



# ABBYGAEL WHITEHEAD

*Florida FFA Area II  
State Vice Presidential Candidate*

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Connections*

Hello Florida FFA Area II,

My name is Abbygael Whitehead. I am a member of the Dixie FFA chapter and currently serve as the chapter vice-president. I have been blessed with the opportunity to be one of your 2026 Florida FFA Area II Vice-Presidential Candidates. My hope is to share with you a few things about myself, so you can get to know me a little better.

I am a fifth generation aquaculturalist from Horseshoe Beach, Florida. Growing up in the aquaculture industry, carrying on a legacy of working on the Gulf has always been something that I take pride in. My start within the FFA organization was simple, I wanted one thing - a place that gave me a sense of belonging, where I could truly make a difference. Through God's guidance, I was led to join the FFA. To date, joining the FFA is one of the best decisions I have ever made.

Over the years, our organization has become a huge part of my life. I have had the opportunity to compete in various CDEs and LDEs, with my personal favorites being Extemporaneous Speaking, Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations, and Land Judging. I also have learned how to be an advocate for our industry. FFA has taught me that not everyone gets the opportunity to grow up surrounded by the agriculture industry like many of us in Area II do. While many of us have roots within agriculture, that is not a universal experience. That is why it is our responsibility to share our knowledge and passion for agriculture with those who have not been blessed with the same experiences.

One thing that has always amazed me about the blue jacket is the fact that it can create strong connections that last for years, all from interactions at contests, conferences, and conventions. I know from personal experience that I have the FFA Organization to thank for some of my best friends. The thing that makes a good net is strong knots that create a complex connection throughout the structure. Florida FFA reminds me a lot of a strong net because members and advisors across the state create connections with one another and those connections or "knots" allow Florida FFA to thrive! As a state officer candidate, my biggest goal is to cast connections across our area, so that we can create once in a lifetime memories and support each other in the continued effort to educate others about the agriculture industry.

I have attached my resume with this letter. I hope that both will serve as a good way for you to get to know me. Additionally, please feel free to contact me any time at [abbygaelwhiteheadffa@gmail.com](mailto:abbygaelwhiteheadffa@gmail.com) or (352) 647-1131. As we draw near the 98<sup>th</sup> Florida FFA State Convention and Expo, I hope that you will consider me when *casting* your vote for your 2026-27 Area II State Vice-President. Thank you so much for your time and consideration, I look forward to casting connections with your chapter!

Have a blessed day,

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## Career Aspirations

In May of last year, I earned my A.A. Degree from Florida Gateway College. Since then, I have been taking classes to earn a Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Education. My goal is to become an ag teacher/FFA advisor so I can do my part in supporting the future of agriculture, while giving back to an organization that built me into the person I am today. I hope my campaign experience will give me the opportunity to cast connections across our area that will benefit my overall knowledge for my future students.

GPA = 4.2 Chapter = Dixie

## Leadership Experience

- Sub-District 3 Chair
- Sub-District 3 Co-Chair
- Dixie Sr. FFA Vice-President
- Dixie Sr. FFA Secretary
- Dixie Middle FFA President
- Healthy Farms, Healthy Bays Aquatic Stakeholder
- House Agriculture Committee Tour of North Florida Aquatic Stakeholder for 2024 Farm Bill
- Suwannee River Fair Jr. Ambassador

## Community Involvement

2025-Present	2022-23
Sunday School Teacher	Nursing Home Thanksgiving
Operation Easter	Placemats
DCMHS Canned Food Drive	Peanut Harvester Appreciation Bags
City Hall Landscaping - Upkeep	2021-22
2024-25	Shired Island Clean-Up
Sunday School Teacher	Ruth Rains Middle School
Dixie FFA Jacket Drive	Landscaping
Operation Easter	2020-21
Hurricane Helene Supply Packing	BETA Sock Drive
Party	Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive
2023-24	Peanut Butter Drive for local food
City Hall Landscaping	pantry
Hurricane Idalia Supply Handout	
Together We Rise Hurricane Relief	
Supply Drive	
Sub-District 3 Jacket Drive	

## Contact Information

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## FFA Experiences

### 2025-Present

State Agriculture Education Competitor  
District Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations  
Winner - Landscaping  
State STAR Farmer Finalist  
District Extemporaneous Public Speaking Winner  
State Final Qualifying Vegetable Judging Team  
Member  
State Preliminary Qualifying Horse Judging Team  
Member  
FFA in the USA Reporter  
ShopFFA Style Squad Representative

### 2024-2025

National Champion Model of Excellence Presenter  
4<sup>th</sup> Place in National Agriscience Fair - Animal  
Systems - Division 5  
National Agricultural Processing Proficiency  
Silver Class  
State STAR Chapter Degree Winner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place in State Extemporaneous Public  
Speaking  
5<sup>th</sup> Place in State Ornamental Horticulture  
Demonstrations - Landscaping  
State Final Qualifying Vegetable Judging Team  
Member  
State Preliminary Qualifying Horse Judging Team  
Member  
State Agriculture Education Competitor  
Farm Judging Team Member - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Senior Farm  
Manager Competition  
ShopFFA Style Squad Representative

## SAE Projects

### 2019 - Present

My SAE project is partial ownership of my family's 5<sup>th</sup> generation aquaculture operation in Horseshoe Beach, Florida. Through my project, I have worked on the boat crabbing, in the crab shed bagging seafood and monitoring crab tanks, and with customers to sell them a safe and delicious product.

### 2025 - Present

In addition to being a part owner of my family's seafood business, I also work as a server at Jana Lou's, my mom's new takeout dinner in Cross City, Florida. At the restaurant I take orders, bag food, interact with customers, and help prep/stock the establishment.

### 2023-24

State Champion Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations -  
Artistic Arrangement  
State STAR Greenhand Degree Finalist  
State Agricultural Processing Proficiency Finalist  
State Convention Courtesy Corp  
Sub-District Extemporaneous Winner  
State Final Qualifying Livestock Judging Team Member  
State Final Qualifying Vegetable Judging Team Member  
2022-23  
4<sup>th</sup> Place in National Agriscience Fair - Animal Systems -  
Division 3  
National Specialty Animal Production Proficiency Silver Class  
National Employment Skills Bronze Class  
State Champion Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations -  
Production  
State Agriculture Education Competitor  
State Convention Courtesy Corp  
State Land Judging Team Member  
State Final Qualifying Livestock Judging Team Member  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place in District Creed Speaking  
Farm Judging Team Member  
2021-22  
State Champion Extemporaneous Public Speaking  
State STAR Discovery Degree Winner  
State Alumni Essay Winner  
State Convention Courtesy Corp  
2020-21  
State Convention Courtesy Corp  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place in District Opening and Closing Ceremonies  
Suwannee River Fair Junior Poultry Showmanship Champion

## School Involvements

- BETA Club
- Dual Enrollment at Florida Gateway College
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- FFA
- High-Q
- National Honors Society
- Peer Counseling Program
- Speech and Debate
- TRIO Educational Talent Search

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