95th Michigan FFA State Convention

Our Journey AWAITS
Michigan FFA 22-23

Michigan State University
March 8-10, 2023
Welcome to the 95th Michigan FFA State Convention

The 2022-2023 state officer team would like to extend a warm welcome to all FFA family and friends at the 2023 Michigan FFA Convention. We hope that you will enjoy these three days, along with the excitement and inspiration derived from its activities and participants. We invite you to join in the enthusiasm generated from the sea of blue and gold jackets in the MSU Wharton Center. This is your convention and its success depends on you!

### 2022-2023 State Officer Team

- **State President**: Clara Milarch
- **State Vice President**: Jenna Stanton
- **State Secretary**: Amanda Johnson
- **State Treasurer**: Mckenna Morton
- **State Reporter**: Samara Dowding
- **State Sentinel**: Peyton Kuhn
- **Region I State Vice President**: Austin Smego
- **Region II State Vice President**: Dakota Spink
- **Region III State Vice President**: Blaine Cords
- **Region IV State Vice President**: Hailie Hall
- **Region V State Vice President**: Lillian Houtteman

### Leadership Contest Sites:

**Agricultural Issues** - B115 Wells Hall  
Sponsored by Zoetis

**Creed Speaking** - 1415 Biomedical Physical Sciences  
Sponsored by AgroLiquid

**Demonstration** - 108 Bessey Hall  
Sponsored by Greenstone FCS

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking** - 105 South Kedzie Hall  
Sponsored by Zoetis

**Greenhand Conduct of Meetings** - N100 Business College Complex  
Sponsored by Northstar Bank

**Greenhand Public Speaking** - 1345 Engineering Building  
Sponsored by Greenstone FCS

**Job Interview** - 290 Spartan Way (MSU Stadium)  
Sponsored by Michigan FFA Foundation

**Jr. High Conduct of Meetings** - 158 Natural Resources  
Sponsored by Bay Port State Bank

**Jr. High Public Speaking** - B119 Wells Hall  
Sponsored by Cooperative Elevator

**Parliamentary Procedure** - Kiva, Erickson Hall  
Sponsored by Michigan Wheat Program

**Richard Karelse Public Speaking** - 1410 Biomedical Physical Sciences  
Sponsored by Michigan Potato Industry Commission

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All events will take place in the Wharton Center, unless otherwise specified.
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

MORNING
7:30-12:30  
**CONVENTION REGISTRATION**  
Lobby, Wharton Center

8:00-8:30  
Courtesy Corps Meeting  
*(Mandatory for Courtesy Corps Student Volunteers)*  
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center

9:00  
**STATE LEADERSHIP CONTESTS**  
Participants Report to Holding Rooms by 8:45 A.M.  
*(Leadership Contest sites listed on previous page)*

10:30-11:30  
National Officer Workshop with Ryan Williamson  
Room 008, Agriculture Hall

11:00-12:00  
Lunch — Akers Hall Cafeteria

12:00-4:00  
Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair Judging  
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center

AFTERNOON
12:15  
**FIRST CONVENTION SESSION**  
Opening Ceremonies  
Session Chair — Clara Milarch  
Welcome  
Moment of Reflection  
Honor Guard Presentation  
Reflections Program  
Year in Review  
Foundation Tribute  
State Officer Family Recognition  
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony  
Closing Ceremonies & Announcements

*Immediately Following Session:*  
Delegate Meeting — Great Hall, Wharton Center  
*(Mandatory for delegates)*

2:00  
National Chapter Finalist Presentations  
Room 108, Bessey Hall

2:00  
State FFA Band Rehearsal  
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center

2:00  
State FFA Choir Rehearsal  
Rehearsal Studio, Wharton Center

2:00  
State Officer Guardian & Advisors Reception  
Akers Hall Dining Room

3:45  
**SECOND CONVENTION SESSION**  
Opening Ceremonies  
Session Chairs — Mckenna Morton & Blaine Cords  
Welcome  
WLC Scholarships  
Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award  
Chartering New Chapters Recognition  
National Officer Address — Ryan Williamson  
Nominating Committee Recognition  
Introduction of State FFA Officer Candidates  
Academic Excellence Awards *(Seated in Balcony)*  
Retiring Address — Peyton Kuhn & Dakota Spink  
Closing Ceremonies & Announcements

