

# ND FFA Roughrider



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## Getting to Know Your 2011-12 State Officers



**Jodi Boe, President**

Hello North Dakota FFA!! My name is Jodi Boe and I am honored and excited to serve as your ND FFA President this year. My goal is to meet as many of you amazing people in blue as I can this year!

I hail from the map dot of Golden Valley, North Dakota where I was born and raised on a small farm. We grow Hard Red Spring Wheat and a pretty kickin' garden. My favorite part of the farm though is my eccentric flock of chickens and ducks. I have an older half-brother Brendan, and a younger sister Linsi. My dad Ken Boe is a maintenance mechanic at Dakota Gasification Company in Beulah and my mom Sharon Boe is a rural mail carrier in Golden Valley. I am currently attending NDSU and double majoring in crop and weed sciences and food science.

My home chapter is the Beulah FFA chapter, where I served as Assistant Officer and President, in that order. I participated in the Quiz, Prepared Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Crop Judging, Floriculture, and Nursery CDEs and enjoyed every minute of competition.

What inspired me to be a state officer was the way FFA has changed my life. Before FFA, I had viewed living on a farm in the middle of nowhere just a hindrance and something I had to overcome every day. I never saw agriculture as a possible career choice or a way of life; until I joined FFA my sophomore year. I learned that there was so much more to agriculture than what I saw around me. FFA is what got me passionate about agriculture, joined me with friends that I couldn't live without, gave me a new found confidence, and a way of life I wouldn't change for the world, and I want to share that passion and give back to the organization that has motivated me to become a state officer.

Good luck to everyone this upcoming year in school and in FFA, and welcome all new members! I am excited to meet all of you, and if you ever need a question answered or just want to chat, send me an e-mail at [jodi.e.boe@ndsu.edu](mailto:jodi.e.boe@ndsu.edu). I'd love to hear from you. See you all soon!

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- National Convention
- National Leadership Conference



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## 2011-12 State Officers

Hello everyone! I am Preston Gilderhus, your new State FFA Secretary, and I am very excited and honored to represent the North Dakota FFA Association this year. For those of you who don't know me, I hail from the BIG town of Oberon, ND (If you were to define "big" as a town of 80 people). I was raised an only child on a farm 2 miles west of town and helped out my dad with farming his crops of wheat, corn, soybeans, and durum. My mom has worked many years as an FSA program technician in various locations.

In seventh grade, my dad and my Ag teacher encouraged me to start growing sweet corn and selling it to local communities for my Supervised Agricultural Experience. With time, I built up a great customer base in five surrounding communities. I expanded my SAE in ninth grade by conducting science experiments to test factors of salinity and bacteria in the soil and determine if there was a market for selling ornamental corn, which I concluded there was not. With my dad's assistance, I also sold

truck beds, starting my sophomore year. Other FFA events I participated in were Ag Sales, Quiz, Prepared Public Speaking, and Farm Business Management.

While in high school, I stayed involved with almost every group offered at Maddock High School, including FFA, science club, one-act play, speech, student council, yearbook staff, band, and choir. During my free time, I enjoy hunting, fishing, jet skiing, four wheeling, playing piano, and hanging out with friends. To be goal oriented in these activities, I had many people who motivated and challenged me. A person who has inspired me in my life was Mrs. Risovi. She was my librarian, junior high teacher, student council advisor, and most of all, a great friend. Every time I walked into her room, I was reminded of how driven she is, and that has motivated me to never give up on my dreams.

Along with this great year of FFA that I get to share with you, I am

attending North Dakota State University, where I plan to major in Industrial engineering. I am very excited to meet many of you this year, and if you ever have any questions or just want to talk, add me on Facebook or email me at [preston.j.gilderhus@ndsu.edu](mailto:preston.j.gilderhus@ndsu.edu). Hope to see everyone at District Leadership! You stay classy ND FFA!



