience at Whiteford High School. The Whiteford chapter is home to 120 high school members and nearly 100 students in a middle-school-level "Ag-Explore" course that allows them to be involved in state, chapter and regional FFA events throughout the year.



In high school, Mr. Gust was a member of the Dundee FFA Chapter. As a member, he was able to compete in leadership contests, attend state convention and work in the greenhouse. While in FFA, he knew he wanted to have a career in teaching but wasn't sure of which subject. He had also always been involved in his family's farm and

loved agriculture. After taking agriscience classes and participating in FFA, Gust knew that teaching agriscience would combine his two passions perfectly. "My advisor, Mr. Stahl, had a large impact on my decision to become an ag teacher," he says, "He was, and still is, someone I look up to." After graduation, Mr. Gust attended Monroe Community College and then transferred to Michigan State University to earn his degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education.



Outside of the classroom, Mr. Gust's favorite thing to do is spend time with his two children and wife Jessica. Working with his three brothers and their parents, he enjoys growing corn, soybeans, wheat and hay on their family farm. In the fall, the Gust family also markets pumpkins they grow at the Gust Brothers' Pumpkin Farm.

When reflecting on which one piece of advice he would share with new agriscience educators, Mr. Gust says, "Learning can be fun. Always try to add more hands-on opportunities for students. It takes time to make things hands-on and real-world, but students will learn the material better and be more excited to take ag classes when those components are there."

Congratulations, Mr. Gust!

By: Kyle Stack, State Reporter



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UTILIZE YOUR INTERESTS TO FIND A
CAREER IN AGRICULTURE!



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN...

Photography, Design, Video Production,
Writing, Computers, Social Media



Science, Sustainability, the Environment,
Food Science, Safety, Animal Care



Vehicles, Equipment, Renewable Energy
Mechanics, Problem Solving



Creating Change, Politics, Advocacy,
Public Speaking



Athletics, Landscaping, Plant Science,
Soil Health, Genetics



YOU CAN BE AGRICULTURE IN...

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Broadcaster, IT Specialist, Graphic Designer,
Journalist, Social Media Director

FOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS

Food Safety Specialist, Fermentation Scientist,
Biological Technician, Biosecurity Monitor

HEAVY MACHINERY & CONSTRUCTION

Freezer/Refrigeration Specialist, Forklift Operator,
Hydraulic Technician, Wind Turbine Technician

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION

Lobbyist, Legislative Assistant, Government
Advisor, Agricultural Lawyer

AGRONOMY & TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT

Crop Adjuster, Golf Course Superintendent,
Crop Advisor, Athletic Turf Manager

HOW WILL YOU BE AGRICULTURE?

For more information, visit www.michfb.com/MI/CareerExploration/



Business & Industry Tours

EACH YEAR, MICHIGAN FFA STATE OFFICERS ATTEND BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TOURS. FOR THESE TOURS, ONE PART OF OUR STATE IS SELECTED, AND OFFICERS TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT AGRIBUSINESSES, FARMS AND PROCESSORS, MEETING LEADERS IN THE INDUSTRY AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE DIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE.

THIS YEAR, OFFICERS TOURED THE WEST SIDE OF MICHIGAN. CHECK OUT THE AWESOME STOPS THEY MADE!

