

98TH MICHIGAN FFA

State Convention



MARCH 4-6, 2026

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WELCOME TO THE 98TH MICHIGAN FFA State Convention

On behalf of the 2025-2026 Michigan FFA State Officer team, we welcome all FFA members, advisors, industry partners, family, and friends to the 98th Michigan FFA State Convention. It is our hope that you are able to experience the joy, passion, and excitement that fills the rooms across MSU's campus. As you join us, we encourage you to celebrate the traditions and history that have shaped our state convention while embracing the opportunities and experiences still to come. The atmosphere of this convention is in your hands. We are ecstatic to chart our courses together!

2025-2026 STATE OFFICER TEAM

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LEADERSHIP CONTEST SITES:

Agricultural Issues: B115 Wells Hall

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Creed Speaking: 1415 Biomedical Physical Sciences

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Demonstration: 108 Bessey Hall

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Extemporaneous Public Speaking: 105 South Kedzie Hall

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Greenhand Conduct of Meetings: N100 Business College Complex

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Greenhand Public Speaking: 1345 Engineering Building

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Job Interview: 290 Spartan Way (Spartan 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

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Prepared 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, MARCH 4, 2026

MORNING

- 7:30-12:30 CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Lobby, Wharton Center
- 7:30-11:00 Tons of Tabs Collection
Lobby, Wharton Center
- 8:00-12:00 Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair Set Up
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center
- 8:00 Courtesy Corps Meeting
(Mandatory for Courtesy Corps Student Volunteers)
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center
- 9:00 STATE LEADERSHIP CONTESTS
(Participants report to holding rooms by 8:45AM)
Leadership contest sites listed on previous page
- 10:30-11:15 National Officer Workshop
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- *Carly VanderRoest & Andersen Zachar*
Greetings
Retiring Address- *Lizzie Hartmann & Caty Janicek*
Proficiency Awards- Part 1
Challenge 24 Recognition
Year in Review
State Officer Family Recognition
Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony
Moment of Reflection
Closing Ceremonies
- Immediately following session:**
Delegate Meeting- Great Hall, Wharton Center
(Mandatory for Delegates)
- 2:00 National Chapter Finalist Presentations
Room 108, Bessey Hall
- 2:00-2:45 National Officer Workshop
Room 008, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
- 2:00-5:00 State FFA Band Rehearsal
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
- 2:00-6:30 State FFA Choir Rehearsal
Rehearsal Studio, Wharton Center
- 2:00 State Officer Guardian & Advisor Reception
Christman Lounge, Wharton Center

(Wednesday continued)

- 3:45 **SECOND CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs- *Keira Fudge & William Rogers*
Greetings
Outstanding Agricultural Educator
Proficiency Awards- Part 2
National Officer Address- *Lilly Nyland*
Nominating Committee Recognition
State Officer Candidate Introduction
Academic Excellence (***Seated in Balcony***)
Closing Ceremonies

EVENING

- 5:00 Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair Opens for Viewing
Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center
- 5:00-6:30 Dinner- Akers Hall Cafeteria
- 6:30 Michigan FFA Choir Entertainment
Directed by Ben Saunders
- 7:00 **THIRD CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs- *Brent DeSaegher & Jessica Peters*
Greetings
National Chapter Awards
Retiring Address- *Keira Fudge & William Rogers*
#SpeakAgMichigan Awards
Proficiency Awards- Part 3
Top 3 Outstanding Junior Awards
Outstanding Junior Awards (***Seated In Pasant Theatre***)
Closing Ceremonies
- 8:30-10:30 Dance- 139 Akers Hall
Supported by Michigan FFA Alumni & Friends

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

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
Greetings
Parliamentarian Introduction
Roll Call
Minutes from the 97th Michigan FFA Convention
Treasurer's Report
Superior Chapter Awards
B.O.M.C. Awards
Glassbrook Grants
Tons of Tabs
P.O.A. Committee Report
Legislative Reception Information
Closing Ceremonies