**Preston Gilderhus, Secretary**



I grew up on my family's ranch east of Granville, North Dakota, which consists of 250 beef cow/calf pairs. My father, Terry, works on our ranch and at the Rugby Livestock Sales Ring. My mother, Pam, is an elementary teacher and librarian at TGU Granville School. I also have one older brother, Cooper. My inspiration to become a state FFA officer came from my agricultural education instructor, Mr. Jeff Hagel. His dedication to my home chapter and the students of this organization is truly influential to anyone who has the privilege to meet him. During my FFA years, I competed in memorized public speaking, parliamentary procedure, dairy cattle evaluation, dairy foods and milk quality, dairy cattle handling, livestock evaluation, small animal care, and the Agriscience Fair. I also attended many leadership conferences including the win-

ter conferences and Washington Leadership Conference. My SAE is in dairy cattle production entrepreneurship and beef cattle production entrepreneurship. I am currently a freshman at North Dakota State University majoring in Zoology with plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy. I enjoy playing basketball, going to the lake, traveling, showing dairy cattle, reading, sewing, and spending time with my family, friends, and boyfriend, Mike.



**Kristi Tonnessen, SE Vice President**



## Your State Officers Continued...



**Daniel Deck**  
Parliamentarian

**Position:** Parliamentarian

**Family:** I live on a farm with my parents north of Harvey, ND. We raise wheat, soybeans and corn along with beef cattle.

**Person who Inspired me to be a state officer:** I can't really narrow it down to one person. I have had a lot of encouragement from a lot of people, but the one who encouraged me the most would have to be my advisor Mr. Wade Anderson.

**College/Major:** I am going to Bismarck State College and majoring in Farm and Ranch Management.

**SAE:** Diversified Agriculture Production (Placement).

**CDE's:** Parli-Pro, Ag Sales, Ag Mechanics, Tractor Driving, Farm Business Management, and Quiz.

**Hobbies:** Ice Fishing, wood and metal work, and reading.



I was born in Granville, ND to Dale and Wanda Bachmeier. I have two brothers, Ethan and Lane, and one sister, Grace. I grew up on a small ranch just three miles outside of town. We raise commercial beef cattle, Registered Miniature Nubian Goats, and chickens. I was a member of the Granville FFA Chapter for six years, and the chapter president for two years. I competed in several CDE's from Dairy Cattle Evaluation to Extemporaneous Public Speaking. I also had SAE's in three areas; Beef Production Placement, Beef Production Entrepreneurship, and Agricultural Mechanics Fabrication and Design. For my Beef Production Placement, I worked for several area producers and have I raised eight commercial heifers, and for Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication I worked for a manufacturing company as a welder. Also while going to school in Granville, I was active in; The National Honor Society, Tabaco Coalition, Student Council, North Dakota Boys State, Acalympics, Science Olympiad, Basketball, and Football.



**Wyatt Bachmeier**  
NE Vice President



## 2011 BLAST OFF by Cody Folden

Now, the FFA State Officer year starts with BLAST OFF or Building Leaders and Strong Teams of Officers. This is the first true test of finding what your strengths are and who has what strength. Then our Blast off instructor helped us out on building ourselves into better leaders. All in all this was our first weekend of bonding time and we all truly had the time of our lives. One of the best times of being a state officer is being part of this training.

## Maddock Officer Retreat by Preston Gilderhus



The 10th Annual Maddock Chapter Officers Retreat was a huge success with a record attendance of 65 officers and 12 chapters! The retreat kicked off on Friday, August 7th with registration, lunch, and opening ceremonies. The theme “Climb to Success with FFA” set the stage for the state officers to lead various workshops and fun activities.

In the workshops, the main ideas covered were goal setting, problem solving, and team building. One of the workshops was an officer breakdown. Each state officer would take their respective officers--State President with Chapter Presidents, etc.--and go over their

duties and answer any questions. Mitch Becker, this year’s ag intern, also provided a workshop. Although there were workshops, fun was had with activities, including a scavenger hunt, recreation in the park, talent show, and a dance. The talent show had a variety of performances, ranging from singing to Native American dancing to stand-up comedy.

