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to Do"**



**"Doing to  
Learn"**



**"Earning  
to Live"**



**"Living  
to Serve"**



# Harlan FFA Chapter Celebrates 2021 National FFA Week, Feb. 20-27

The Harlan FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week, February 20-27. Over 700,000 members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

Designated as National FFA Week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday is FFA Week, and runs from Saturday to Saturday. FFA Week gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters across the nation conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education. Harlan FFA will celebrate National FFA Week by participating in various activities throughout the week. This will be the second year a coloring contest is held for all PK-5th grade students, with a prizes being awarded to each grade level. Members will host a faculty appreciation breakfast at the high school during the week. Other fun activities will be school dress up days themed towards agriculture or FFA, FFA trivia activities, and an FFA Em-

blem scavenger hunt.

Today, FFA provides the next generation of leaders who will change the world. As the top school-based youth leadership development organization in the nation, FFA helps young people meet new agricultural challenges by developing their unique talents and exploring their interests in a broad range of career pathways. FFA members are our future leaders, our future food suppliers, our future innovators and more!

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Harlan FFA stands strong at 200 middle school, high school, and college members. The FFA Mission states: "FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education." Harlan FFA members' "Premiere leadership" is built through participating in FFA Leadership Ca-

reer Development Events. Students work on their "personal growth and career success" through their Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects and participation in Ag Skills Career Development Events. Students' entrepreneurship projects include market and breeding beef, swine, sheep, horse, rabbits, and chickens. Placement projects include working on farms and at local agricultural businesses. Students in the agriculture program at Harlan Community Schools have the opportunity to learn real world connections by managing a greenhouse business, gain hands on experience by working in the shop, and plans are currently in place to partner with a local business for a crop plot.

Annual community development activities include conducting the Food for America Program, a service project conducted by the FFA seniors to teach elementary students various agriculture related topics. FFA also assists with various service projects around the Harlan Community including cancer awareness fundraisers, food drives and promot-

ing agriculture safety and advocacy. Members hold the values of the FFA Creed, "I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task."





## FFA Fun Facts

Sharing FFA trivia can be a great way to help educate others about the organization while creating a fun and engaging activity that can be used in the classroom or any time during National FFA Week.

**Q: In what year was the signature blue and gold jacket adopted as the organizations' Official Dress??**

A: 1933

**Q: What year did the FFA change its name from Future Farmers of America to the National FFA Organization?**

A: 1988

**Q: The National FFA emblem consists of five meaningful symbols. Which symbol represents progress and opportunity?**

A: Red rising sun

**Q: The National FFA emblem consists of five meaningful symbols. Which symbol serves as a reminder of our freedom?**

A: The eagle

**Q: The National FFA emblem consists of five meaningful symbols. Which symbol**

**represents unity and is the foundation of the emblem?**

A: Cross-section of ear of corn

**Q: The National FFA emblem consists of five meaningful symbols. Which symbol signifies labor, the backbone of agriculture?**

A: Blue plow

**Q: The National FFA emblem consists of five meaningful symbols. Which symbol represents the wisdom and knowledge required for success in agriculture?**

A: The owl

**Q: What are the two official colors of the National FFA Organization?**

A: National blue, Corn gold

**Need more trivia?** Take a look at some more National FFA History and explore the National FFA website.

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## “Learning to Do”

**Greenhouse Projects** - Agriculture students in various classes use the greenhouse for learning projects. The Horticulture classes use the greenhouse to grow poinsettias in the fall and a variety of annual flowers and vegetables in the spring. Plant Science/Ag 2 classes use the greenhouse for projects associated with hydroponics and germination trials, and the 8th grade classes grow lettuce for the school lunches. Pictured are 8th grade Agriculture students, Kendall Kohles, Aubrey Schwieso, Ben Leinen, and Lance Obrecht cleaning the lettuce after a harvest.



**FSC Defiance Field Trip** - Each year the Plant Science/Ag 2 class takes a field trip to Farm Service Coop in Defiance. This field trip directly connects with the soil science and fertilizer unit that they learn in class. Other field trips are taken throughout the year. Various guest speakers are also invited into the building for students to learn about future career and college options.



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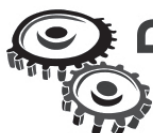
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**Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs - FFA** members are all required to have a Supervised Agriculture Experience Program. Some of our members take these programs very seriously, earning awards based on these projects. Records are kept for SAE projects on the Agricultural Experience Tracker online program. Pictured is Isaiah Ahrenholtz showing his beef cattle at the Shelby County Fair and Ania Kaster in the greenhouse she built for her SAE project. SAE Projects include employment at agricultural businesses or farms in the Shelby County community and other entrepreneurial projects.



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## "Doing to Learn"

**Elementary Coloring Contest** - Last year's National FFA Week marked the first year for the FFA sponsored elementary coloring contest. The FFA officers conducted the contest for pre-kindergarten through 5th grade classes at Harlan Community Elementary. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 participants per grade level. The coloring contest will be conducted again this year. Pictured are last year's FFA officers Grace Kenkel, Lucy Borkowski, Bobbie Schechinger and Mallie Boell with 3 elementary award recipients.



**Soil Judging/Career Development Event Participation** - Pictured are FFA members, Stephanie Scheuring, Paola Gonzalez, Cameron Springman, and Ryleigh Obrecht, practicing soil judging for the Soils Evaluation Career Development Event. FFA members participate in various Career Development Events throughout the year. CDEs intend to expand career skills for FFA members outside of the classroom.



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## “Living to Serve”

**Adopt a Family-** The part of the FFA motto that we try to emphasize in the community is the “Living to Serve” portion. Harlan FFA members participate in many service projects throughout the year. Pictured are Harlan Municipal Utilities CEO, Ken Weber and FFA members, Paola Gonzalez, Stephanie Scheuring, Ryleigh Obrecht, Cheyenne Obrecht, Jocelyn Mena, Ania Kaster, Megan Klein, and Grace Coenen. Harlan FFA donated \$250 for utilities and purchased gifts for two families in need this past December.

**Donation Drives -** Another example of FFA member community service from this past year has been various donations to the community food pantry. Pictured from early March of 2020, Tianna Kasperbauer, Julia Schechinger, and Joseph Bragg are collecting needed items from customers at Hy Vee for West Central Development. In December, our chapter also donated 140 pounds of fresh fruit left over from our Fruit Sales to the food pantry.



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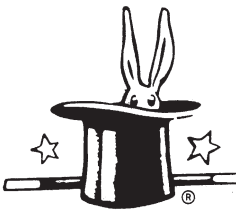


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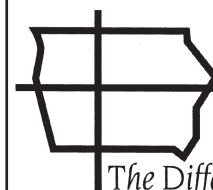
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## Harlan FFA Chapter Officer Team 2020-2021

Pictured left to right: Advisor, James Shughart; Vice President, Nolan Blum; Secretary, Paola Gonzalez; Sentinel, Grace Coenen; Reporter, Reanna Obrecht; Treasurer, Mallory Mulligan; Reporter, Jocelyn Mena; President, Alex Barrett; Advisor, Justine Holloway.



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