

STATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

rewrite the ending

Dear Florida FFA Members and Advisors,

In eighth grade, I zipped up my blue corduroy jacket for what I thought would be the last time. For three years, I poured my heart into the Beulah Middle School chapter as one of its charter members. But my high school had no agriculture program, and twice I missed the lottery for a local magnet school. I found my place, and was heartbroken because my FFA journey was ending.

Instead of giving up, I found another way forward—not just for myself, but for others who couldn't attend a school with an FFA chapter.

My name is Isabelle Jenkins, and I am honored to be a Florida FFA State Presidential Candidate. Now a senior at Pensacola High School, I have proudly served as the President of the Florida Virtual FFA Chapter since helping charter it three years ago. Through this journey, I've learned that leadership isn't about titles or positions—it's about finding the courage to create opportunities, build belonging, and help others find their way.

From aquaculture research and agriscience fair projects to community service, chapter development, and district-level leadership, my FFA experience has shaped who I am. It has taught me the value of grit, the importance of access, and the power of rewriting what others may have considered the end of the story.

My platform—"Rewrite the Ending"—was born from the belief that every student deserves a chance to belong in FFA, even if their path doesn't look traditional. My journey may have started with a closed door, but today, I proudly wear my jacket knowing that I—and so many others—have been able to continue writing our stories.

I cannot wait to meet you at the 97th Florida FFA State Convention and Expo. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the story we're writing together. I am deeply honored to serve this association and its incredible members.

With gratitude, Isabelle Jenkins Florida FFA State Presidential Candidate isabelle.r.jenkins@gmail.com | 850–384–8097



"For every student who thought their story was done-let's rewrite it together."



VIRTUAL

OBJECTIVE

My future plan is to serve the members of the Florida FFA Association as a State Officer. Following my year of service, I plan to attend the University of Florida, where I will work toward a career as a research scientist focused on advancing innovation in agricultural science.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Florida Virtual School FFA President | 2022-2025 FFA District 1 President | 2024-2025 Sub District 1 Chairman | 2024 Sub District 1 Co-Chairman | 2023 Beulah Middle School FFA President | 2020-2021 Beulah Middle School FFA Vice-President | 2019-2020 Beulah Middle School FFA Treasurer | 2018-2019

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITES

Florida FFA State Leadership Summit | 2023, 2024 SLS Member Led Workshop Committee | 2024, 2025 Florida FFA Chapter Presidents Conference | 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

Florida FFA Summer Leadership Conference | 2023, 2024 Ag On the Hill Representative | 2019, 2020, 2021 Middle School Leadership Conference | 2019 Chapter Officer Leadership Training | 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

State FFA Convention Chapter Delegate | 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

SAE/WORK EXPERIENCES

Agriculture in the Classroom Initiative "Fishtanks for all" 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Editor and Writer of Pet Column in Nature Trail Magazine 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024

> - Agriculture Communications Proficiency State Finalist | **2021**

Various Agriscience Fair Projects | 2024, 2025

- State Winner | 2024
- 6th in the Nation | 2024
- Agriscience Proficiency State Finalist | 2024
- State Star in Agriscience

EDUCATION

Pensacola High School International Baccalaureate Program 5.2 Weighted GPA 4.0 Unweighted GPA

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COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Agriscience Fair Competitor | 2024, 2025

- 1st in the State 2024
- 7th in the Nation 2024

Discussion Meet | 2024, 2025

- 2nd in District 2024
- State Qualifier 2025

Nursery and Landscaping Team | 2022, 2023

- State Qualifier | 2022, 2023

Citrus Judging Team | 2022

- State Qualifier | 2022

Environmental Science Team | 2022, 2023, 2024

Employment Skills | 2023 OH Demo | 2024

Agriculture Education CDE | 2022, 2023, 2024

- State Qualifier | 2022, 2023, 2024

Star Discovery Degree Award Winner | 2021 Conduct of Chapter Meeting, LDE | 2021

- 4th in the State | **2021**

Livestock Judging Team | 2020, 2021

- State Qualifier | 2020, 2021

Aquaculture Team | 2019, 2020, 2024, 2025

- 4th in the State | 2020
- 2nd in the State | 2024
- 1st in the State | 2025
- Overall High Individual | 2025

Forestry Judging Team | 2019, 2020, 2023

- State Finalist | 2019, 2020

Vegetable Evaluation | 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023

- State Qualifier
- State Finalist | 2020

Tool ID | 2019, 2020

Fairbooth Committee | 2018, 2019, 2020

Parliamentary Procedure | 2018, 2019, 2020

- District Winner | 2018, 2019, 2020

Prepared Public Speaking | 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

- State Qualifier | 2018, 2019, 2020
- 4th in State | **2020**
- 3rd in State | 2021

GCA Poultry Showing - Rabbits, Ducks and Chickens | 2018, 2019, 2020

- Grand Champion Poultry | 2020, 2021

Opening and Closing Ceremonies Team | 2018, 2019, 2020

OTHER INVOLVEMENT

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Finisher | 2025

Salutatorian of Senior Class | 2025

National Merit Scholar | 2025

AP Scholar with Distinction | 2023, 2024, 2025

IB Scholarship Recipient | 2025

University of Florida Presidential Scholarship Recipient | 2025

University of Florida Honors Research Scholarship Recipient |2025

Gulf Coast Harvard Book Award Recipient | 2024

Interact Club Service Project Coordinator | 2022, 2023, 2024

National Honors Society | 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

First Baptist VBS Leader | 2022, 2023

3rd Place IB Science Fair Winner | 2022

American Mathematics Competition Winner | 2023, 2024, 2025

Pensacola High School Band | 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024