(Thursday continued)

- 9:00 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION
Heritage Hall (*Mandatory for Delegates*)
- 9:00 Michigan FFA Foundation VIP Experience Welcome
Christman Lounge, Wharton Center
- 11:00-12:00 Lunch- Akers Hall Cafeteria
- 11:15 Michigan FFA Foundation VIP Luncheon
Christman Lounge, Wharton Center
- 11:50 Michigan FFA Band Entertainment
Directed by Jeff Szekely

AFTERNOON

- 12:20 FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs- *Brent DeSaegher, Keira Fudge, Jessica Peters & William Rogers*
Greetings
Foundation Partner Recognition
Retiring Address- *Carly VanderRoest & Andersen Zachar Zindel*
Recognition
Scholarship Program
WLC Scholarship Awards
Proficiency Awards- Part 4
Chartering New Chapters
Belonging & Engagement Committee Recognition
Prepared Public Speaking Finalist Announcement
Demonstration Finalist Announcement
Recess
- 3:00 RECONVENE FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION
Greetings
Creed Speaking Awards
Junior High Conduct of Meetings Awards
Junior High Public Speaking Awards
Prepared Public Speaking Finals
Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair Results
State FFA Degrees (*Seated In Pasant Theatre*)
Closing Ceremonies

EVENING

- 5:00-6:30 Dinner- Akers Hall Cafeteria
- 5:30 Michigan FFA Past State Officer Reception
Christman Lounge, Wharton Center
- 7:00 SIXTH CONVENTION SESSION
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs- *Lizzie Hartmann & Caty Janicek*
Greetings
Introduction of 2005-2006 State Officer Team
Keynote Speaker- *Fabian Ramirez*
Michigan FFA Alumni & Friends Raffle Announcement
Recognition of Gold and Silver State Degrees
Stars Over Michigan:
 Agribusiness, Agriscience, Placement, & Production
Nominating Committee Report
Closing Ceremonies

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ICE CREAM



Michigan State Dairy Store - Anthony Hall
Wednesday, March 4 - Friday, March 6
12:00-8:00 PM
Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy the limited-edition 2026 Michigan FFA Sundae, available at the MSU Dairy Store on Farm Lane.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

MORNING

- 7:00-7:45 Breakfast- Akers Hall Cafeteria
- 7:15-7:30 Delegate Check-In for Elections
(Mandatory for Delegates)
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
- Election of Ceremonial State Officers
(Mandatory for Delegates)
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
- 7:30 Michigan FFA Choir Entertainment
Directed by Ben Saunders
- 8:00 **SEVENTH CONVENTION SESSION**
Opening Ceremonies
Session Chairs- *Lizzie Hartmann, Caty Janicek
Carly VanderRoest & Andersen Zachar*
Greetings
Demonstration Finals- Part 1
Advisor Recognition
Contest Recognition
Demonstration Finals- Part 2
Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking Awards
Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Awards
Job Interview Awards
Parliamentary Procedure Awards
Greetings
Retiring Address- *Brent DeSaegher & Jessica Peters*
Election Results
Announcements and Recess
- Michigan FFA State Band Entertainment
Directed by Jeff Szekely
- Election of State Vice Presidents At-Large
(Mandatory for Delegates)
Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center
- RECONVENE SEVENTH CONVENTION SESSION**
Greetings
Extemporaneous Public Speaking Awards
Agricultural Issues Awards
Prepared Public Speaking Awards
Demonstration Awards
Election Results
Convention in Review
Installation of 2026-2027 State Officers
Closing Ceremonies



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HOME WITH YOU!**

Secure your convention t-shirt or sweatshirt before it's too late.

Order yours through **March 13th** on the Michigan FFA Storefront.



