

96TH MICHIGAN FFA *State Convention*



MICHIGAN STATE
University

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1, 2024

WELCOME TO THE 96TH MICHIGAN FFA State Convention

The 2023-2024 state officer team would like to extend a warm welcome to all FFA members, advisors, friends, and parents at the 2024 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!

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REGION VI STATE VICE PRESIDENT.....	NATALEIGH HILLIKER

LEADERSHIP CONTEST SITES:

Agricultural Issues - B115 Wells Hall

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Creed Speaking - 1415 Biomedical Physical Sciences

Sponsored by AgroLiquid

Demonstration - 108 Bessey Hall

Sponsored by Greenstone Farm Credit Services

Extemporaneous Public Speaking - 105 South Kedzie Hall

Sponsored by Michigan Soybean Committee

Greenhand Conduct of Meetings - N100 Business College Complex

Sponsored by Crystal Flash

Greenhand Public Speaking - 1345 Engineering Building

Sponsored by Greenstone Farm Credit Services

Job Interview - 290 Spartan Way (MSU Stadium)

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Jr. High Conduct of Meetings - 158 Natural Resources

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Jr. High Public Speaking - B119 Wells Hall

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Parliamentary Procedure - Kiva, Erickson Hall

Sponsored by Foster Swift Collins & Smith, PC

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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

MORNING

- 7:30-12:30 **CONVENTION REGISTRATION**
Lobby, Wharton Center
- 8:00-11:00 Tons of Tabs Collection
Lobby, Wharton Center
- 8:00-12:00 Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair Set Up
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center
- 8:00-9:00 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 AM
(Leadership contest sites listed on previous page)
- 10:30-11:30 National Officer Workshop with Amara Jackson
Room 008, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
- 11:00-12:00 Lunch — Akers Hall Cafeteria
- 12:00-5:00 Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair Judging
(Not open for viewing at this time)
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center

AFTERNOON

- 12:15 **FIRST CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs — Nathaniel Cochrane and Madalyn Simpson
Welcome
Greeting
Moment of Reflection
Year in Review
Retiring Address — Emma Challender & Samantha Stanke
State Officer Family Recognition
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony
Closing Ceremonies
- Immediately Following Session:**
Delegate Meeting — Great Hall, Wharton Center
(Mandatory for Delegates)
- 2:00 National Chapter Finalist Presentations
Room 108, Bessey Hall
- 2:00-3:00 Student Workshop
Room 008, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
- 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 & Advisor Reception
Akers Hall Dining Room
- 3:45 **SECOND CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs — Maze Gusa & Nataleigh Hilliker
Welcome
Greeting
Retiring Address — Lilly Nyland & Logan Volmering
WLC Scholarships
Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award
National Officer Address — Amara Jackson

Chartering New Chapters
Nominating Committee Recognition
Introduction of State FFA Officer Candidates
Academic Excellence Awards (**Seated In Balcony**)
Closing Ceremonies

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 Alex Gerleman
- 7:00 **THIRD CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs — Emma Kuhl & Lexie Stump
Welcome
Greeting
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Recognition
National Chapter Awards
Sponsored by Farmhouse Fraternity
Zindel Award
#SpeakAgMichigan Awards
Greetings from other State Associations
Retiring Address — William Barnum & Lauren Gorsuch
Crop Management Contest Awards
Outstanding Junior Awards (**Seated In Balcony**)
*Sponsored by the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity
& Sigma Alpha Sorority*
Closing Ceremonies
- 8:30-10:30 Dance — 139 Akers Hall
Supported by Michigan FFA Alumni & Friends

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

MORNING

- 7:00-8:00 Breakfast — Akers Hall Cafeteria
- 7:30 Delegate Check-In
(Mandatory for Delegates)
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
- 8:00 **STATE LEADERSHIP CONTESTS**
Participants report to holding rooms by 7:30 AM
- 8:00 **FOURTH CONVENTION SESSION**
Pasant Theatre (Mandatory for Delegates)
Opening Ceremonies
Welcome
Parliamentarian Introduction
Roll Call
Minutes from the 95th Michigan FFA Convention
Treasurer's Report
Superior Chapter Awards
B.O.M.C. Awards
P.O.A. Committee Report
Glassbrook Grants
Tons of Tabs
Constitutional Amendments
Legislative Reception Information
Closing Ceremonies
- 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 Michael Parker
- 12:20 **FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs — Lilly Nyland & Logan Volmering
Welcome
Greeting
Introduction of 2003 -2004 State Officer Team
Retiring Address — Maze Gusa & Nataleigh Hilliker
Proficiency Awards Part 1 **(Seated In Balcony)**
Richard Karelse Public Speaking Finalists Announcement
Demonstration Contest Finalists Announcement
Proficiency Awards Part 2 **(Seated In Balcony)**
Recess
- 3:00 **RECONVENE FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION**
Greeting
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
Conferring of State FFA Degrees **(Seated In Balcony)**
Closing Ceremonies
- 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 — William Barnum & Lauren Gorsuch
Welcome
Greeting
FFA Foundation Recognition
Keynote Speaker — EJ Carrion
Michigan FFA Alumni & Friends Raffle Announcement
Recognition of Gold & Silver State Degrees
Stars Over Michigan:
*Star in Agribusiness, Agriscience,
Placement, & Production*
Nominating Committee Report
Closing Ceremonies

