



2025 National Chapter Award

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Chapter Information

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Unduplicated Ag Ed Enrollment

248

Total FFA Membership

249

In-school FFA Members

248

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4/1/2024

Ending Date

3/31/2025

Convention Year

2025

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Form I Activities

Growing Leaders	
Leadership	FFA Pokemon Game - Older members created Pokemon cards of themselves that the greenhand FFA members could then collect. In order to collect a card, you had to get to know that FFA member well enough that they would give you their card. Greenhands made cards in the spring and played another round during FFA week.
Healthy Lifestyle	Cowley Camino - The purpose of the Cowley Camino is for members to walk 10 miles from our town of Arkansas City to the nearby town of Winfield. Along the way, members will be encouraged to stay technology-free and complete tasks with the people they are walking with. This activity will encourage positive relationships and provide everyone a physical challenge.
Scholarship	Academic Ice Cream Social - During FFA week, our chapter recognized members who earned an academic letter with an ice cream party during advisory. The chapter also recognized these members on their social media pages for their hard work in maintaining their grades and not having any office referrals.
Personal Growth	Turkey Talks - A Thanksgiving-style meal was prepared for all our members and we encouraged members to bring a dessert or side to share. Two district officers put on a workshop about setting goals and living life with gratitude. Members also learned how to engage in conversations with others to get them ready for their own Thanksgiving dinners.
Career Success	Recordbook Night - Students gathered to learn some much-needed AET recordbook tips to help them keep better track of their financial and FFA records. They also were introduced to FFA proficiency applications to give them a step up on the coming year. The hopes is that they become able to mentor younger members in using AET.
Building Communities	
Environmental	Earth Day Park Clean Up - FFA members worked with Courtney Priest, the District Manager of the Cowley County Conservation District, to clean up a local park on Earth Day. Over 30 FFA members went to Knebler's Pond to clean up any trash that was left around the disc golf areas and pond.
Human Resources	Cakes for Kids - FFA members were tasked to donate cake and/or icing so that they FFA chapter could create "Celebration Kits". These kits contained cake mix, icing, a can of soda, birthday candles, and a birthday card. Over 30 kits were created and given to the elementary school counselors to distribute to children on their birthdays.
Citizenship	Chamber Coffee Presentation - We partnered with the local Chamber of Commerce to host the monthly Chamber Coffee at our high school. We made biscuits and gravy for the attendees and FFA members provided an update on chapter happenings.
Stakeholder Engagement	Blue and Gold Breakfast - We wanted to say "thank you" to all the staff for supporting our FFA members throughout the school year by providing them with a staff appreciation breakfast. We made build-your-own breakfast bowls during FFA week for over 100 staff at our high school. This year we also invited the school board members.
Economic Development	Optimist Partners - The FFA chapter partnered with our local optimist club to assist them in some of their fundraising efforts in the local community. In return they helped sponsor two FFA jackets and made a small donation to our club.
Strengthening Agriculture	
Support Group	Alumni Activity - Alumni attended our Turkey Talks activity to get to meet the members.
Chapter Recruitment	Bulldog Bash for Ag - At the beginning of our new school year, we organized our annual Bulldogs Bash for Ag event and invited all ag students and their parents to attend. We grilled hot dogs and held a meeting for both parents and students. After dinner, we had several fun activities planned, such as slip-and-slide kickball and a partner egg toss competition.



Safety	Food Safety - All FFA members in the Ag Food Science course completed the Food Handler safety certification process.
Agricultural Advocacy	State Fair Projects and Visit - State Fair Projects and Visit - Members were invited to complete state fair projects in the areas of plant, animal, welding, and leadership and then to exhibit them at the state fair. Members were also encouraged to attend the day trip to the Kansas State Fair to see the results of the judging and to see the other state fair exhibits.
Agricultural Literacy	Little Aggie Day - Little Aggie Day - All pre-K and kindergarten students in our school district attended this event. Students prepared short 10-minute demonstrations about plants, chickens, pigs, cattle, food science, and other ag topics to help the youngsters learn more about where their food comes from.





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Form I Summary

NQCS Indicators	Points Possible	Points Earned
1. All students enrolled in the agricultural education program have the opportunity to be a member of FFA.	5	5
2. Students build a progressive leadership and personal development plan.	5	5
3. All students participate in meaningful leadership and personal development activities in each component of the agricultural education program: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom and laboratory instruction• Experiential, project, and work-based learning through SAE• Leadership and personal development through FFA	5	5
4. The FFA chapter constitution and bylaws are up-to-date and approved by chapter members.	5	3
5. FFA members are involved in the planning and implementation of a Program of Activities (POA).	5	4
6. The FFA chapter conducts regularly scheduled chapter meetings.	5	5
7. An awards recognition program planned and conducted by FFA members is in place.	5	5
8. The FFA chapter has a current budget, which provides the financial resources to support the POA.	5	4
9. Capable and trained officers lead the FFA chapter.	5	5
10. The FFA chapter has an active, dedicated support group.	5	5
11. Stakeholders are engaged in developing and supporting a quality chapter.	4	3
12. SAE is an integral component of the agricultural education program, with all students maintaining an exploratory SAE and career plan of study.	5	3
13. A recruitment and retention plan is yielding steady or increasing student enrollment.	5	4
TOTAL	64	56



Growing Leaders - Leadership

FFA Pokemon Game

Date the Activity was Completed: 10/19/2024

Older members created Pokemon cards of themselves that the greenhand FFA members could then collect. In order to collect a card, you had to get to know that FFA member well enough that they would give you their card. Greenhands made cards in the spring and played another round during FFA week.

