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PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH, CAREER SUCCESS



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Favorite FFA Memory:

"Watching as Wyatt DeJong was elected National Vice President during National Convention in 2010."



### Members Submit State Degree Applications

Eleven West Central FFA members recently completed their State FFA Degree Applications. The State Degree is the highest award a member can receive on the state level. The award is based on the students leadership and school activities as well as their involvement and accomplishment in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

Members with exceptional SAE

accomplishments may be eligible for any of the

Star awards. Brooke Pearson applied and was

named District VII runner up for Star Farmer. The Star Farmer

Award recognizes those members who are involved in production agriculture and have ownership in livestock or crop land or

another entrepreneurial area of production agriculture. Sydnie

Howey is the District VII Star in Placement runner-up. Placement

SAE's require a member to work in an agricultural business

accumulating paid and/or unpaid hours.

District VII Star candidates will now advance to state consideration

where the top four members in each of four Star categories will be

interviewed in a competition culminating during the State FFA

Convention in April.

West Central FFA Members who will be awarded the State FFA

Degree in April are : Brooke Pearson, Sydnie Howey, Jeremy

Nettifee, Stacia Knuth, Sami Galliger, Kelsey Wagner, Cam

Green, Tucker Smith, Spencer Kurtz, Ethan Schumacher and

Austin Wolfe.



## MEMBERS ATTEND LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

West Central FFA members recently attended the annual South Dakota FFA Legislative Breakfast in Pierre, SD. FFA members representing each of the 7 FFA Districts traveled to Pierre in between snow days in January. Members participated in District Officer Training conducted by the State Officers, toured the capitol, participated in question and answer sessions with education and agriculture officials and discussed budget shortfalls for South Dakota schools.



State Legislators arrived early the next morning to be greeted by FFA members from across the state. Each District Officer was seated with Legislators from their home legislative district. John Farris, former interim Secretary of Agriculture was the speaker for the breakfast session. Members had the opportunity to share their own stories and the impact that Agricultural Education and FFA has had in their lives.

Members representing West Central are Joe Schartz, Shannon Miller, Liz Renner, Anthony Even and Maty Skinner. WCFFA Advisor Linda Petersen accompanied the District Officers.



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