EVENING
5:00  
Arthur Berkey Science Fair Opens for Viewing  
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center

5:00-6:30  
Dinner — Akers Hall Cafeteria

6:30  
Michigan FFA Choir Entertainment  
*Directed by Katy Green*
EVENING (Wednesday Continued)

7:00
THIRD CONVENTION SESSION
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs — Amanda Johnson & Austin Smego
Welcome
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Recognition
National Chapter Awards
Sponsored by Farmhouse Fraternity
Zindel Award
#SpeakAgMichigan Awards
Retiring Address — Jenna Stanton & Hailie Hall
Outstanding Junior Awards (Seated In Balcony)
Sponsored by the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity & Sigma Alpha Sorority
Closing Ceremonies & Announcements

8:30-10:30
Dance - 139 Akers Hall
Supported by Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends

Thursday, March 9, 2023

MORNING

7:00-8:00
Breakfast — Akers Hall Cafeteria

7:30
Delegate Check-In (Mandatory for Delegates)
Lobby, Wharton Center

8:00
STATE LEADERSHIP CONTESTS
Participants Report to Holding Rooms by 7:30 A.M.

8:00
FOURTH CONVENTION SESSION
Pasant Theatre (Mandatory for Delegates)
Opening Ceremonies
Welcome
Parliamentarian Introduction
Roll Call
Minutes from the 94th Michigan FFA Convention
Treasurer’s Report
Superior Chapter Awards
B.O.M.C. Awards
P.O.A. Committee Report
Glassbrook Grants
Tons of Tabs
Legislative Reception Information
Closing Ceremonies & Announcements

9:00
LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION
(Mandatory for Delegates)
Heritage Hall

11:00-12:00
Lunch — Akers Hall Cafeteria

12:00
Michigan FFA Band Entertainment
Directed by Dale Latva

Visiting National Officer

Ryan Williamson is currently serving as the 2022-2023 National Western Region Vice President. Ryan says agriculture has always been the foundation of his life. But it wasn’t until his ag teacher, Mrs. Wilson, asked him to be on an agricultural issues team that his passion for FFA and agricultural policy was sparked. This year, Williamson hopes to create a sense of belonging within FFA while helping students understand their value. “In doing this, I hope to ensure that I advance inclusion, production agriculture and agricultural workforce development.”
AFTERNOON

12:20  
FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION
Opening Ceremonies  
Session Chairs — Peyton Kuhn & Dakota Spink  
Welcome  
Introduction of 2002-2003 State Officer Team  
Richard Karelse Public Speaking Finalist Announcement  
Retiring Address — Samara Dowding & Lillian Houtteman  
Proficiency Awards (Seated In Balcony)  
Demonstration Contest Finalists Announcement  
Announcements & Recess

3:00  
RECONVENE FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION
Retiring Address — Mckenna Morton & Blaine Cords  
Creed Speaking Awards  
Junior High Conduct of Meetings Awards  
Junior High Public Speaking Awards  
Arthur Berkey Science Fair Results  
Richard Karelse Public Speaking Contest Finals  
Confering of State FFA Degrees (Seated In Balcony)  
Closing Ceremonies & Announcements

EVENING

5:00  
VIP Foundation Social  
Christman Lounge, Wharton Center

5:00-6:30  
Dinner — Akers Hall Cafeteria

7:00  
SIXTH CONVENTION SESSION
Opening Ceremonies  
Session Chairs — Jenna Stanton & Hailie Hall  
Welcome  
Crop Management Contest Awards  
FFA Foundation Partner Recognition  
Michigan FFA Alumni & Friends Raffle Announcement  
Keynote Speaker — Kyle Scheele  
Recognition of Gold & Silver State Degrees  
Stars Over Michigan Pageant:  
Star in Agribusiness, Agriscience, Placement & Production  
Nominating Committee Report  
Closing Ceremonies & Announcements

MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

$10 PER TICKET

Grand Prize:  
John Deere XUV835M Gator

Secondary Prizes:  
Children’s Battery Powered John Deere Gator, FFA Quilt,  
4-Person Saginaw Bay Walleye Charter on the Rock N’ Reel  
2.0, Michigan FFA Alumni Life Membership

Ticket Sales - Lobby, Wharton Center  
Wed. 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. & Thurs. 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Kyle Scheele is on a mission to build a better world. He is an inspiring author, speaker, and cardboarder who has challenged tens of thousands of students across the nation to build a better world. Whether he’s keynoting to an arena full of students, singing “Don’t Stop Believing” with 37,000 friends, or building yet another cardboard masterpiece, Kyle is constantly working on one thing: closing the gap between the way the world is and the way it could be.
Friday, March 10, 2023

MORNING

7:00-7:45  Breakfast — Akers Hall Cafeteria
7:30     State FFA Choir
         Directed by Katy Green
7:30     Election of Ceremonial State Officers
         (Mandatory for delegates)
         Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
8:00     SEVENTH CONVENTION SESSION
         Opening Ceremonies
         Session Chairs - Samara Dowding & Lillian Houtteman
         Welcome
         Greetings from other State Associations
         Scholarship Recognition
         Demonstration Finals
         Challenge 24 Recognition
         Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Awards
         Greenhand Public Speaking Awards
         Retiring Address - Amanda Johnson & Austin Smego
         Election Results
         Announcements and Recess
         State Band Entertainment
         Directed by Dale Latva
         Election of Regional State Vice Presidents
         This is for delegates and candidates only
         Region I  — C133 Akers Hall
         Region II — C135 Akers Hall
         Region III — C136 Akers Hall
         Region IV — C138 Akers Hall
         Region V — C139 Akers Hall
         Region VI — C140 Akers Hall

RECONVENE SEVENTH CONVENTION SESSION
         Agricultural Issues Awards
         Extemporaneous Public Speaking Awards
         Parliamentary Procedure Awards
         Retiring Address - Clara Milarch
         Job Interview Awards
         Demonstration Awards
         Richard Karelse Public Speaking Awards
         Introduction of Regional State Vice Presidents
         Convention In Review
         Installation of 2023-2024 State Officers
         Closing Ceremonies

Convention Workshops

As an FFA member, you’ve probably heard the words service and impact a time or two. But where does one even begin to make an impact? In this workshop, we will learn how to create change in our community by identifying a local need and developing an action plan.
Wednesday, March 8
Room 108
Bessey Hall
2:00 PM

Wednesday, March 8
Jackson Lounge,
Wharton Center,
4:00 PM Open for viewing
(Exhibits open throughout convention)

Thursday, March 9, 2023
Rm. 1279, Anthony Hall
Sessions @ 12:00 PM,
12:30 PM, 1:00 PM, 1:30 PM

RSVP HERE

Tour the Food Processing Facilities and MSU Food Lab!

Thursday, March 9, 2023
Rm. 1279, Anthony Hall
Sessions @ 9:00 AM,
10:00 AM, 11:00 AM

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Learn more about various ag careers with popcorn!
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We expect all members and attendees at the 95th Michigan FFA State Convention to actively contribute to the creation of a positive and inclusive environment for all. Delegates at the 94th National FFA Convention ratified new value statements that promote a more inclusive, equitable organization for all FFA members.

1. We respect and embrace every individual’s culture and experiences.
2. We welcome every individual’s contribution to advance our communities and the industry of agriculture.
3. We cultivate an environment that allows every individual to recognize and explore their differences.
4. We create leadership opportunities for every individual to enhance their personal and professional endeavors.

If you would like to make a gift to support Michigan FFA member activities, please visit www.michiganffa.org/foundation or scan the QR Code.

Enjoying State Convention? Be sure to check out our app to never miss an update! QR codes for download can be found around the Wharton Center.

Upload your photos from convention for a chance to be featured in the Convention In Review slide show!
While in East Lansing...

The state officer team asks you to remember that you are part of a proud organization. Please dress neatly in official dress and exercise good manners at all times. While the State FFA Convention is a pleasant and exciting occasion, all FFA members are asked to refrain from boisterous activities which detract from the excellent image of our organization.

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