Related to Quality Standard: The FFA Pokemon game was a revamp of our Greenhand Mentors program. Officers wanted to gamify reaching out to make connections with all members in hopes of guiding our Greenhand FFA members in the right direction to get to know others better.

Goal #1

Goal: The senior officer team will create an interactive Pokemon game where Greenhands collect trading cards featuring each officer and advisor. Each card must be created by the Greenhand Night we will hold on September 17, 2024.

Plan of Action: (9/2) The secretary will reach out to and assist other officers & advisors to create each card. Cards will be personalized according to each officer's personality, SAE, or interests. (9/9) The secretary will create a back for all cards so that the cards are two-sided. The cards will be printed on the colored printer. All officers will help cut laminate and distribute the cards. Also, game rules will be created by the officer team.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** Not only did all officers make cards, but we had 5 additional members create Pokemon cards for the Greenhands to collect. Also, some cards were created featuring 2 or more members.

Goal #2

Goal: Promote the trading card game at meetings and events and get 20 greenhands to collect & turn in 10 cards each by October 31, 2024. Each Greenhand must have a good conversation with an officer/advisor to collect their card.

Plan of Action: (9/17) At the Greenhand Night we will paint hands, eat green cupcakes, and promote the FFA pokemon trading game by allowing members to collect 3 cards that evening. The secretary will explain the rules at this first event. The chapter vice president will create a list of events including the Cowley Camino, National Convention, our Halloween party, CDEs, and other events where members will be encouraged to talk to others and collect their cards.

Outcome: **UNMET** We were unable to determine the total amount of cards collected by all members. However, the spirit of the event was felt. Members had fun trying to complete the challenge and collect lots of cards!

Goal #3

Goal: Members will have the opportunity to complete another round of the trading card game during FFA week on February 17th by finding 120+ new pokemon cards hidden around the ag hallways.

Plan of Action: (2/3) The chapter secretary will reach out to the Greenhand officer team and ask them if they would like to create Pokemon cards to use for an FFA week scavenger hunt. (2/12) A new set of mini-cards will be created and printed to get ready for the scavenger hunt. (2/17) Greenhand officers will meet on the morning of the 17th to hide all the new Pokemon cards in the hallway so that classes can go and search for cards that day.

Outcome: **MET** Greenhand officers got the chance to make their own cards this year and hid them around the ag areas. Members who found a Pokemon got to enter a FFA week raffle for prizes at the end of the week!

Summary

Advancing Leaders: We know that good relationships are the fuel that it takes to get FFA members to grow as leaders and become active members of our chapter. So often we hear, "I would do that activity, but my friend doesn't want to do it with me.". This Pokemon game really helped bring fun to mentoring others and getting to know others. Many people talked to members they wouldn't normally talk to just because they wanted to complete their full Pokemon collection. It was good light-hearted fun for all members!

Impact: Pokemon cards were created for each officer, five other older mentors, three FFA advisors, and three partner combos for a total of 18 cards to collect. Each officer was given 18 cards to hand out as Greenhand members started collecting their cards at various FFA activities in October. Although we are unsure of the exact number of cards collected, we are excited to complete this activity again and improve our tracking of participants. We know that almost all cards were handed out.



Growing Leaders - Leadership



There were three rules in order to earn someone's Pokemon card: sit with them at an FFA event, introduce yourself to each other, and answer three questions about each other. This was a way to help our Greenhand and older members to get to know each other. As a part of a large chapter, it is hard to get to know everyone so these cards created a low-risk game in order to meet others. A total of 18 cards could be collected by the Greenhands that included all chapter officers, five others, the class fish, and then a combination of partner cards.



Growing Leaders - Healthy Lifestyle

Cowley Camino

Date the Activity was Completed: 10/19/2024

The purpose of the Cowley Camino is for members to walk 10 miles from our town of Arkansas City to the nearby town of Winfield. Along the way, members will be encouraged to stay technology-free and complete tasks with the people they are walking with. This activity will encourage positive relationships and provide everyone a physical challenge.

Related to Quality Standard: The Cowley Camino challenged our FFA members mentally and physically by asking them to put away their cell phones and be present with those around them, to push themselves by completing something hard, and to surrender burdens in their own lives.

Goal #1

Goal: The Cowley Camino (CC) committee will create a walking route of 10-12 miles from Ark City to Winfield to allow at least 20 FFA members to walk and focus on being present, limiting technology, and being active by October 31st.

