

Bret Harte FFA



Program of Activities 2023-2024

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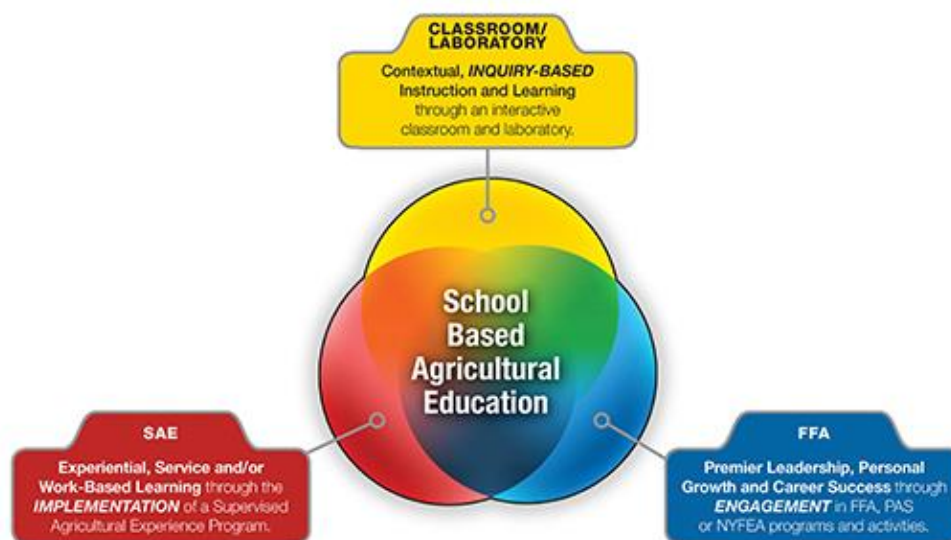
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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION 3-COMPONENT MODEL

School-based agricultural education is delivered through career and technical education in the United State and five U.S. Territories. Approximately one million agricultural education students are taught by nearly 12,000 secondary, two-year postsecondary and adult instructors in more than 7,500 schools. School-based agricultural education consists of three integral core components.

1. **Classroom and laboratory instruction** that is contextual, inquiry-based and interactive.
2. **FFA**, a student leadership organization, that help members develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
3. **Supervised agricultural experience (SAE)** programs that allow you to apply knowledge and skills through experiential, service and work-based learning opportunities.



When you put on an FFA jacket, you become part of a school-based agricultural education program that can connect you to exciting careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA is one of the three essential components of this integrated system, which work together to provide personal, academic and career experiences that help you build success.

- The Official FFA Manual 2014



“We the Administration of Bret Harte High School support and uphold all of the principles contained within this FFA Program of Activities.”

Mr. Scott Nanik
Superintendent
Bret Harte Union High School District

Mr. Holt
Principal
Bret Harte High School

History of Bret Harte & FFA

The FFA has been providing life changing experiences and opportunities to its members since 33 boys established the Future Farmers of America at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri in 1928. The official name now is the National FFA Organization; the "FFA" still stands for Future Farmers of America. These letters are the history of why the National FFA Organization was started and reminds us of our heritage and a tradition that will never grow old. The diversity in the FFA nationwide inspired the organization to change the name in 1988. The FFA is not just for those who want to pursue careers in farming or ranching, but for anyone who wants the opportunities of a vocational experience. The FFA helps students achieve premier leadership, personal growth, and career development. Agricultural education plays a unique part in this by providing the opportunity for students to explore new horizons in different fields. Instead of only inspiring farmers and ranchers, the FFA is able to reach out into other fields to provide job experience.



Many changes have occurred throughout the National FFA Organization, most noticeably the inclusion of the New Farmers of America in 1965 and girls in 1969. The Bret Harte FFA was granted its charter on May 4, 1973 under the advisement of Mr. Jim Morris. The original charter hangs in the agriculture department with all 24 students names listed who were enrolled in agriculture classes. Over the years we have grown to over 250 students and three advisors. Every year we are proud to add honorary members, state degrees, award recipients and state accomplishments to this POA. All of these can be found listed in the FFA section of this Program of Activities. Our history is long and accomplished, but all of it demonstrates the opportunities that are available to the Bret Harte FFA members if they have the courage to experience it.

2023-2024 Chapter Officer Team Greetings



PRESIDENT

Addy Heermance

Bret Harte FFA, my name is Addy Heermance, and I am proud to be serving as your 2023-2024 Chapter President! This will be my fourth year as a member of Bret Harte FFA, and I can not wait to make it the best yet! A little bit about me: I raise hogs for the county fair as my SAE project and have enjoyed participating in the Creed, Impromptu, and Job Interview public speaking contests. This year I am also serving as the Central Region FFA Vice President - North Area. In my time outside of FFA, I love to run cross country and travel with family and friends. One of my main goals over this next year is to get to know the members of Bret Harte FFA better and encourage everyone to get involved in our chapter's activities. As we enter into our Era of Excellence, are you ...Ready For It?

