

Agricultural Education and the FFA prepare students to **find their future through agriculture** by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and **career success**.

The **Montana FFA Career & Industry Panel** will forecast job opportunities for students in agriculture as well as other vital industries in Montana. The professionals on the panel will also discuss challenges they face in their respective industries and the role that the next generation of Montana leaders will have in addressing these issues.



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VIRTUAL MONTANA FFA CAREER & INDUSTRY PANEL

Streaming from Facebook Live:

Thursday, May 7th

12:10 - 1:00 pm

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Meet the Panelists!



Randy Bogden
Moderator

Randy was raised on a ranch south of Great Falls between Ulm and Cascade. He graduated from Cascade High School and attended Montana State University. Randy grew up in the family business which included a slaughter house and wholesale meat distribution company in addition to the ranch. Randy has been a sports broadcaster for the past 10 years and also referees high school football. He is currently the Ag Director for 560 KMON and he has received every FFA degree (Greenhand, Chapter, State (1989), American (1991), Honorary Chapter, Honorary State, and Honorary American degree. Randy is a big believer in 4-H and FFA and is a strong advocate for agriculture.



Brenda Byrnes
Panelist

As a CPA and shareholder with Anderson ZurMuehlen, Brenda Byrnes provides operational, business and tax planning guidance to her clients in the agricultural industry. Brenda's passion for agriculture is evidenced in all areas. Her lifelong involvement with 4-H continues as her three children are enrolled in various livestock projects as well as Brenda's current role as President of the Livestock Leaders in Cascade County. Her freshman son is a proud member of the Cascade FFA Chapter. Additionally, Brenda leads the Anderson ZurMuehlen Ag Specialty Team and serves on the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee. When she's not helping clients, she and her family enjoy working on the family ranch operation run by her father, brother (the 4th generation) and sister-in-law. Brenda's favorite part of her profession is "positively impacting the perpetuation of successful ag operations in Montana



Bill Himmelberg III
Panelist

Bill Himmelberg III, a graduate of C.M. Russell High School and Hamburger University, is the Owner/Operator of the three McDonald's franchise stores in Great Falls, Montana. He has worked in the stores since coming to Great Falls with his family in 1981, starting as Crew, growing with the business and becoming an Owner/Operator in 1988. Bill's restaurants employ an average 225 employees and take pride in being your community's "best first job". Being part of the community of Great Falls and giving back is part of the legacy handed down to the Himmelberg organization by Bill's Dad, Bill Himmelberg Jr., and continues to be part of what the Himmelberg Organization does every day. In addition to running some of the most successful McDonald's stores in the region, Bill is also the Head Coach of the University of Providence Women's Basketball team.



Mary Heller
Panelist

Mary Heller is a professional Workforce Development Consultant and Copywriter. She specializes in educating the public about the opportunities available in the skilled trades industries. Connecting young people with the tools needed to get to industry employers and hit the ground running with amazing careers is her passion. Mary is a strong advocate of turning the stereotypical label "kids these days don't know how to work" around and help them prove that they have an abundance of talent to give to their world. When not playing tug-of-war with her dog, Zipper, Mary can be found romping around her beloved home country of the Missouri River breaks in central Montana.



Tyler Smith
Panelist

Tyler Smith is the principal in two Havre based businesses that operate in the construction industry. He is a second-generation owner of Lakeside Excavation Inc. and owns Rock Solid Materials. He is a graduate of Havre High School. Tyler has worked in the construction industry since high school. Ongoing education has been paramount to his professional development. This includes Project Management and Advanced Management Planning from the Associated General Contractors of America, Class 1 of the REAL Montana Leadership Program, and National Cohort 10 of the Goldman Sacs 10,000 Small Businesses Program. His companies belong to the Montana Contractors' Association, and he serves as president of the MCA Education Foundation, chairman of the MCA Concrete Division, chairman of the Hill County Fair Board, and is a member of the local Lions Club.

