

Greetings Montana FFA!



As we head into the summer months it is a great time to reflect on the past academic year. It has been an honor to be with the Montana FFA Foundation for a year while working with

our donors, supporters, students, and teachers through the various events and programs the foundation has hosted. This experience has taught me a great deal about leadership, hard work, and humility. I am excited for the year ahead to learn and grow alongside Montana FFA and I thank you for joining us on this journey!

Kelsey Proue

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS,

MONTANA FFA FOUNDATION



Hello Montana FFA Nation! It is hard to believe it has been a year since I started working for the Montana FFA Foundation. It's been a year full of lots of learning

and blessings. I still can't believe I get to work for and give back to the organization that shaped me into the person I am today. I want to say thank you to all the donors I got to meet this past year. I enjoyed getting to know you all and hearing your FFA stories and I hope our paths cross again real soon. Until then, I hope you all live a happy life on cowboy time. Montana FFA is growing and as strong as ever-thank you all for believing in the future of agriculture!

Morgan Kunt≈ DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, MONTANA FFA FOUNDATION



This spring we were able to celebrate the success of Montana FFA members in Great Falls for the 93rd State FFA Convention. All of us at the Montana FFA Foundation

want to thank every advisor, parent, volunteer, and sponsor for helping make the Annual State FFA Convention possible. The Montana FFA Foundation has turned a new page with staff and updated giving programs. We are eager to continue to support FFA members and are looking forward to what the future holds. Have a happy and productive summer!

Curt Robbins

BOARD PRESIDENT,

MONTANA FFA FOUNDATION

The Montana FFA Foundation is now completely remote! Please update your records to the following mailing address: **PO Box 943 Lewistown, Mont. 59457.** We no longer have an office space in Bozeman, Mont.



2023 Foundation Awards

FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION AWARD

Columbia Grain

Columbia Grain International is the leading supplier of organic and conventional bulk grain, pulses, edible beans and oilseeds, worldwide. Besides being a world leading grain supplier, they are also servant leaders who have been invaluable supporters of Montana FFA. In addition to sponsoring, Columbia Grain employees stepped up and were workshop facilitators at the 2022 Montana FFA Ag Expo and 2023 Fusion Career Summit, while also volunteering countless hours during Career/Leadership Development Events.



Roberta Kozlowski

Roberta Kozlowski has stepped forward as a major financial contributor to our Foundation. Mrs. Kozlowski's donation, given in memory of her late husband- John, is the largest individual donation ever made to Montana FFA. The contribution provides scholarships to some of Montana FFA's most elite members, positively impacting their lives.

LEE BOYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT **AWARD**

Jack Larson

Jack Larson started his agricultural education teaching career in Melstone, Montana where he taught for four years. He then went to teach at Custer County District High School in Miles City Montana, remaining there until his retirement 25 years later. During his tenure in Miles City, he built one of the largest agricultural education programs in the state. A member of the Montana FFA Foundation Board, a rancher, a small business owner and now a true cancer survivor, Jack has a heart for service and agriculture.

BILL JIMMERSON FOREVER BLUE LEGACY AWARD

Leonard Lombardi

Leonard Lombardi graduated from MSU in agricultural education and went on to teach AgEd in Enterprise, Oregon for 16 years. He then moved to Helena to take on the role as the Montana State FFA Advisor and State AgEd specialist for 20-years. Leonard and Ruth, his wife of 65 years, have opened their home to many state officers and FFA members over the years. Leonard served on the National FFA Board of Directors, in addition to earning the Honorary American FFA Degree and many other awards along the way. He has made a lasting impact on the FFA organization and we thank him for his service.

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State Convention Recap

93rd Montana State FFA Convention March 21-25, 2023, Great Falls, Mont.



Meet the 2023 Montana FFA State Officer Team!