Plan of Action: (9/4) The committee will create a route that starts outside of the city limits and ends at the Cowley County fairgrounds. The chapter vice president will create a Canva and Cowley Camino registration website. (9/25) The committee secured 100 yellow and orange bandanas for the first 100 walkers. (10/4) All Ark City FFA members were encouraged to sign up by completing the Google Form for the Cowley Camino at the chapter meeting.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** We had a total of 68 registered to walk the Cowley Camino. On the day of the event, we had six community members and 26 complete the Cowley Camino which exceeded our goal of 20 walkers.

Goal #2

Goal: A month before, the CC committee will create 4 stations along the 10.5 mile route. Each station will present a challenge for the walkers. They will also create a "passport," that gets a custom-made stamp at each station.

Plan of Action: (9/4) The committee will reach out to Priest Farms, Bryant Farms, Fellowship Church, Southern Cotton Growers, and the Cowley County fairgrounds to reserve and gain permission for our walkers to rest at each of those locations. (9/10) Committee members will plan activities at each stop: finding and carrying a rock that represents a burden, yoga and questions, technology-free mind games to play as they walk, lunch, and lastly, music the last mile.

Outcome: **MET** All locations and stations were planned and secured. The committee created passports and custom stamps for each station. Walkers got stamps, water, and snacks as they were challenged at each station.

Goal #3

Goal: The committee will plan an end-of-camino celebration at the Cowley County fairgrounds to celebrate walking the 10.5-mile route from Winfield to Ark City by October 1st. They will ask alumni to help plan the festivities.

Plan of Action: (9/4) The committee will ask alumni to help with making lemonade, sheet cake, and other snacks. (10/1) The committee will create a certificate of achievement to give all walkers who complete the Cowley Camino and collect all six stops along the way (including the beginning and end stops). The committee will create two huge cardboard posters to hang with the questions, "What challenges did you encounter?" and "What was your favorite thing?".

Outcome: **MET** A big celebration was had for all the walkers! We wrote our reflections on the board, cheered as more walkers completed the route, had cake and lemonade, and, of course, took off our shoes and rested!

Summary

Advancing Leaders: The Cowley Camino's purpose was to encourage our members to take a break from technology and their busy schedules and to take a walk with friends that would take up their Saturday. We challenged our members to face blisters, sore feet, and sweating bodies in order to live life in the present and slow down. Community members who walked encouraged us to host this event again. Members commented they enjoyed talking with each other and loved being outside and getting to the end.



Impact: We had 68 people sign up to walk. We ended up having 26 FFA members and 6 community members walk the 10.5-mile stretch from Ark City to the Winfield fairgrounds. We believe this shows slowing down is something we desire, but it is sometimes hard for us to commit to. We also had 3 advisors helping ensure safety and alumni communications. We had three other adults working behind the scenes to help with safety, lunch, stations, and the final celebration at the end.

Growing Leaders - Healthy Lifestyle



The photo was taken from the back of the pack during the first mile of the Cowley Camino. Members were encouraged not to think of the Camino as a race. As the day went on, members fell into step into different groups that walked at each other's pace. They collected custom stamps to fill their Camino passports as they got to each rest stop. They picked up a rock at one station and carried it with them the whole route. At other stations, they had stretches and questions to answer as a group, eye-spy games, music, and a big party at the end!



Growing Leaders - Personal Growth

Turkey Talks

Date the Activity was Completed: 11/18/2024

A Thanksgiving-style meal was prepared for all our members and we encouraged members to bring a dessert or side to share. Two district officers put on a workshop about setting goals and living life with gratitude. Members also learned how to engage in conversations with others to get them ready for their own Thanksgiving dinners.

Related to Quality Standard: Turkey Talks relates to the standard by encouraging members to learn and practice new conversation skills while eating a Thanksgiving-style dinner. Hopefully, they feel more confident talking to others in preparation for the coming holiday.

Goal #1

Goal: To have at least 25 members join us for the annual Turkey Talks event to talk about setting and achieving goals and how to start a small talk conversation on November 18.

Plan of Action: (11/12) Our officers will meet to discuss the Turkey Talks final plan with our advisors at our weekly officer meeting. The secretary will think up some ideas about what activities we should do at our tables for our members to do. The student advisor will be in charge of leading the activities. (11/18) The officers and other members they recruit will meet after school to get the tables and decorations set up in the school cafeteria.

Outcome: MET We set all of the tables into one big line to help bring all of the conversations together as we were all at the same table. We chatted and did the activities together to get to know each other more.

Goal #2

Goal: Our officer team will invite two South Central district officers to be our guest speakers. They will present a workshop on the importance of setting and achieving goals workshop on November 18.

Plan of Action: (10/25) The sentinel contacted Braeden Stutzman and Jackson McCurry (district officers) to invite them to do goal-oriented activities and to make attainable goals and achieve them. (10/15) The reporter reached out to the Alumni and Supporters group to build relationships from past members and supporters to present members. (11/18) The chapter vice president will announce our guest speakers before they start their presentation.

