





"To practice brotherhood,
honor agricultural
opportunities and
responsibilities,
and develop those
qualities of leadership
which an FFA member
should possess."



# 48th Annual ALASKA FFA

STATE CONVENTION

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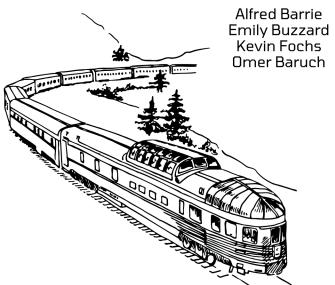


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# Task: Get to Know Your Fellow Members!

Introduce yourself and have members from other chapters sign their names.

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I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of

discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in-bargaining; in the life abundant and enough-honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

# Convention Rules

### **Dress and Conduct**

FFA members must be in complete official dress (as outlined in the Official Manual) for the State Convention unless advised differently. If an individual does not own official dress, professional dress is requested.

All convention attendees must dress and act courteous and professionally at all times.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory to all convention activities. If an individual is not participating in a CDE, please attend the other activities offered.

# **Hotel Rules and Safety**

Follow lights out according to your advisor's instruction.

No disrespectful behavior will be allowed: loud noises, thrown items, disrespecting property, etc.

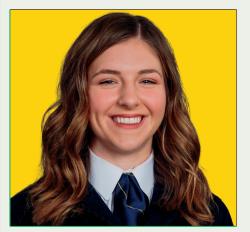
No inappropriate behavior. It is unacceptable to enter the room of the opposite sex without an adult. This is a zero-tolerance policy.

### **FFA Rules**

The FFA Code of Ethics, as designated in the Official FFA Handbook, will be enforced.

All local, state, and federal laws will be enforced.

The use of tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, drugs, and weapons while attending the Alaska FFA State Convention is prohibited. This is a zerotolerance policy.







# Tuesday, April 16th -

11:00 am Registration (GM Theater Lobby)

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm FFA State Day of Service





2:00 pm State Officer Candidate Orientation & Knowledge Exam

2:00 pm Delegate Business Session (FSM 103)

2:00 pm Seed Germination by Layla Buzzard

3:00 pm Nom Com Orientation (GM Green Room)

4:00 pm Board Interviews (NC/SOC)

4:00 pm Star Greenhand LDE (FSM 201)

4:00 pm Creed Speaking LDE (GM Theater)

4:00 pm CDE Testing Timeframe

5:30 pm Dinner (GM Theater)

6:30 pm Pre-Session

# 7:00 pm General Session 1 Pioneering Potential

- Flag Ceremony
- Welcome to Convention
- Introductions
- Bill Stoltze Scholarship Award
- Keynote: Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom
- Chapter Charter Ceremony
- FFA Bucks
- Code of Ethics
- Lobby Activities
- Announcements for Wednesday
- Closing Ceremonies

Post-Session: Group Photo + Chapter
Photos
8:45 pm Reflections - Alaska Officers

### Friday, April 19th -

7:45 am Flag Raising (National Officer)

# 8:00 am General Session 4 The West: Inga Peterson

- Opening Ceremonies

- Growing Leaders Recognition

- Star Greenhand
- Artist Recognition
- Leadership Awards
- Star Chapter Awards
- JaLeen's Retiring Address
- Closing Ceremonies

9:30 am Environmental/Natural Resources CDE (State Fairgrounds-Hoskins)

9:30 am Parliamentary Procedure (GM)

9:30 am Workshop: "Let's Talk" with CJ

Thompson (FSM 105)

11:00 am Workshop: "Farm Planning" with Mo

Johnson (FSM 105)

12:00 pm Lunch (GM Theater Lobby)

12:30 pm Tour: Ulu Factory + WJH Sport Fish

Hatchery Tour Leaves

1:00 pm Continue ENR CDE (MatSu College)

3:30 pm Workshop: TBD (FSM 105)

4:45 pm Banquet (GM Theater)

5:30 pm Pre-Session

# <u>6:00 pm General Session 5</u> Agriculture: Layla Buzzard

- Opening ceremonies
- Sponsor Recognition
- Keynote: Amara Jackson
- Final Awards Presentation
- -Recognition of Guests & Volunteers
- Recognition of Parents & Advisors
- Honorary State Degree Ceremony
- Michael's Retiring Address
- Nominating Committee Report
- Retirement of 2023-2024 State Officers
- Closing ceremonies