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Ayla Yoder
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Listed in order from left to right

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College Scholarships

\$32.5k

Forty-six RECIPIENTS

Leadership Scholarships

\$4.6k

Sixteen RECIPIENTS

SAE Grants

\$12k

Sixteen GRANTS

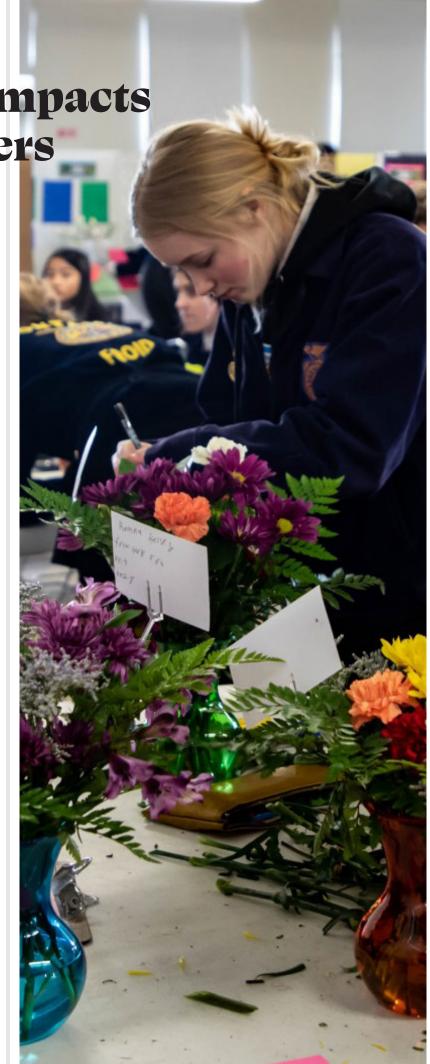
State Officer Scholarships

\$18k

Six RECIPIENTS



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THANK YOU FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

"I earned the Cornthwaite leadership scholarship, so I will be attending WLC this summer. This is a great opportunity for me because I have been wanting to go on this adventure for a while now but have never had enough resources and

"I greatly appreciate the scholarship granted to me by the Montana FFA Foundation, to attend the Montana FFA Alumni Leadership Camp. I can't wait to attend ALC to meet other FFA members and develop my leadership skills to teach other chapter members about the importance of leadership."

- Adelaide Meyer, Stevensville FFA

"The FFA Fusion is one of the best events Montana High School kids get to participate in. They work on leadership skills, they work on preparing themselves for the future, and they learn how to work together for a common purpose. I am always excited to see the kids every year and it is fun to watch them grow into leadership positions throughout the next couple of years."

- Andy Begger, Reach Higher Montana

"...humbled to be a small part of the unbelievable tradition that is the Montana FFA program."

money to commit. It finally allows me to do something I have been wanting to do and experience new things. Thank you again Mr and Mrs Otto Cornthwaite."

- Sam Roberts, Hysham FFA

"The Leave a Legacy scholarship has helped me get one step closer to furthering my education. I plan on majoring in biology in the premedicine track at Carroll College, and this scholarship is helping me to grow in knowledge, life skills, and as a person."

- Shea Ostberg, Fairfield FFA

"This SAE Grant has allowed me to start my beef breeding program and get supplies for showing my heifer at the fair. Without this money it would have taken me longer to save to get my program started."

- Molly Miller, Fromberg FFA

"This SAE grant has impacted me by allowing me to purchase supplies necessary for veterinary research and for hands on veterinary experiences."

- Emily Barcus, Corvallis FFA

FROM OUR SPONSORS

"Frontline Ag Solutions is thrilled and humbled to be a small part of the unbelievable tradition that is the Montana FFA program. Agriculture is such a vital segment of our everyday lives, and the fact that Montana FFA helps promote and celebrate those involved in the agriculture community only furthers our commitment to supporting the Montana FFA organization."

- Adam Brown, Frontline Ag Solutions

"C&B Operations choses to support the Montana FFA as well as the Aq Expo because of the maturity the FFA and Ag Expo brings to Montana youth. We are and will be continuing to look for leaders in all ag business across Montana and North America and it really impresses us to see the level of maturity and leadership skills the FFA programs instill into the young men and women that go through their programs. We recognize that these programs are costly and so is the development of these young folks, so feel it is important to support them as we can. I have very much enjoyed working with the FFA Foundation leadership team and admire their dedication to the continued growth of the youth of Montana."

- Tim Schultz, C&B Operations

Fusion

60

STUDENTS IMPACTED

Montana Ag Expo

1500

STUDENTS IMPACTED

Most Inspirational Contest

\$3k

Six MEMBERS IMPACTED

Thank you Colleen Barnard for creating and supporting this unique opportunity for Montana FFA members

State Convention High Individual Scholarships

\$14k

Thirteen
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