VICE PRESIDENT

Kimberly Nava

Hey Bret Harte FFA! My name is Kimberly Nava and I am honored to be serving as your Vice President. I am so excited for this upcoming year and can't wait to see everyone and meet all of you. FFA has taught me many things and has allowed me to make new friends and memories. This will be my senior year at Bret Harte.

Throughout my years at Bret Harte, I have been in the Rabbit coop, Sheep coop, and Greenhouse coop. Here is a little bit about me: I raise Rabbits for the county fair and last year



was my first time showing market lambs. I am also on the floral team and participate in the Spanish Creed. In my free time, I play soccer and I am also a Cheerleader. I can't wait to see all of you this year!

SECRETARY

Taleah Lusk

Hello Bret Harte FFA! My name is Taleah Lusk and I am beyond excited to be serving as the 2023-2024 chapter secretary. FFA has given me so many opportunities and made a huge impact on my life that I will cherish forever. A little about me: this will be my fourth year in FFA where I have participated in impromptu and extemporaneous speaking contests. My SAE projects include raising meat birds and market goats. Outside of FFA, I enjoy hanging out with friends and working with animals. I can not wait to meet our new members and reconnect with older members along with seeing all of our members strive for excellence this year!



TREASURER

Sophie Bouma

Hey Bret Harte FFA! My name is Sophie Bouma, and I am proud to serve you as the 2023-2024 Chapter Treasurer. I am currently a senior at Bret Harte, and throughout my time as an FFA member I've competed in multiple speaking competitions, participated in the state championship winning cooperative marketing team, raised market lambs for the Calaveras County Fair, and much more! I also have the honor of serving as the Motherlode Sectional Treasurer. I'm so excited to see what our amazing members accomplish this year and have a bunch of fun with the activities we have planned!

REPORTER

Abbi Molina

Hey Bret Harte FFA! I'm Abigail Molina, and I am beyond excited to serve as your 2023-2024 Chapter Reporter. I have been active in the FFA Chapter all throughout high school, and am excited to spend my senior year serving you all. I am a part of multiple committees, and served as a committee

chair last year. I have competed in speaking competitions, livestock judging field days, and attended multiple leadership conferences. My SAE projects include raising pigs for the county fair, and being a part of the sheep co-op, which I am currently managing. This organization has been my second home, and my goal is to help you all feel the same way. I am so excited to see what accomplishments and memories our chapter makes this year!



SENTINEL

Jack Lenihan



Hey Bret Harte FFA, My name is Jack Lenihan and I am the 2023-2024 Chapter Sentinel. I am highly involved in the Chapter, last year I was the Pit Crew Committee Chair. I also participated in the Impromptu speaking contest, and I was on the Livestock Judging team. I am also a member of the Sheep co-op which is one of my SAE projects. I am honored to serve all of you , and can't wait to see how our Chapter evolves throughout the year!!





ADVISOR

Carrie Phillips

"The past is your lesson. The present is your gift. The future is your motivation". I hope that we can encourage all of you to take full advantage of what the FFA and Agriculture Department has to offer you this year. Education creates knowledge, FFA provides the leadership tools that you need to be successful and YOU determine your future & legacy. Never be afraid to try & take a risk, that is where we learn the most about ourselves. My greatest joy, as your advisor, comes from seeing you grow as a person, succeed scholastically and to become a true, selfless leader.

ADVISOR

Jackson Sawyer

Hi Bret Harte, FFA!

I am so excited for our journey to start! We have a whole fun filled year full of activities planned to make this year the best yet for our program. I look forward to getting to know more of you as the year progresses and making memories that will last a lifetime!



ADVISOR

Cassandra Hiner



I am excited to join you all in the many adventures we will go on this year. I hope you all find inspiration in the many opportunities you all have with Bret Harte FFA. Let's make this an amazing year!

Bret Harte FFA Boosters

President:	Melissa Truelock
Vice President:	Kaylee Dillashaw
Secretary:	Liz Dickson
Treasurer:	Courtney Marshall
Members at Large:	Beck Phillips

The Bret Harte FFA Boosters is a support group for our FFA Chapter. The Boosters coordinate with our chapter members to work together in fundraising activities. Together the Boosters and chapter members sell See's Candy for Christmas and Valentine's Day. They help the chapter to put on its biggest event of the year by helping with the Cow Pie Social as well as putting on the annual Oysters & Oinkers Dinner and Dance. The proceeds go toward many different areas in which our chapter needs support. They offer support to class projects, such as providing finances that aid in the development of the Agriculture Science Center. Proceeds also go toward help in sending members to the State and National Conventions, as well as Leadership Conferences. In addition, the Boosters offer continued support to the chapters numerous judging team activities.

On behalf of the chapter we would like to thank the Boosters for all their volunteered time and support in making our chapter the very best. Thank you again, we appreciate everything you have done!