Outcome: MET The district officers gave great advice on how to make and achieve your goals and the alumni group had a great turn out and we formed new friendships and beneficial connections for our future.

Goal #3

Goal: A Thanksgiving dinner will be hosted by our chapter officer team on November 18 to be combined with Turkey Talks. We asked the members to sign up to bring different dishes that they would like to contribute to our potluck.

Plan of Action: (10/8) The officer team will meet to discuss ideas for our dinner. The treasurer will make a flyer and sign up sheet for members to pick the food item they would like to bring. Members will be encouraged to bring a side, dessert, or drink. The vice president will contact alumni members to cook a turkey and a ham for our main course. (11/18) The food science class made a vegetable dish and mac and cheese.

Outcome: MET We had a wonderful turnout with the turkey, ham, mac and cheese, and a various array of side dishes and desserts. Our members enjoyed fellowship and a great Thanksgiving meal.

Summary

Advancing Leaders: This event helped advance our members with our goal-setting skills to help them achieve future goals. Members were able to reach out to make connections with alumni and peers that they are not normally around. Our members could take these skills with them and use them in their everyday lives. This event helped make connections for their future. In addition to the goal-setting workshop, members were able to practice conversation skills by answering question prompt cards placed at the tables.

Impact: We had over 40 members, 3 adult advisors, and 10 alumni members attend the Turkey Talks. Within the 3 hour event, we had a goal-setting activity and a meet and greet with the alumni group, and we enjoyed a delicious meal and concluded with new line dances for a little fun and team-building time. We encouraged members to limit electronics and be in the moment with other members and alumni they otherwise might not talk to. Members learned the difference in types of goals and how to achieve them.



Growing Leaders - Personal Growth



Our officers invited all of our FFA members from our chapter to come to our Turkey Talks. We had a sign-up sheet where people could sign up to bring the dish of their choice to the Thanksgiving meal for all to enjoy. We invited two district officers to talk to our group about goal setting and achieving importance and some alumni members to form new relationships. Members learned about conversation skills by answering fun answer prompts at their tables. We ended off our night with some line dancing that brought many smiles and laughter to all!



Building Communities - Human Resources

Cakes for Kids

Date the Activity was Completed: 2/26/2025

FFA members were tasked to donate cake and/or icing so that they FFA chapter could create "Celebration Kits". These kits contained cake mix, icing, a can of soda, birthday candles, and a birthday card. Over 30 kits were created and given to the elementary school counselors to distribute to children on their birthdays.

Related to Quality Standard: Students had an opportunity to spend time with other members and create Cake Kits for the kids in need in the community. Additionally, students were provided with a lunch and games.

Goal #1

Goal: The Leadership class will plan and conduct a "Cakes for Kids" community service project for FFA members during FFA week on February 26th and have 30 members participate.

Plan of Action: (2/3) The Leadership class will partner up with the chapter officer team to brainstorm ways to conduct the service project. They had decided to host a lunch party to encourage member participation. Each student will be tasked with a different activity being hosted. The chapter vice president created a Canva of the event to share in the FFA Google Classroom. (2/10) Members are encouraged to start bringing in cake mixes and icing.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** The chapter advisors enhanced the rewards to the chapter members who donated a cake mix or icing. 37 students donated one or more items. Each student was put into a raffle.

Goal #2

Goal: To encourage participation, the Leadership class will host a pizza lunch party during FFA week on February 26th for all the volunteers who brought in one cake mix or icing.

Plan of Action: (2/12) The Leadership class will use class time to plan a pizza lunch party during FFA week for the volunteers. (2/17) The chapter reporter will contact all volunteers letting them know they've been invited to the pizza party. (2/26) The Leadership class will set up other fun activities to do during the lunch, such as FFA trivia and music. FFA members will get to assemble one cake kit of their choosing.

Outcome: **MET** Out of the 37 members who donated, 30 attended the lunch that the Leadership class hosted. 36 cake kits were assembled throughout the lunch.

Goal #3

Goal: The chapter vice president will reach out to the six local elementary school counselors in regard to where to distribute kits. Six kits will be distributed to each elementary school by March 14th.

Plan of Action: (2/27) The chapter vice president met with the high school counselor and assisted in emailing the six local elementary school counselors. (3/3) All counselors have responded in appreciation and excitement. the chapter officer team divided the 36 cake kits, deciding each school would get six cake kits. (3/14) The chapter officer team will divide and conquer and go to each school and deliver the kits to the counselors.

Outcome: **MET** Out of the six local elementary schools, each received six cake kits to disperse as they saw fit. The counselors were very appreciative that the FFA members took this initiative.

Summary

Advancing Community: The purpose of hosting the "Cake for Kids" service project was a way for FFA members to give back to our community, even in a simple way. Not all kids get to celebrate their special day, so by making the kits, we are giving back to those kids and families. Students displayed leadership by taking the initiative in planning the project, preparing the lunch and reaching out to local schools. Members had fun socializing with their friends while doing the project.

