



## **Dear FFA parents/guardians and students,**

The 97<sup>th</sup> South Dakota FFA State Convention is finally here! State Convention offers students a multitude of activities and opportunities. The State Convention consists of three large general sessions that recognize the accomplishments of South Dakota FFA members. Students will also attend workshops put on by leaders and businesses in the agricultural industry. A community service event will be held during the convention where students will package meals for those in need throughout the state. The SD FFA will host a career fair full of a variety of representatives from around South Dakota and the surrounding states. Students will have the opportunity to network with various college and career representatives during this time. Students who qualified in their Career Development Event will also compete at a state level to determine who will go on to represent South Dakota next Fall at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

In the attached packet, you will find all the information necessary for the State Convention this year. Please read through it carefully and make note of all times and locations of events. We have the unique situation of hosting the SD FFA State Convention right here in Brookings. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we try to provide students with the same State Convention experiences that other students around the state receive. Please take careful note of the rules put in place because of this situation.

Follow along with State Convention festivities on our social media, as our officers will be posting updates throughout the convention. We also invite you to watch the livestreams of the general sessions which can be found on the state FFA website in the following link: <https://www.sdaged.org/>

We look forward to the memories to be made during the convention, and we are excited for our members to represent the Brookings FFA Chapter at the State level during this event. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Joshua Johnson**

**Mrs. Michelle Dykstra**