On Saturday, the state officers presented opening ceremonies and a flag raising ceremony. To end the retreat, the chapters split up to talk about their POAs (Program of Activities) and create a mission statement for their officer team. All in all, the retreat is meant to give chapter officers from across the state a chance to know each other, their team, and the state officers. It was fun to see

everyone at the retreat, and the state officer team is looking forward to a great year!

*“Climb to  
Success with  
FFA”*



## State Tractor Driving Contest...

The 2011 North Dakota State FFA Tractor Driving Contest was hosted in Napoleon due to the flooding incidents in Minot and the cancellation of the State Fair. None the less, numbers were not down from previous years. All seven of the state officers assembled at the Napoleon Livestock Auction Yard for a great contest. The tractors were donated by Green Iron of Napoleon and through talking to some of the contestants the tractors were too new for those good ole boys back on the farm!

As a whole the contest ran very smooth, no one was injured, besides a few poles and golf balls and the tractors went back to Green Iron as they had left. In the basic division, Zach Schmaltz of Harvey was the big winner and Caylor Rosenau was victorious in the advanced. We hope to have the contest back in Minot next year along with the State Fair and that all the remaining contestants are gearing up to do their best for next year!

Your Southwest Region Vice President, Taylor Friesz

## More from your State Officers...



My full name is Taylor John Friesz. I grew up on a ranch my whole life raising purebred Corriedale sheep and Hereford cattle. Through my experiences with livestock I have gotten heavily involved in the showing and exhibiting aspect of the industry. I have met many life long friends throughout the years of traveling to numerous fairs in the state and throughout the country. I am currently enrolled at Bismarck State College, taking their 2 year Ag transfer program and I plan to major in agricultural education.



### Taylor Friesz, SW Vice President

Hey everybody! I am Cody Folden your 2011-2012 North Dakota NW Region Vice President!! I am from the Parshall FFA chapter and we might be small but we have a lot of heart! I am now studying at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. I am absolutely loving it here and as of Monday, August 29 I haven't even started classes yet, but unfortunately I start tomorrow. I am majoring in Science Education with a Coaching minor included into that. My SAE project was Outdoor Recreation and won state last year with it. It was quite fun and an awesome experience. I love to golf, play football, ref, and really anything that I can get involved. I will try some-

thing at least once, and one last quirky comment about me is I am definitely terrified of birds!!!

My family consists of a mom, dad (obviously), and my older brother, Tristen, twin sister, Ashley, and my little sister, Cassidy. Without my family I wouldn't be writing this article right now so once again thanks family, I will always love you guys. The next thing is the people who inspire me. Well on a life prospective I would have to say my grandpa and my aunt, Joani, who have always, like my immediate family, has always been there for me and everything I know is because of them. On the FFA side it would have to be my FFA advisor Julie Woodbury, my Crops

Judging coach, Roger Christensen, my personal mentor, Bob Huus, and last but not least former state officer Andi Hamel. All of these people have inspired me to become better and to do anything I want and succeed. The catch? I had to try. Thank you everyone.



Cody Folden, NW Vice President



## First State Parliamentarian Installed at State Convention By Daniel Deck

As many of you may know, there is no longer an Ambassador serving on the ND FFA State Officer team. Last year at the State FFA Convention in Fargo, the delegate body voted to remove the Ambassador from the officer team and instead have a Parliamentarian. The Ambassador was actually a contest and the winner became a member of the officer team. This contest consisted of a series of interviews, so the person who would fill the office was fit for the position. I think we can all attest to that as we

had great last Ambassador, Tanasha Krull. However, the delegates felt that the whole team should be elected. The Parliamentarian is an officer elect at large, like the President and Secretary. I am currently serving as your first ever State Parliamentarian. It has been a learning experience trying to pave the way for other Parliamentarians to come. So, finally, I would personally like to express my deep and sincere gratitude to

all past Ambassadors and I hope to set a good example for all Parliamentarians in the future.



