

Hello, my name is Faith Hardin and I have been selected as an Area 1 State Vice Presidential Candidate for the Florida FFA Association.

I grew up as the youngest child of four. My family was always very heavily involved with the FFA. I grew up watching my sibling engage in various activities within the Organization that eventually helped to cultivate me into who I am now. I began work on my SAE project when I was in third grade by purchasing my first heifer, Franny, using the earnings made from my show steer, who was bought using a loan from my parents. That SAE project has grown exponentially, from just that first heifer to include 7 cows, one maturing heifer and one bull (that is sired out), all descendants of that first cow.

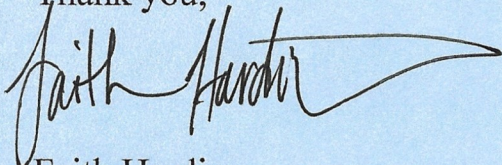
Over the course of my FFA experience I have been blessed to attend multiple leadership workshops, all of which have developed my skills as a leader and helped me evolve into. I, along with my other chapter officers, have been able to bring some of these experiences back for our fellow chapter members by incorporating monthly chapter leadership workshops into the chapter.

Along with leadership experience, I have also competed in several LDE and CDE opportunities. Events such as Extemporaneous Speaking and Horse Evaluation has given me valuable skills to advocate for the agriculture industry.

Even with these experiences, the individuals that have created the largest lifelong impact on me, has been the Florida FFA State Officers. As a beginning member in the sixth grade, two state officers came to my chapter and told us of their experiences over their year of service. They explained how each part of their agriculture adventure has impacted them, and in turn they created a story that would forever change the way I would look at others and my future. It was these state officers that would change my outlook on the FFA and the world. I realized that I wanted to serve others and not just myself. This is the realization that set me on the path to not only becoming an educator, but also a active community service member.

It is due to those individuals, and the ones that followed that I am now hoping to serve as a Florida FFA State Officer this upcoming year. I hope to see other members flourish and create an impact of their own. Every member of the FFA is unique in their ambitions and goals, and I hope that I may be able to provide some insight to some, the way past state officers have for me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faith Hardin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Faith Hardin

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