




SET SAIL FROM THE SHADOWS

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Dear Florida FFA Members,

“What sets you apart can sometimes feel like it’s a burden and it’s not. And a lot of the time, it’s what makes you great.” – Emma Stone. In FFA, each and every member has something unique that they bring to the table – something that makes them “great”. But for many, including myself, what makes us different can make us feel like we have been cast into the shadows. My name is Gabby Howell, and I am honored to be your Florida FFA State Presidential Candidate for the upcoming year.

Being a first-generation FFA member has made my experience in this organization so special to me, but at times it has made me feel less than. In sixth grade, I discovered beef production and I never looked back – starting small with one show steer and continuing to grow my Supervised Agriculture Experience to nearly 35 head of commercial and registered cattle. It was challenging to learn the ropes of cattle production, especially as a first-generation agriculturalist, but I refused to let my differences hold me back from dedicating myself to agriculture and the beef industry.

I am a firm believer that there is a seat at the table for everyone in the Florida FFA Association, and in the agriculture industry. It is my hope that throughout this next year, I can help each member wearing the state of Florida on their blue jacket find what makes them special, as well as encourage them to use their differences to make an impact on the people around them. I look forward to seeing you all at the 96th Florida FFA State Convention and Expo, where we will begin to “Set sail from the shadows” together!

Sincerely,

Gabby Howell
Florida FFA Presidential Candidate

FFA EXPERIENCES

- Prepared Public Speaking: State Finalist 2024
- Employment Skills: State Champion: 2023
- Farm & Agribusiness Management: 2023
- Parliamentary Procedure: 2018 – 2023 State Champion: 2023 & 2019: 3rd in the Nation: 2023 Gold Individual 2023
- Aquaculture: 2023
- Citrus: 2020-2021: State Champion: 2021
- Dairy Judging: 2021-2024
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking: 2018-2022: 3rd Place in State: 2020
- Forestry: 2017-2023: State Champion: 2018
- Floriculture: 2019-2022
- Nursery and Landscape: 2019-2022: State Champion: 2019
- Livestock Evaluation: 2019-2024: State Champion: 2020
- Food Science and Technology: 2018-2021: State Champion: 2019
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings: State Champion: 2019/National Champion: 2019
- Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations: 2019

FFA LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

- Durant Sr. FFA President: 2023 - Present
- SLS Member Led Workshop Committee- Post FFA Life and Goals-2024
- Hillsborough FFA Federation President: 2023-2024
- Hillsborough FFA Federation Vice-President: 2022 - 2023
- Durant Sr. FFA Vice-President: 2022 - Present
- Sub-District Chairperson: 2022 - 2023
- Durant Sr. FFA Secretary: 2021-2022
- J.F. St. Martin President: 2020-2021
- Hillsborough FFA Federation Secretary: 2020-2021
- Washington Leadership Conference: 2023
- State Leadership Summit: 2022, 2024
- Chapter President's Conference: 2021-2023
- Chapter Officer Leadership Training: 2017-2022
- State FFA Convention: 2018-2023

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Beef Breeding Heifers: 2018 - Present (Ft. Howell Cattle Company)
- Market Steer: 2018 - 2024
- Horticulture Operations: 2017-2020

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Florida FFA Presidential Candidate Durant FFA GPA: 9.51

OBJECTIVE

My future plan is to lead the members of the Florida FFA Organization as a State Officer. I then plan to attend the University of Florida and eventually become a medical doctor.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Junior Florida Cattlemen's Association, Board of Directors: 2020 – Present
- Florida Junior Simmental Association, President 2023 – Present, Vice-President: 2021-2022
- Hillsborough County Junior Cattlemen's Association, Board Member: 2020 - Present
- Mu Alpha Theta: 2022 - Present
- National Honor Society: 2021 - Present
- National Science Honor Society: 2021 - Present
- Tools for Schools: 2020-2023
- Operation Bike Drop: 2020-2023
- Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Home: 2018-2023

AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONORS

- Salutatorian of Senior Class: 2024
- State Star Farmer Finalist 2024
- Beef Entruprenership Proficiency Finalist 2024
- Florida Strawberry Festival, Grand Champion Simmental Heifer: 2023
- AP Scholar with Distinction: 2023
- Chapter Star Farmer Award, Durant Sr. FFA: 2023
- Junior Florida Cattlemen's Association Speech Contest and Discussion Meet Winner 2023
- Beef Placement Proficiency Finalist 2023
- Hillsborough County Fair Steer Show, Reserve Grand Champion: 2022
- Hillsborough County Fair Steer Show, Senior Showman Champion: 2022
- Durant FFA Sweetheart Pageant Winner: 2022
- AP Scholar with Honor: 2022
- Florida Strawberry Festival, Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Heifer: 2022
- Florida Strawberry Festival, Reserve Champion Middleweight Division Steer: 2022
- National Rural and Small-Town College Board Recognition: 2022
- Florida Strawberry Festival, Grand Champion Simmental Heifer: 2022
- Hillsborough County Fair Steer Show, Reserve Grand Champion: 2020