### Chapter Name Game— match the definition on the left with the answer on the right, see how many you can get correct!!! Answers on page 11

1. Math Function and a section of a state\*
  2. Electrical term, Brand of vehicle and town
  3. Bill = 2000 lbs
  4. Fresh Community
  5. Barbie beau and a female horse
  6. Boring color and female name
  7. Girls name and without
  8. Ron fav chicken, board game, and in the air
  9. Gambling Game
  10. Male from 70's show and a wolves home
  11. Scandinavian person and a name
  12. Upset place to fish from
  13. Jim's Community
  14. Lifting 2,000 lbs
  15. Lignite and has paper jams
  16. Brand of tools
  17. I and No
  18. Native American Tribe
  19. Mechanical creature and opposite of yes
  20. Do good and color
  21. Sounds like fishing equipment
  22. French Leader
  23. type of dance and something to write with
  24. Plural form of a hardwood
  25. High elevation's Donkey
- \* County instead of town

- Des Lacs
- McClusky
- Grenora
- Watford City
- Hillsboro
- Rolette
- New Town
- Stanley
- Divide County
- Finley
- Lakota
- Oakes
- Jamestown
- Maddock
- Bottineau
- Richland 44 (Colfax)
- Gackle
- Williston
- Minot
- Kindred
- Kenmare
- Tappen
- Carrington
- Napolean
- Fessenden

## National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO)—2011

by Kristi Tonnessen

On Sunday, June 18, 2011, bright and early, the seven state officers and our fearless leader, Mr. Zimmerman, left the flatness of North Dakota and set out for the mountains of Wyoming for one of the greatest experiences of our lives. The nine officers from Wyoming, eight from Montana, and the seven of us gathered at a research station near Cody, WY. National Central Region Vice President, Mr. Wyatt DeJong, and National Southern Region Vice President, Mr. James Flatt, were our instructors for the conference. We had four vigorous days of sessions that included, building team strengths, creating our team mission, vision, and purpose, planning our team project, generating agricultural awareness, and developing effective workshops and seminars. The two national officers taught us the importance of “Beginning With The End In Mind”, meaning developing a clear image of the goal we wanted to accomplish. We learned the significance of communication with not only our team members, but with the state staff, sponsors, chapter advisors, and ultimately the members. We also had the honor of visiting with two of the National FFA Organizations biggest partners, ADM and Wrangler. Our

state officer team also performed a reflection on Monday night, which presented the essence of SERVICE, and a flag raising ceremony on Wednesday morning.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge we acquired that week pertaining to team strengths and workshop development, we had the chance to just spend time together. We enjoyed some fabulous food, sand volleyball and horseshoes. We also took a hike up a mountain (a hill compared the rest but nonetheless a mountain in our eyes) in the darkness of the night to view God’s beauty from a mountaintop. On Thursday afternoon, we headed home; taking a few detours to visit Bear Tooth Pass, waterfalls, various other mountain sights, and stopping in Billings, MT for the night. We learned you truly can fit twenty-six people on an extremely small cabin loft; you never want Preston, Jodi, or Kristi on your team for horseshoes unless you want to lose the game, a fake mustache looks exceptionally real on Daniel, Taylor looks surprisingly like Super Mario with one on, Wyatt is a master at go-karts, and the fun cen-

ter in Billings won’t let Cody golf when it’s lightening out. By the time we returned to Bismarck on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, we had great team bonding experiences.

Our presence at this conference wasn’t directly about the state officers. It was about the 4,000 FFA members in North Dakota whom we, as state officers, represent. It is crucial that we not only inspire these individuals and help them in the right direction, but that we do our absolute best to build the leaders of tomorrow.

