

JAYDEN WEIL

Fort Pierce Westwood FFA
Area VI State Officer Candidate



Dear Florida FFA,

Hello Advisors and Members of Florida! My name is Jayden Weil, and I am a recent graduate from the Fort Pierce Westwood FFA chapter. My FFA career started in 2020 as a student in the Veterinary Assisting program. When I joined FFA, I discovered a passion for agriculture and new people to call family. Through my time in FFA, I have competed in a variety of competitive and leadership events, such as the Creed Speaking LDE, Veterinary Science CDE, Citrus Evaluation CDE, Parliamentary Procedure LDE and an Agriculture Services Entrepreneurship SAE. This past year I was honored to serve as the Vice President of Building Communities for my chapter.

Three years ago, I attended the Florida FFA State Convention and it was there that I made the choice that I was going to run for state office. I spent the week watching chapters from across the state come together to celebrate the past year and serve as inspiration to other members or chapters. In that moment, I decided that I wanted to be like those people and inspire others. To start, I ran for chapter office and quickly grew my involvement and pushed others to do the same. I spoke with my chapter members and helped them to figure out where their passion lies within FFA. This year I received the greatest possible compliment from my underclassmen. They said, "I want to be like you as an officer. I want to run for office because you make it seem fun and I want to make a difference." I was able to inspire them to dream bigger and make a difference.

Our FFA Creed says the words "I believe" six times within its paragraphs, and I would love to add more. I believe FFA has a place for everyone. I believe in the ability of our members to make a positive change within their community. I believe in the power FFA has, as a national organization, to lead and inspire the youth of America into preserving, protecting, and building our nation. My goal as an FFA member has always been to help my community and inspire others, and if elected to state office it would not change. Thank you Florida FFA for providing me a place to call home and a chance to follow my dreams.

Sincerely,

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ABOUT ME

I am 18 years old, a graduating senior from high school and have been a member of the FFA since 2020. I will be receiving my state degree at state convention this year. Through my time in FFA, I have learned about different paths in the industry, ultimately finding my passion for veterinary and research science. In addition to FFA, I am an active member of the Key Club and Ecology Club at my school. My peers have regarded me as a leader throughout my time in high school because of my unwavering determination and passion for building connections.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- HS 3rd Overall Veterinary Science CDE (5th Highest Individual) (2021)
- HS District Creed Speaking (2021)
- FFA Freshman Academic Achievement Award (2021)
- HS Veterinary Science CDE 12th (2022)
- FFA Workhorse Award (2022)
- HS Citrus Evaluation CDE 14th (2022)
- HS 3rd Overall Veterinary Science CDE (2023)
- St. Lucie County Farm Bureau Speech Contest 1st Place (2023)
- District Florida Citrus Mutual Speech Contest 1st Place (2024)
- HS 1st Overall Veterinary Science CDE High Individual (2024)
- HS State Qualifier Parliamentary Procedures LDE (2024)
- State Ag Services Proficiency Finalist (2024)

SAE SUMMARY

While I have had multiple swine production SAE projects, my primary SAE falls under the Ag Services category. My SAE is 100% entrepreneurship where I own and operate a pet sitting service. The project began in 2021 with me watching a rabbit while family friends went out of town. From there, my clientele has continuously grown with the inclusion of cats, dogs, reptiles, horses, swine, cattle, and poultry. Since my project's development, I have had to develop interpersonal-professional skills and educate myself on different care requirements for a variety of species. This experience has allowed me to prepare myself for a career in the veterinary industry by allowing me to gain direct experience with so many kinds of animals and different ages of animals.

EDUCATION

FORT PIERCE WESTWOOD ACADEMY 2020-2024

- 4.36 Weighted GPA
- 3.48 Unweighted GPA
- Top 15% Class Rank (45/384)
- Completed 9 Honors Classes and more than 7 College Credit Hours

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

FFA-RELATED LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Active member of "Building Communities," "Growing Leaders," and "Strengthening Agriculture" Committees (2020-2024)
- Fort Pierce Westwood FFA Secretary (2021-2022)
- Fort Pierce Westwood FFA Vice President of Building Communities (2022-2024)
- COLT Conference Attendee (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Summer Leadership Conference Attendee (2023)
- State Leadership Summit Attendee (2024)

OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Lighthouse Team Freshman Representative (2020-2021)
- Leader In Me Student Teacher (2020-2022)
- Panther LEAD Team Officer (2022-2023)
- Student Government Advisory Board (2022-2023)
- Key Club Concave Attendee (2023)
- FIU Summer Research Internship Program (2023)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Ag Summer Camp Counselor (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Animal Emergency and Referral Center (2021)
- Sunrise Humane Society (2022)
- Treasure Coast Food Bank (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Cattle Extravaganza (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Wild Gamette (2023)
- Race for Megan Charity Barrel Race (2023)
- Student Veterinary Teacher (2023-2024)
- Charity Golf Tournament (2024)
- Oxbow Earth Day Event (2024)