Impact: The six students in the Leadership class got to display their leadership skills by being in charge of planning the pizza party and service project. We had 30 members attend the lunch thought-out the three lunch periods. Members had a great time eating pizza and snacks, playing games, and getting to assemble their own cake kits. Students enjoyed getting to mix and match cake mixes and sodas, seeing which ones went together best. It was a great way to combine a service project while having fun!



Building Communities - Human Resources



Five members were each assembling one of many cake kits. Members had a great time mixing different cake flavors with different sodas and frosting. They decided that light sodas go with lighter cake mixes and dark sodas with dark mixes. We had a free pizza party where all members that had donated were invited. The leadership class hosted games as well as a service project with the party. FFA trivia, Connect Four, and 5-minute drawings were a few of the fun activities at the lunch. We were so excited with the turnout!



Building Communities - Citizenship

Chamber Coffee Presentation

Date the Activity was Completed: 11/21/2024

We partnered with the local Chamber of Commerce to host the monthly Chamber Coffee at our high school. We made biscuits and gravy for the attendees and FFA members provided an update on chapter happenings.

Related to Quality Standard: The FFA members in our chapter talked with current leaders within our community about ideas for them to get more involved. It was a really enjoyable morning chatting with the members of our community.

Goal #1

Goal: Host one of the monthly Chamber of Commerce Coffee meetings at the high school ag department. We hope to have 15 community members in attendance on November 21st.

Plan of Action: (10/1) Our chapter sentinel will get in contact with the chamber president and inquire about us hosting a coffee event. The reporter is to create an online flyer to be shared and spread on social media and the community. (10/15) The chapter president was asked to extend the invite to our principal and any other school admin who'd like to attend. (11/11) The sentinel will contact the chamber a week before to answer any last-minute questions.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** The chapter sentinel extended the invite to our community chamber members and we had 23 local leaders and business owners attend our event on November 21st, 2024.

Goal #2

Goal: Have chapter officers cook and serve all guests in attendance a breakfast consisting of biscuits and gravy, coffee, and orange juice on November 21st.

Plan of Action: (11/18) The officer team went shopping at Walmart for all the supplies needed to cook breakfast. (11/21) The officer team and our leadership class will assist in cooking the breakfast and the setup for this event. Four of our students will meet the guests and leaders of our community and guide them down to the agriculture annex of our school building. All members and leadership students will help serve breakfast and converse with our guests.

Outcome: **MET** FFA members whipped up amazing biscuits and gravy breakfast to serve to everyone in attendance and kick off the chamber coffee meeting the right way.

Goal #3

Goal: The FFA officer team will present an update about our chapter and local activities, as well as lead a discussion on how we can interact with community members on November 21st.

Plan of Action: (11/11) The chapter president and the treasurer will come up with a slide show presentation highlighting community involvement and general FFA achievements and activities. (11/21) Members attending will listen to Arty Hicks, chamber president, talk about events in our community. We will collaborate on ways our FFA chapter could get involved with different aspects of the community.

Outcome: **MET** The officer team led a quick presentation and participated in a discussion with Mr. Hicks and other chamber members/business owners about the partnerships that could be happening.

Summary

Advancing Community: The purpose behind hosting chamber coffee was to encourage our members to see different ways they can get involved in the local community. We wanted to hear what the needs were around our community and ways we could help and get our members to be involved citizens not just our local leaders. It was also a great way to spread the good news happening with our members and our chapter in general. It is also a good way to strengthen the partnership with our business owners and our community members.

Impact: Officers and students in the agriculture leadership class were really able to connect with the local business leaders. The help we provide with plants and the disc golf course was highlighted at this event and the community members really enjoy it being there as a good leisure activity. The Etzanoa people were there and they discussed ways we could help with the research being conducted out there. Etzanoa is a local archaeological research site of a lost prehistoric Native American community.



Building Communities - Citizenship



The FFA officers held a Chamber Coffee meeting. We hosted our guests in the ag lab where they discussed ways for us to get involved. Before the guests arrived the officer team and student volunteers prepared biscuits and gravy for all guests who came, with a side of coffee. Members served all in attendance breakfast and, while they ate, presented opening ceremonies and a slideshow about past community involvement the chapter has had. The officer team talked with the leaders on ways to continue forming partnerships to better our community.



Building Communities - Stakeholder Engagement

Blue and Gold Breakfast

Date the Activity was Completed: 2/20/2025

We wanted to say "thank you" to all the staff for supporting our FFA members throughout the school year by providing them with a staff appreciation breakfast. We made build-your-own breakfast bowls during FFA week for over 100 staff at our high school. This year we also invited the school board members.

Related to Quality Standard: During the Blue and Gold breakfast staff and students can engage in good conversation outside of the classroom. It shows our appreciation for all of their support for the FFA chapter and it's members throughout the year!