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**2011-12 State Officer Team**



# State Presidents' Conference by Jodi Boe

This past July, Preston and I had the opportunity to attend State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C. with ninety-eight other state officers from across America. During the week, we learned about the national delegate process, met amazing people from across the United States, held a parliamentary procedure meeting in the Natural History Museum, and learned how to live "untitled." Now, you might ask, what exactly does living "untitled" mean?

To answer the question, it means to be... Unexpected. To break out of the stereotypes that our generation is put into by striving for change and by being the opposite of every negative label we have been given. We are the best leaders that we can be, not the bad that others might think we are.

Untitled means to be... Unleashed. It means to do things that are out of our comfort zone and to try new things and to help others. What is stopping us from making the world a better place?

Untitled also means to be... Uncommon. It seems that as time has progressed, acts of kindness have diminished from everyday life. If all 4, 500 of us in North Dakota perform one small, uncommon act of kindness each day, think of what impact we can make.

Finally, untitled means to be... Unfinished. We are all works in progress and each and every day, we can improve ourselves. We can improve others, in our relationships, in the way we go about our daily lives, and in the simple kindness that we can exert throughout the world.

State Presidents' Conference was nothing short of life changing, and I leave you with the same challenge that was presented to **us in D.C.: Do the unexpected. Become unleashed. Uncommonly help others. Be unfinished. Live untitled.**



## Cole Vculek

...has been selected as a finalist for Star Farmer of America. He is from the Oakes Sargent Central FFA Chapter.



## 2011 Land Judging

On August 4, ten chapters competed in the annual State Land Judging contest in Casselton. It was a great day had by all. Bottineau FFA Chapter took first place as a team and Chris Heinrich of Medina FFA Chapter was High Individual.

Congratulations to Chris and Bottineau.  
Good Job

A joke for you:

Q: Why did the farmer call his pig "Ink"?

A: Because it was always running out of the pen.



# North Dakota FFA Foundation



## Sponsor an FFA Jacket for \$55

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The pride of wearing the jacket?  
The confidence you see developed in members?

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- Organizations
- Advisory Councils
- and more

This project provides members with the opportunity to earn an FFA jacket through an application process. Last year 90 new FFA jackets were given away to members

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*Please sign me up for \_\_\_\_\_ jacket(s).*

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***“Learning to Do***

***Doing to Learn***

***Earning to Live***

***Living to Serve”***



## National Convention/National Theme

By Jodi Boe

### I Believe....

The first two words of the FFA creed; we all know it. We as an organization believe in the future of agriculture. Besides agriculture, what else do you believe in? Is it a strong sense of community? The impossible? Is it the potential you see in yourself?

"I Believe" is the theme for this year's National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana where over 50,000 members from across every corner of the country will come together and share their belief in the future of agriculture. The 84<sup>th</sup> FFA Convention is coming up fast, and is no doubt something to get pumped up for!

At convention, members will discover numerous opportunities at the career fair, make new friends and connections with people around the US, and hear from dynamic speakers that will inspire them to become better people. Those speaking at convention include Dave Roeber, a Vietnam veteran and Vernice "FlyGirl" Amour, the First African-American Female Combat Pilot. Entertainment will include concerts by Blake Shelton, The Band Perry, and Little Big Town. Delegates will work diligently on the national issues that were decided upon at State Presidents' Conference, and career development event participants will test their skills in competition.

National Convention is also a place to see how far we have come. Members who have believed in themselves will compete against hundreds of others for the coveted first place prize. We wish luck to every member competing on the national level. Luck also goes out to Andrew Young of the Napoleon FFA Chapter, the 2008-2009 State Ambassador, in his pursuit of National



Office. Also, good luck to Cole Vculek, Vance Zacharias, and the Richland 44 FFA Chapter. Vculek is a National Star Farmer finalist, Zacharias of Enderlin is a finalist in the Grain Production Proficiency Award area, and Richland 44 is a finalist in the Models of Innovation award in the community development area.