MI FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Raffle for Ag Education

\$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

Wednesday and Thursday: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE DURING SESSION 6



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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

MORNING

- 7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast — Akers Hall Cafeteria
- 7:15 - 7:30 Delegate Check In
(Mandatory for Delegates)
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
- 7:30 State FFA Choir
Directed by Alex Gerleman
- 7:30 Election of Ceremonial State Officers
(Mandatory for Delegates)
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
- 8:00 **SEVENTH CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs — Emma Challender & Samantha Stanke
Welcome
Greeting
Scholarship Recognition
Demonstration Finals
Challenge 24 Recognition
Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Awards
Greenhand Public Speaking Awards
Retiring Address — Emma Kuhl & Lexie Stump
Election Results
Announcements and Recess
- State Band Entertainment
Directed by Michael Parker
- 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**
Greetings
Extemporaneous Public Speaking Awards
Job Interview Awards
Richard Karelse Public Speaking Awards
Retiring Address — Nathaniel Cochrane & Madalyn Simpson
Agricultural Issues Awards
Demonstration Awards
Parliamentary Procedure Awards
Introduction of State Regional Vice Presidents
Convention In Review
Installation of 2024-2025 State Officers
Closing Ceremonies

PRESENTATIONS



Arthur Berkey Science Fair

Wednesday, February 28

Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center

Judging from 12-5 PM

(Exhibits closed during judging)

5:00 PM Open for viewing
(Exhibits open throughout convention)



National Chapter Presentations

Wednesday, February 28

Bessey Hall

Room 108

2:00 PM

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



National Officer Workshop
TODAY IS THE DAY

Wednesday, February 28

Amara Jackson

2023-2024 National FFA President

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
Room 008

10:30-11:30 AM

Have you ever felt like time flies by? Or, maybe, that your time isn't being spent on what you value? Together, we will identify the value of our time and how our time represents the person we are becoming.



Student Workshop
THE KEY TO TEAM TRIUMPH

Wednesday, February 28

Stephanie Harvey

Michigan FFA Past State Officer

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
Room 008

2:00-3:00 PM

Through dynamic exercises, real-world scenarios, and Olympic-style challenges, students will gain practical insights into the power of effective teamwork, setting a strong foundation for their future.

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY TOURS



Thursday, February 29

Anthony Hall, Room 1281

Session Times Offered At:

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00AM

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We expect all members and attendees at the 96th Michigan FFA State Convention to actively contribute to the creation of a positive and inclusive environment for all. Delegates at the 95th 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.



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VISITING NATIONAL OFFICER

Amara Jackson

2023-2024 NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT



Hometown and State:

Corunna, Michigan

FFA Stats:

Chapter: Corunna FFA Chapter

Enterprise: Agricultural Sales

Placement, Equine Science

Placement

State Office: 2021-22 Michigan

FFA State President

Activities:

Oklahoma State University

McKnight Leaders Scholar,

Oklahoma State University

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Agriculture Ambassador

Amara Jackson is currently serving as the 2023-2024 National FFA President. Amara says she joined FFA because of people. "When my sister brought me along, I felt a part of something bigger than myself, and I saw that people in the organization believe in me," Amara says. This year, she hopes to build strong relationships with others she meets. "It's important for me to create one-on-one conversations that allow everyone to discover their potential," she says. "I know I will have a successful year if I witness just one person discover something new about themselves."

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CONVENTION IN REVIEW



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CONVENTION SENSORY ROOM

Part of the Wharton Center Jackson Lounge will be a sensory friendly space. This area is intended to offer a space where individuals can view the general sessions in the Wharton Center with reduced lighting and noise. This part of the Jackson Lounge will be sectioned off and offer a few chairs and the ability to watch a livestream of the sessions on a TV.

To help maintain the intentions of this space, the first time a student utilizes the space, their advisor or other adult chaperone will check them in with the courtesy corps representative located there. If the student would like to return to the space for a later session, they will not need their advisor or adult chaperone to sign them back into the room. We ask that students sign in and out each time they are in the room.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER *EJ Carrion*

EJ Carrion is an afro-latino entrepreneur who builds social impact companies to level the playing field and create more equitable spaces for people to thrive. He is the co-founder and CEO of Student Success Agency, a digital mentoring platform that helps schools support students anywhere, anytime from their electronic devices. EJ has received many awards and recognitions, and has presented to audiences across 46 states and around the world.



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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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