



Dear Friends of FFA,

It's an honor to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Montana FFA Foundation. I'm excited to be stepping into this role, and I'm deeply committed to advancing the mission of the Foundation to cultivate meaningful partnerships, raise awareness, and secure the resources needed to enhance Agricultural Education and the Montana FFA Association. Our organization has a unique opportunity to bring together the Montana FFA Association, the Montana FFA Alumni, and the Montana FFA Foundation — all powerful pillars that contribute to the lasting legacy that began long before us.



A bit about myself: I'm the mother of an amazing 8-year-old boy, Tripp. We currently live in Billings, but we'll be moving to Roundup this summer. I was born and raised in Billings and am a proud graduate of Montana State University (Go Bobcats!). My parents were both educators in Billings, and their influence shaped much of my perspective on education and leadership. My mom, who ended her career as a literacy coach, and my father, who was both my high school principal and later the co-superintendent for Billings School District 2, taught me invaluable lessons about integrity, leadership, and the importance of humbly serving others.

My family also has deep roots in Montana. In 1890, my great-great-grandfather, Jakob, immigrated from Norway and established the Berg Ranch just outside of Lennep. To this day, we honor his hard work and sacrifices. My Berg cousins continue that legacy, and I hold their commitment and dedication in the highest regard.

Over the past decade, I've had the privilege of working in non-profit leadership and fundraising, including 8 years as Senior Director of Development at St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation and most recently as Executive Director at the RiverStone Health Foundation. When I interviewed with the Montana FFA Foundation, the Board invited me to the John Deere Ag Expo in Bozeman. It was there that I first heard the words, "I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for FFA." I was struck by the articulate, passionate, and driven students I met that day — it was an experience that truly affirmed my desire to join this organization. Since then, I've heard those words echo through conversations with donors, advocates, and students alike. FFA has a profound impact on young people, and I'm honored to be part of that journey.

In this new role, I'm excited to build on the solid foundation that has already been established by so many. The Montana FFA Foundation has had a lasting impact, and I look forward to working alongside you to continue shaping the future of agriculture and leadership development in Montana — ensuring that more students will proudly say, "I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for the Montana FFA."

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any thoughts, ideas, or questions. I'm eager to connect and explore how we can further advance our mission together.

With a grateful heart,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Megan Irion". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Irion".

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