Goal #1

Goal: The chapter officer team will plan, arrange, and host an appreciation breakfast for teachers and staff at the Arkansas City High School on February 20th, 2025 to wrap up National FFA Week.

Plan of Action: (1/22) The chapter vice president will create a Google form sign-up to be shared with the ACHS staff to give the breakfast committee an approximate number of meals needing to be prepared. (2/8) Chapter members will be recruited to help prepare, serve, and clean the staff appreciation breakfast. (2/20) The chapter officers get tables and chairs out and bring them to the foyer so that teachers can socialize with each other during breakfast.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** By putting up tables and chairs, the teacher had lots of space and seating to converse with one other. The teachers loved the extra tables, so they had a place to sit and eat.

Goal #2

Goal: Having new and more members attend and help serve the staff their breakfast. To have at least 10 people sign up to help, prepare, and serve at least 80 staff before 8 am on February 20th.

Plan of Action: (2/5) The reporter made a signup sheet for anyone in the FFA chapter to sign up to attend and then posted it in the FFA Google Classroom. These members will get to the school at 6 am on February 20th, to make the gravy, sausage, bacon, tater tots, and eggs. (2/7) The chapter sentinel will contact our staff in the kitchen to order eggs for the event. They will also ask to have one kitchen staff member assist us on the day of the breakfast.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** We had lots of help and we got stuff done quickly! We had a total of 12 members show up to help and 100 staff that got breakfast. We got breakfast to them by 8 am.

Goal #3

Goal: To use the mobile lunch carts in the foyer in order to make the breakfast more accessible for the teachers. Also, to set dining tables up for teachers to socialize with others on February 20th.

Plan of Action: (1/22) Our chapter vice president will create and send out a google form for staff to sign up for their meal choices. This year we decided to simplify the menu and provide breakfast bowls with two meat options. (2/20) The sentinel will ensure we have enough Blue and Gold sausage and bacon for breakfast. The officer team will get together at our local supermarket after school to gather the rest of the breakfast items.

Outcome: **MET** Staff submitted 100 orders for sausage, bacon, or both breakfast bowls. They also had the option for eggs, tater tots, gravy, condiments and drinks.

Summary

Advancing Community: The Blue and Gold staff breakfast was put together to make bonds and nourish partnerships between the staff and the students and let them know their support is vital for our chapter. FFA members were able to take part in learning how to serve people and gratitude while learning how to cook food that maybe they have never cooked before. They were also able to raise awareness of the Blue and Gold bacon and sausage used in the breakfast as the chapter uses this product as a fundraiser each year.

Impact: In total, we had 12 FFA members attend and help during the staff breakfast. Six hours of cleaning, cooking, serving, grocery shopping, and preparing were totaled. We served 100 staff members breakfast bowls by 8 am that morning. Three advisors accompanied us and helped us along the way. Last year, we served 73 staff members, so we feel we had even better participation in this event than usual. This breakfast led to good relationships between FFA members and staff that morning!



Building Communities - Stakeholder Engagement



During FFA week, members in FFA showed up early on their day off to make breakfast for all the teachers at the high school. FFA members came together to make the breakfast bowls and the teachers decided what they wanted on it. The food they had to select was from eggs, tater tots, the choice of bacon or sausage, cheese, salsa, and gravy. It was a good way to fuel them for the day since they were hard at work with parent-teacher conferences. We had a total of 100 teachers sign up and attend the staff breakfast.



Strengthening Agriculture - Chapter Recruitment

Bulldog Bash for Ag

Date the Activity was Completed: 8/29/2024

At the beginning of our new school year, we organized our annual Bulldogs Bash for Ag event and invited all ag students and their parents to attend. We grilled hot dogs and held a meeting for both parents and students. After dinner, we had several fun activities planned, such as slip-and-slide kickball and a partner egg toss competition.

Related to Quality Standard: The Bulldog Bash for Ag relates to this standard as it highlights the importance of agricultural education and the unique elements of our FFA chapter. This event allows students the opportunity to connect with others and see where they fit into FFA.

Goal #1

Goal: The officer team will host a kick-off event with 30 parents and 55 students by August 29th. Our goal is to promote our chapter, highlight agricultural pathways, inform parents, and explain official dress.

Plan of Action: The officer team will divide tasks at the Tuesday morning meeting (8/27). The reporter and vice president will create a parent agenda for the parent meeting. The president and sentinel will work on a member agenda for the member meeting. Officers will brainstorm and plan games for the kickoff. The secretary and student advisor will go to the store for supplies. The secretary will ensure that hotdogs, condiments, chips, and desserts are prepared.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** On August 29th our Bulldog Bash for Ag was hosted for both members and parents to learn more about our FFA chapter. We had over 70 FFA members and over 30 parents in attendance.

Goal #2

Goal: The officer team will plan at least 2 activities for chapter members to participate in at the Bulldog Bash for Ag on August 29th.