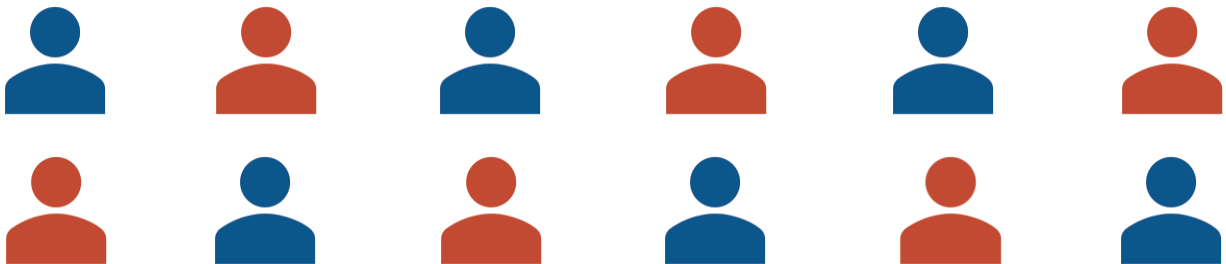


2019 TOUR STOPS

1. GORDON FOODS, WYOMING, MI
2. DYKHUIS FARMS, ZEELAND, MI
3. BIG DUTCHMAN, HOLLAND, MI
4. VICTORY FARMS TOUR, HOLLAND, MI
5. GRAND RAPIDS MARKET, GRAND RAPIDS, MI
6. CHEESE KURLS, GRAND RAPIDS, MI
7. DIETRICH ORCHARDS, CONKLIN, MI
8. MUSKEGON COUNTY WASTEWATER, RAVENNA, MI
9. JAWOR BLUEBERRIES, RAVENNA, MI
10. SWANSON PICKLE, RAVENNA, MI
11. HERBRUCK'S, SARANAC, MI
12. CARBON GREEN, LAKE ODESSA, MI
13. NUTRIEN, WOODBURY, MI
14. SUNNYCREST YOUTH RANCH, SUNFIELD, MI

What STATE OFFICERS *visited your* CHAPTER?

FIND THE 2019-2020 STATE OFFICER TRAVELING
PAIR THAT CAME TO YOUR CHAPTER VISIT!



KYLE STACK & ABIGAIL STUBBINS

- ALPENA
- BENZIE CENTRAL
- BLOOMFIELD HILLS
- CALEDONIA
- CAPAC
- CHESANING
- COLEMAN
- DURAND
- EATON ISD POTTER PARK ZOO
- FOWLerville
- ITHACA
- KENT CAREER TECH CENTER
- MAPLE VALLEY
- OGEMAW HEIGHTS
- SALINE
- VICKSBURG/KALAMAZOO RESA
- WEST SHORE



AVIANNA JACKSON & KALIE CHRYSTLER

- BEAL CITY
- CALHOUN AREA TECH CENTER
- CAMDEN-FRONTIER
- EATON RAPIDS
- LAKER
- LAPEER COUNTY TECH CENTER
- NEWYAGO TECH CENTER
- OLIVET
- PETOSKEY
- SARANAC
- TUSCOLA TECH CENTER
- UBLY
- WEBBERVILLE
- WHITEFORD
- WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT
- WILSON TALENT CENTER



ANDREW SMITH & LINDSEY HOPPE

ALANSON
ALMA
CENTREVILLE
CHIPPEWA HILLS
DANSVILLE
DUNDEE/ MILAN
GAYLORD
HOMER
LOWELL
NEW LOTHROP
PANKOW VO-TECH CENTER
RAVENNA
SPRINGPORT
ST. LOUIS
VAN BUREN TECH CENTER
WALDRON



HAILI GUSA & DEVIN HAYWOOD

AIRPORT
ALCONA
ALLEGAN AREA TECH CENTER
ASHLEY
BRANCH AREA CAREER CENTER
BYRON
CASS CITY
CEDAR SPRINGS
ASHLEY
IONIA
JACKSON AREA CAREER CENTER
MARSHALL
OAKLAND TECH CENTER NW
PERRY
NORTH HURON
USA
WEXFORD-MISSAUKEE



NICHOLAS PRESTLY & ANDREW DAVIS

BAD AXE
BRECKENRIDGE
CASSOPOLIS
CHARLOTTE
COOPERSVILLE
ELLSWORTH
HOPKINS
JONESVILLE
LAINGSBURG
LENAWEE VO-TECH CENTER
MONTCALM AREA CAREER CENTER
MUSKEGON TECH CENTER
OVID-ELSIE
OWOSSO
ROOSEVELT
SANILAC CAREER CENTER
STANDISH-STERLING



