



West Central FFA

What it means to wear BLUE...
...Is up to YOU!

HARTFORD
SOUTH DAKOTA



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PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH, CAREER SUCCESS

SOUTH DAKOTA CORN BANQUET



Connor Miles

Grade: Senior

CDE's: Food Science

Favorite FFA Memory:

"When Chase, Even and I got lost in Indianapolis, because we were trying to find the event center, and ended up like five blocks away. We got in a lot of trouble."



On Saturday January 7, the Sioux Falls Convention Center hosted the 26th annual meeting of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association (SDCGA)

More than 1,000 farmers, industry partners and legislators attended the sessions and evening banquet.

The Winter Wonderland banquet included a dinner and musical tribute to rock 'n' roll pioneers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper.



West Central FFA members in attendance were MatyAnthony Even, Liz Renner, Cassie Welbski, and Kailey Kunhert.



"It was a great time. They had a live band and dancing. The free meal was nothing to complain about." Anthony Even.

STATE FFA DEGREE

District VII FFA held their State Degree screening and Star Interviews recently. All submitted applications were reviewed, records were checked for accuracy and all Star Candidates completed a personal interview. Star awards are given to those members whose accomplishments and projects are of outstanding quality. Stars are named in the categories of Farmer, Placement, AgriScience and Agribusiness. The State FFA Degree is the highest award a member can earn on the state level. The applications of BreeAnn Albers, Dallas Bergeson, Melinda Knuth, Olivia Lundquist, Shannon Miller, Connor Miles, Riley Olson, Lane Rabern, Joe Schartz and Evan Thyberg advanced from District Screening. Their State FFA Degree Applications were approved during the State FFA Executive Committee meeting on January 29, 2012. They will receive the degree during the State FFA Convention on Monday night, April 16, 2012 during the 7:00 p.m. session in Frost Arena.

The State FFA Degree is based upon a student's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program. Each successful candidate must have worked at least 300 hours or earned and invested \$1000 from their efforts.



Joe Schartz has been named the District Star in Placement and will compete to be the State Star in Placement. He also was awarded the Mary Hanson \$750 scholarship.