PRESENTATIONS



ARTHUR BERKEY AGRISCIENCE FAIR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Jackson Lounge, Wharton Center
Judging from 12:00-5:00 PM
(Exhibits closed during judging)

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



NATIONAL CHAPTER PRESENTATIONS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Bessey Hall
Room 108
2:00 PM

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



NATIONAL OFFICER WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 LILLY NYLAND

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
Room 008
10:30-11:15 AM & 2:00-2:45 PM

Some of the most significant moments are often the simplest ones. In this workshop, we will explore the power of small moments and learn how intentional actions can turn them into meaningful, lasting impact.

Simple is Significant



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GRAND PRIZE:

John Deere XUV835M Gator-Gator sponsored by Hutson, Inc. and Nutrien Ag Solutions

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 & Thursday 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE DURING SESSION 6

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WHILE AT CONVENTION

We expect all members and attendees at the 98th Michigan FFA State Convention to actively contribute to the creation of a positive and inclusive environment for all.

At Michigan FFA, we cherish our members and seek to create an inclusive environment that values and supports diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds. We believe that every member has a unique voice and valuable contributions to offer. We strive to embody the FFA values of integrity, leadership, service, and community.

You belong here, and together, we can achieve greatness.



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VISITING NATIONAL OFFICER

Lilly Nyland

NATIONAL FFA SECRETARY



Hometown and State:
Holland, Michigan

FFA Stats:
Chapter: Careerline Tech Center
Enterprise: Poultry Placement,
Diversified Livestock Production
State Office: 2023-2024 Michigan FFA
State Secretary

Lilly found direction during high school by enrolling at the Careerline Tech Center, where agriculture education, FFA involvement, and her SAE at GDW Farms helped her discover a sense of purpose and community. These experiences shaped her commitment to authentic leadership, meaningful SAE opportunities for all students, and empowering others to find confidence and belonging within FFA and the agriculture, food, and natural resources industries.

STATE CONVENTION APP



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CONVENTION SENSORY ROOM

A section of the Jackson Lounge in the Wharton Center will serve as a sensory-friendly space during general sessions. This area will feature reduced lighting and noise, along with a livestream of the sessions on TV. Disposable earplugs will also be available in the sensory room for attendees to use as needed.

To ensure the purpose of this space is maintained, students will need to check in with the Courtesy Corps representative the first time they use the room, accompanied by their advisor or another adult chaperone. After the first visit, students may sign in on their own. We ask that all students sign in and out each time they enter or leave the room.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER *Fabian Ramirez*

Fabian Ramirez is a national speaker known for empowering students to rise above obstacles and achieve academic success. From barely passing middle school to earning a master’s degree, Fabian’s story shows what is possible when students commit to their education and their goals. His message centers on perseverance, self-belief, and the idea that education opens doors for generations to come. Fabian’s mission is to help students chart a path toward higher achievement and brighter futures.



PROFICIENCY AWARD *Recognitions*

Proficiency Award recipients will be recognized during Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 5A. To view the specific awards presented in each session, please scan the QR Code.



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Living To Serve



As a part of the 2026 Michigan FFA State Convention Service Project, chapters across the state collect pop tabs and/or monetary

donations for the Ronald McDonald House. Two prizes will be awarded: one to the chapter that collects the most tabs and one to the chapter that collects the most money.

Join us in making a difference through our book drive supporting *The Reading People!* Guests are encouraged to donate new or gently used books to help promote literacy and put more stories into the hands of students who need them most.



The safety and well-being of our members, teachers, and stakeholders is the most important part of our mission, and the Michigan FFA Association maintains a strict no tolerance policy regarding any type of abuse or harassment, especially when involving minors or vulnerable adults.

We encourage any individual with concerns to immediately report them to the See Something, Say Something hotline for prompt investigation. Individuals may also report to local, state, or federal law enforcement. In certain situations, a report may be required by applicable law.

Submit a report through Red Flag Reporting if you notice bias, harassment, misconduct, suspicious activity, or unethical behavior at an FFA event. You will be directed to a third party to file the report, but all reports will be sent to Michigan FFA.

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