ANNA BAKER & MATTHEW ALBRECHT

BAY ARENAC CAREER CENTER
CAREERLINE TECH CENTER
CORUNNA
COUNTRYSIDE
FREMONT
GENESEE CAREER INSTITUTE
HARBOR BEACH
HASTINGS
KALAMAZOO NATURE CENTER
MANCHESTER
MASON
NILES
OAKLAND TECH CENTER SW
SAGINAW CAREER CENTER
SAND CREEK
TRAVERSE BAY AREA CAREER CENTER

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Hello everyone! Since my year as a Michigan FFA State Officer, I've both become a student at Michigan State University and a member the MANRRS Organization. Before transferring my leadership skills into my role with MANRRS, I began cultivating them while wearing a blue jacket. My journey in FFA started my junior year of high school at the Careerline Tech Center. At Careerline my advisor, Tony McCaul, helped me discover and explore my passion for agriculture, leadership and personal development. During my time as a high school student in FFA, I

was able to compete in leadership contests; serve as a chapter, regional and state officer; and find a job at a local swine farm. It is because of the lessons and experiences I gained during these activities that I am able to be successful today.

I remember when I took a leap of faith and decided to participate in the FFA prepared public speaking contest during my junior year. The night that I moved onto regionals was the start of my journey to confidence and personal development. It was because of that contest that I strived to improve my skills as a public speaker and



developed my desire to learn more about different topics surrounding agriculture.

Just this past year, I was faced with a very similar opportunity to take a step and compete in a public speaking contest, except this time, it was at the annual MANRRS Region V Cluster. To my surprise, I was able to place first and continued on to place third at the National Conference. Since then, MANRRS has allowed me the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships with friends from across the country, build a network with incredible companies and professionals, and find a family that is just as passionate about uplifting every voice in the ag community as I am. If I hadn't been pushed to take risks and challenge myself during my time in the FFA, then I wouldn't have been able to build the courage to take risks now.

By: Micah Cuevas, Past State Officer

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- Viticulture

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- Kellogg Community College – Battle Creek
- Lansing Community College – Lansing
- Monroe County Community College – Monroe
- Montcalm Community College – Sidney
- Muskegon Community College – Muskegon
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- Southwestern Michigan College – Dowagiac
- Wayne County Community College District – Downriver Campus
- West Shore Community College – Scottville



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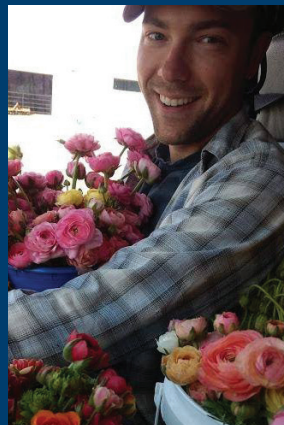
Michigan's 2019-2020 AFNR Student Teachers



CHASE BOS

FREMONT FFA

“Having the opportunity to connect with all of the students, staff and community in Fremont is one of the best parts of teaching.”



NICHOLAS CONSOLE

MASON FFA

“FOR ME, I ENJOY working alongside the students in the greenhouse. It’s a wonderful thing to see them get excited about getting their hands dirty!”



JOSEPHINE FORBUSH
CHESANING FFA

“BEING ABLE TO CONNECT WITH MY STUDENTS AND *incorporate their interests into our class* HAS BEEN SO AWESOME.”



ANDREA GERLOSKI
HOPKINS FFA

“*Watching my students begin to open up* WITH ONE ANOTHER, BUILDING OUR CLASSROOM CULTURE IS ONE OF THE COOLEST COMPONENTS OF STUDENT TEACHING.



SAMANTHA LUDLAM
COOPERSVILLE FFA

“MY FAVORITE PART OF STUDENT TEACHING IS *engaging students* IN OUTDOORS AND HANDS-ON LABORATORY EXPERIENCES.”



SAMANTHA WAGNER
LAINGSBURG FFA

“I HAVE A PASSION FOR INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS AND *watching their ‘aha’ moments* OF LEARNING HAPPEN WITHIN THE CLASSROOM!”

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