8:30 pm Auction (GM Theater)

8:30 pm New State Officers Meeting



# Thursday, April 18th –

8:30 am Flag Raising (GM Theater)

9:00 am Prepared Public Speaking LDE

(GM Theater)

9:00 am Floriculture CDE (State Fairgrounds-

Hoskins)

9:00 am Workshop: "The Question We Want

Answered" by Mary Thiel (FSM 106)

11:00 am Workshop: "Influences, Decisions, &

Dominoes" by Mattalyn Johnson (FSM 106)

12:15 pm Lunch (GM Theater)

12:30 pm Tour: Alaska Plant Materials Center

**Bus Leaves** 

1:00 pm Veterinary Science CDE (Fairgrounds -

Rebarchek Farm)

1:00 pm Extemporaneous Speaking LDE

(GM Theater)

1:00 pm Workshop: "Positively Purposeful" by

Kamille Mirkin (FSM 106)

2:00 pm Workshop: "Seed Your Future" by

Al Poindexter (FSM 106)

4:00 pm Workshop: "Behind the Scenes" by

Peterson Farm Brothers (FSM 106)

4:00 pm Nom Com Deliberations

5:00 pm Dinner (GM Theater)

6:00 pm Pre-Session (GM Theater)

# 6:30 pm General Session 3

**Science: JaLeen Gattenby** 

-Opening ceremonies

- Strengthening Agriculture Recognition

- Proficiencies

-State Degree Ceremony

-Keynote: Peterson Farm Brothers

-Star Awards

- Inga's Retiring Address

-Announcements

-Closing Ceremonies



### Wednesday, April 17th -

8:00 am Flag Raising (GM Theater)

8:30 am CDE Written Test Timeframe

9:00 am Agriscience Fair (Theater Lobby)

9:00 am Employment Skills (FSM 207 & 108)

9:00 am Conduct of Chapter Meetings (GM)

10:00 am + 11:00 am Workshop: AgWest

Farm Credit (FSM 205)

10:00 am + 11:00 am Workshop: "Today is the Day" -

Amara Jackson (JKB 108)

12:00 pm Lunch (GM Theater Lobby)

1:00 pm Agricultural Mechanics CDE

(Fairgrounds-Hoskins)

1:00 pm Employment Skills Finals Round

(JKB 125)

1:00 pm Farm Business Management (JKB 124)

2:00 pm Workshop: "Power of the Sun" by

Renewable Energy Alaska Project (FSM 206)

3:30 pm Workshop: "SAEs & Youth Lending" by

Farm Service Agency (FSM 103)

5:00 pm Dinner (GM Theater)

6:00 pm Pre-Session (GM Theater)

# <u>6:30 pm General Session 2</u>

**Music: Michael Boatright** 

- Opening Ceremonies

- Building Communities Recognition

- Introduction of State Officer

Candidates

- Keynote: Colleen Fisk (REAP)

- Delegate Report & Recognition

- Layla's Retiring Address

- Day Of Service Review

- Announcements

- Closing Ceremonies

8:00 pm Evening Activity (SOCs)
10:00 pm Reflections- National Officer



# Meet the Visiting State Officers!





Kamille Mirkin

Idaho FFA

**State Sentinel** 







Mattalyn Johnson

**Kentucky FFA** 

State Vice President

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**Mary Thiel Oregon FFA** 

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**Christopher Thompson** 

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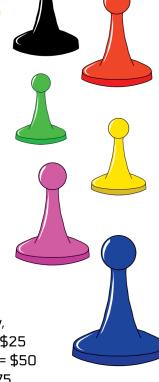
# TOKENS

Collect as many as you can before the auction for a chance to win fun prizes! Earn them by following convention rules, being courteous, and helpful to all!





Black = \$100



ASSIGNMENT

# **National FFA Convention Review**



- 21 Alaska FFA members in attendance from the following chapters- Iron Mountain, North Pole, Palmer, and Silent Springs...
- Members competed across 4 events including:
  - Environmental & Natural Resources
  - Creed Speaking
  - Extemporaneous Speaking
  - Employment Skills