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98TH MICHIGAN FFA State Convention



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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.



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*Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph at (269) 921-0583
or Mr. Mark Forbush at (989) 277-9249*



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

Sponsored by DTE Energy, Farm-to-Power and Michigan Sugar Company

Creed Speaking: 1415 Biomedical Physical Sciences

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Demonstration: 108 Bessey Hall

Sponsored by GreenStone Farm Credit Services

Extemporaneous Public Speaking: 105 South Kedzie Hall

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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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Parliamentary Procedure: Kiva, Erickson Hall

Sponsored by Foster Swift Collins & Smith, PC and Michigan Wheat Program

Prepared Public Speaking: 1410 Biomedical Physical Sciences

Sponsored by Michigan Potato Industry Commission



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UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.**

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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.



WHILE AT CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

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.

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

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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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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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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