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.

Emergency Only - Please contact
Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph at (269) 921-0583
or Mr. Mark Forbush at (989) 277-9249
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!

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

All events will take place in the Wharton Center, unless otherwise specified.

While at Convention

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.

Michigan FFA Foundation

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.

STATE COVENTION APP

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.

CONVENTION IN REVIEW

Upload your photos from convention for a chance to be featured in the Convention In Review slide show!
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
Pasient 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  

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  
Heritage Hall (Mandatory for Delegates)

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.”

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2021-2022 Michigan FFA State Officer Team

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FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION
12:20
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

RECONVENE FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION
3:00
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

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.

Keynote Speaker
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.
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

Building CommYOUUnity
Ryan Williamson
2022-2023
National FFA
Western Region
Vice President
Wednesday, March 8
Agriculture Hall
Room 008
10:30-11:30 AM

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.

Convention Presentations

Wednesday, March 8
Room 108
Bessey Hall
2:00 PM

National Chapter

Agriscience Fair

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

Institute of Agricultural Technology Tours

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
RSVP HERE

Learn more about various ag careers with popcorn!