

### REBECCA HOLCOMB

Area 3 State Vice President Candidate



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#### Dear Area 3 FFA Members,

"Nothing happens unless first we dream." This anonymous quote describes many parts of my life and FFA journey. My name is Rebecca Holcomb, and I am honored to have been selected as an Area 3 State Vice President Candidate. Since the time I was born, I have been involved in the agriculture industry. I was given my first calf named Sprinkles before I could even walk and sat on my first pony before I started Kindergarten. From that moment on I knew I would be associated with the agriculture industry for life.

Since I started the FFA as a 6th grader, I knew that my knowledge and ability to advocate for the industry that helped raise me would only increase. As I navigated through the organization, I was presented with opportunities to gain leadership skills and many career skills that will help me later in life.

The definition of a dream is a cherished aspiration or ambition. When we were young, our teachers often asked us to draw a picture of what you want to be in the future. Many children drew veterinarians, astronauts, and other jobs but once we got older those dreams seemed to become harder to achieve. People today are not encouraged to dream like when we were younger. However, when I think of my dreams, they are about the agriculture industry, FFA, and becoming the person everyone said I could not. I am a 5th generation Dairy Producer and 1st generation Professional Equestrian.

Being part of the 5th generation of Dairy Farmers in my family is my tradition but being the 1st to create my own business, fuel my own interests, and becoming something new is my dream. I hope that through my year of service I can help current FFA members make the Florida FFA Association a place to chase their dreams. I look forward to getting the opportunity to get to know more about each of you and your dreams. I will see you all at the Florida FFA State Convention and Expo!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Holcomb Area 3 State Vice President Candidate

### FFA EXPERIENCES

State Star Agri Placement Finalist (2024) State Star Farmer Finalist (2024) FFA Durant Sweetheart Court (2023) Equine Placement Proficiency State Finalist and Winner (2023)

Equine Entrepreneurship Proficiency State Finalist (2019, 2020,2021,2022), State Winner (2022)

State Star Greenhand Finalist (2022)
Agriscience Fair – State Winner (2019,2020, 2021), National Finalist (2019, 2020, 2021), 7th Place National Winner (2019)

Small Animal Proficiency State Finalist and Winner (2021)

# SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Dairy Entrepreneurship SAE (2017-present)
Purebred Registered Dairy Cattle for
Breeding and Production: Breeds include
Guernsey, and Jersey. Dairy herd includes
mature milking animal and replacement
animals. SAE consists of heifer raising
facilities, calf raising and breeding
management of production animals. Dairy
SAE concentrating on the breeding
program to increase genetic improvement
of herd, focusing on A2 gene and mating
of breeding herd. I have garnered addition
livestock skills and take on further
responsibilities through the expansion the
LLC.

Equine Entrepreneurship SAE (2017-present) Scope of 9 horse projects in which I am responsible for their daily care, training program and nutrition. I compete at different levels of competition at local, state, and regional levels. I market these animals to complete in the hunter and jumper disciplines. Owner of Devouement Equestrian, started in 2022 to own, develop, train and market off the track thoroughbred horses to complete in the dressage, eventing and show jumping discipline.

Equine Placement SAE (2022-present) Work and assist a range of individuals with their equestrian operations. Equestrian operations range in size from 10-50 head of animal. Have hands on experience with horses and learn about advanced medical care, communication, salesmanship, and business management.

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North Marion FFA GPA: 4.5

### **CAREER OBJECTIVE**

Short term: To obtain a Florida FFA State Officer position being elected Area 3 Vice President.

Long term: Attend the University of Kentucky or the University of Florida with a focus on Equine Science to become an Equine Nutritionist.

# SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITES

Young Equine Professional Development Network Member: meet and give advice to other young athletes within the equestrian community (2023-2024)

U.S Equestrian Association Member (2017-2024)
Durant Varsity Soccer Team (2022-2023)

Dairy Promotional Booth at Youth Fairs: Informed Public about the Dairy Industry and benefits of dairy products (2017- 2023)

Principals Honor Roll (2015-2023)

National Honor Society (2018-2022)

Christmas Bikes: Collected donated bikes to give to Elementary School children (2020-2022)

Durant Varsity Cross Country Team (2020-2021)

Community Outreach at FL State FFA Convention (2018-2019)

## FFA LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Chapter Offices: Reporter (2018-2019), Secretary (2019-2020), Secretary (2020-2021), Parliamentarian (2021-2022), Parliamentarian (2022-2023)
State FFA Convention (2017-2023)
National FFA Convention (2018-2022)
Chapter Officer Leadership Training (2017-2022)

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