Plan of Action: (8/27) The chapter president will request permission to use the football practice field for slip-and-slide kickball. The secretary and the student advisor will pick up 7 dozen eggs while they are at the store for the annual egg toss. The reporter and president will gather soap, pools, plastic, and a kickball for the slip-and-slide kickball game. The treasurer and sentinel will help them set up the kickball.

Outcome: **MET** We played egg toss and slip-and-slide kickball. Members and their families gathered in the outdoor classroom to converse. Everyone was allowed to explore the ag classrooms and the shop.

Goal #3

Goal: The officer team will plan August 29th, both a parent meeting and a member meeting, to inform them about the upcoming CDEs, chapter events, FFA jacket and chapter t-shirt orders, and our fundraisers.

Plan of Action: (8/27) The treasurer will create a flyer for parents that includes a schedule for the year, fundraising information, officer descriptions, and how to order an FFA jacket. (8/29) The president will lead introductions while the secretary passes out the flyers. All officers will answer any questions from the parents after the presentation is concluded. The student advisor will explain what official dress is and how to order an FFA jacket.

Outcome: **MET** Over 30 parents attended Bulldog Bash for Ag. They received an information sheet and a schedule for the year. The officers answered any questions that the parents had.

Summary

Advancing Agriculture: Bulldog Bash for Ag strives to engage members, create connections, and seek what our chapter has in store for the upcoming year. This event is helpful to both parents by giving them a look into what possibilities there are in FFA. Students have the opportunity to talk to new people, get to know the chapter officers and advisors and create a solid foundation that our chapter builds on. Students and parents were able to prepare for an exciting and thriving year.

Impact: Bulldog Bash for Ag was an extremely successful event. In total, we had over 70 FFA members, and most of them brought their parents along with them. Students and parents got to experience new ideas and create new friendships. Officers were able to introduce themselves to students and their families. This even encouraged people to join an ag class and to get involved. Students and parents got to look at the outdoor classroom, the shop, the house, and so much more.



Strengthening Agriculture - Chapter Recruitment



This picture shows many of our FFA members throwing eggs and getting ready to either make the catch or get really messy. After all the parent and member meetings this is a fun way to kick off the social aspect of the night. Next, we had a fun game of slip-n-slide kickball where our older members faced off against the younger members. All in all, this is a great event to promote fellowship, allow new parents and members to explore the ag building, and also just a good, free meal for the families who attend.



Strengthening Agriculture - Agricultural Advocacy

State Fair Projects and Visit

Date the Activity was Completed: 9/9/2024

State Fair Projects and Visit - Members were invited to complete state fair projects in the areas of plant, animal, welding, and leadership and then to exhibit them at the state fair. Members were also encouraged to attend the day trip to the Kansas State Fair to see the results of the judging and to see the other state fair exhibits.

Related to Quality Standard: This activity showcased a variety of different projects from our FFA chapter promoting the benefits of FFA and agriculture education to all who viewed the exhibit at the State Fair. In this way, we were able to gain support for our FFA chapter.

Goal #1

Goal: Have 20 students from at least 3 different agriculture education classes participate in creating projects to enter into the Kansas State Fair in the animal, plant, and ag mechanics areas and sign up by August 23rd.

Plan of Action: (8/16) The president will post the State Fair handbook in the FFA Google Classrooms, and advisors will announce it in their Horticulture, Food Science, Advanced Plant & Animal, and Ag Welding classes as an opportunity to take a non-livestock project to the State Fair. (8/19) Students will be given time in class to work on projects but may need to also work outside of class. (8/27) The advisors will take the projects to the fair.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** We had 26 members enter a project into the Kansas State Fair from over 4 different agriculture classes. These projects ranged from welding projects, flower arrangements, ag posters, and dish gardens.

Goal #2

Goal: Have at least 30 FFA members scheduled to attend a day-long field trip to the Kansas State Fair on September 9th to explore various exhibits, including those submitted by their fellow FFA members.

Plan of Action: (8/13) The chapter officers will research more budget-friendly days to attend the state fair. The sentinel will announce the trip during our first chapter meeting; she will also share a Google form beforehand so members can sign up to attend. Priority will be given to those who are submitting a project and upperclassmen.

Outcome: **EXCEEDED** Thirty-four FFA members attended the day-long field trip to the Kansas State Fair on "Dollar Day". Members explored animal exhibits, toured various buildings, and admired the work of their peers.

Goal #3

Goal: To have members attending the Kansas State Fair on September 9th, participate in a photo scavenger hunt as they explored the barns, exhibits, and the many other sights at the fair.

Plan of Action: (8/13) The chapter officers will work together to create a list of their favorite activities at the Kansas State Fair. (8/13) The chapter reporter will create a Google Doc outlining the rules and tasks of the photo scavenger hunt; she will also create a band group chat. (9/9) Members will take photos while exploring the state fair. Afterward, members will share the photos through the group chat so that everyone can see them.

Outcome: **MET** The chapter officers created a scavenger hunt list with 10 exhibits for people to take pictures with. All member who attended participated in the scavenger hunt taking great photos!