North Dakota FFA has much to look forward to at the 84th National Convention, as does every member attending. From the speakers, to the entertainment, to the 50,000 members in blue, there is so much for members to believe in. Hope to see you there!

## Good Luck to all Heading to National Convention

### State Winning Individuals:

- ~Prepared Speaking:  
Andrew Haugen, Garrison
- ~Extemp Speaking:  
Chelsey Schafer, New Rockford
- ~Creed:  
Samantha Lies, Garrison
- ~Job Interview:  
Courtney Krebsbach, Max
- ~Dairy Handler:  
Brandi Boehm, Mandan
- ~Talent:  
Justin Bartholomay, Enderlin
- ~Chorus:  
Brittany Lasher, McClusky

### State Winning Teams:

- ~Ag Mech– Beulah
- ~Ag Sales- Napoleon
- ~Food Science– Oakes /SC
- ~Livestock-Napoleon
- ~Ag Communicatins– Grant County
- ~Dairy Cattle– Mandan
- ~Dairy Foods– Carrington
- ~Farm Business Mgmt– Fessenden/  
Bowdon
- ~Floriculture-Minot
- ~Horse– Hazen
- ~Meats– Kenmare
- ~Nursery Landscape– Minot

## Chapter Presidents Conference, by Wyatt Bachmeier

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Daniel, Cody and I traveled to Carrington, ND to assist in directing the 2011 Chapter Presidents Conference; where we met up with Presidents and Vice Presidents from various chapters across the state. During the first day, former national officers Amber Haugland and Barrett Keene enlightened the students of the fundamentals for leadership through influence and action, with their new positions. After a day filled with knowledge and ideas, we headed to the park for supper; that was graciously prepared by the Carrington FFA Alumni. With full stomachs, the herd of FFA Officers hit the grass for

competitive activities. During our time in the park, we battle through relay races, egg toss, water balloon toss, and best of all a veggie dunk. We state officers didn't hesitate to jump in on the games, or keep everyone soaked. As a result of Daniel's love for ancient movies, our whole group gathered in the conference room to finish off the night with the movie Maverick. The next morning, our group met for a delicious breakfast of rolls and assorted fruit. Then the Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents began sessions for problem solving and conflict resolution. To close the conference, we heard presentations from a panel of agriculturalist, learned how to

start an Alumni Chapter from Bruce Bachmeier, and of course found out how to get "FREE MONEY" from Beth Stenehjem, Executive Director of the ND FFA Foundation. The conference concluded on July 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Chapter Officers parted ways with new friends and lots of productive tools to take back to their chapters.



## Congratulations Richland 44

On being a finalist in the Models of Innovation area for Community Development.



### Vance Zacharias

Congratulations goes out to Vance Zacharias from the Enderlin FFA Chapter. He is a national finalist in the Diversified Crop Production Proficiency area.



**Vance Zacharias, Diversified Crop Production Finalist**

National Chapter Awards:

- \*\*\*Richland 44
- \*\*Rugby
- \*\*Carrington
- \*\*Garrison
- \*\*Kenmare
- \*\*Maddock
- \*\*Napoleon
- \*\*Max

Answers to Chapter Game found on Page 6

1-Divide County 2-Watford City 3-Williston 4-New Town 5-Kenmare 6-Grenora 7-Des Lacs 8-McClusky 9-Rolette 10-Fessenden 11-Finley 12-Maddock 13-Jamestown 14-Carrington 15-Richland 44 (Colfax) 16-Stanley 17-Minot 18-Lakota 19-Bottineau 20-Kindred 21-Gackle 22-Napoleon 23-Tappen 24- Oakes 25- Hillsboro



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## FFA Motto....

*"The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education"*



## Upcoming Events.....

	September 13-15	Big Iron Show
	September 16-17	Range Judging– Hebron
	September 19-22	District Leadership
	October 5	State Parli Pro– Bismarck
	October 19-22	National FFA Convention