Summary

Advancing Agriculture: This activity aimed to encourage our members to demonstrate the agricultural skills they are learning in their ag classes and through FFA to those visiting the Kansas State Fair. This activity benefits our chapter by building confidence in their ag abilities along with helping to promote FFA and agriculture to people attending the fair. The majority of our members do not exhibit livestock at our local or state fair and this was a great way to get them involved and showcase their ag skills.

Impact: The state fair projects impacted our students greatly. We had 15 members receive a ribbon for their hard work. over 328,000 patrons visited the Kansas State Fair and our projects were on display for all of them to see. We had 34 members from our chapter attend the Kansas State Fair and 26 of them had entered a project. This was only the second time that our chapter has participated in entering projects at the fair.



Strengthening Agriculture - Agricultural Advocacy



After the Kansas State Fair came to an end members posed with their projects and ribbons. We had a total of 17 people win ribbons and it is easy to see our chapter truly excelled in their state fair projects. We had members submit projects in many areas including ag mechanics, plants, animal science, and leadership. One highlight was that our chapter was named the Reserve Grand Champion in the Communications, Leadership, and Animal Science Sweepstakes. Not only did members exhibit projects but they also explored the state fair.



Strengthening Agriculture - Agricultural Literacy

Little Aggie Day

Date the Activity was Completed: 4/17/2024

Little Aggie Day - All pre-K and kindergarten students in our school district attended this event. Students prepared short 10-minute demonstrations about plants, chickens, pigs, cattle, food science, and other ag topics to help the youngsters learn more about where their food comes from.

Related to Quality Standard: Agricultural literacy was encouraged through Little Aggie Day as students learned about the daily impacts of food, fiber, & fuel on their lives through the interactive stations and animals. It exposed students and parents to agriculture.

Goal #1

Goal: To invite 100% of the public elementary schools in our community and to have kindergarten classes from those six schools attend the event on April 17th.

Plan of Action: (2/5) The chapter vice president contacted the Central Office and superintendent by email to get approval for the event. (2/11) The president will contact all local elementary schools and invite them to the event and relay information to the Central Office to have a completed bus schedule for all sessions. The secretary will communicate with Mrs. Hutto, the elementary school contact person, to coordinate the details of the event.

Outcome: MET he officers made initial contact with all involved parties, and in total, 182 kindergarten students from the six elementary schools participated in the event on April 17, 2024.

Goal #2

Goal: To plan at least 10 interactive and age-appropriate stations for Little Aggies Day by April 7th, 2024. This includes stations on various topics such as plant, animal, and consumer agriculture.

Plan of Action: (4/7) Members of the Little Aggies Committee will plan interactive stations about animals, plants, welding, food science, & ag literacy. The committee will select members to drive the animal train cart, bring livestock, and keep time at the stations. They will also coordinate with the school woods program to host the animal housing station. (4/9) The committee will coordinate adding a leatherworking and companion animal station.

Outcome: MET A total of 11 stations were presented, each covering a different topic related to agriculture. Over 58 FFA members participated as station leaders, classroom guides, mascots, and facilitators.

Goal #3

Goal: Coordinate with the cafeteria staff to provide a lunch for the all-day kindergarten and high schoolers that attend the Little Aggie Day on April 17, 2024.

Plan of Action: (4/1) The secretary will coordinate with the director of dining services, Casey Bellew, and the elementary school teachers to arrange for sack lunches for the kindergarteners and snacks later in the day. (4/17) Four committee members will be in charge of getting the snack food carts for the students at the end of the event. All students will help serve lunches in the cafeteria before they get their own lunch.

Outcome: MET This was our second year providing lunch and snacks. It was a team effort to feed all 182 kindergartners lunch but it made the event better for the students as they got to spend more time with us!

Summary

Advancing Agriculture: The purpose of having Little Aggies was to give children a hands-on agricultural experience to help them see agriculture in their own lives. It helped advance agriculture as it reinforced the idea that agriculture is more than just farming. Students were exposed to leatherworking, entomology, food science, animal houses, toured our greenhouse, saw a welding torch demonstration, and got to pet chickens, pigs, dogs, and goats. These things are just not possible in the normal class setting.

Impact: Our member's impact on the 182 students that attended the event was monumental. Students enjoyed the educational activities that members led at stations. We made big changes this year to make the stations longer and more hands-on- we made spinach smoothies and built wooden animal houses. We provided lunch and lengthened the stations to make the learning more meaningful. FFA members truly had an opportunity to take ownership of their age knowledge and share it with the youngsters.



Strengthening Agriculture - Agricultural Literacy



Little Aggie Day is one of the most fun days of the year! The Kindergarten students came to the high school to have a hands-on ag day. FFA members were either group leaders or station leaders. One of the different stations we had was a little farm town where kids could play with the cars and go to different places on that play set to learn about "Farm to Fork". We also have various types of animals and they learned about the importance of each animal. You can see the kids enjoying the goat! The kids also got to take a ride on an animal train.





2025 National Chapter Award

Checksheet of Minimum Qualifications

- All items must be checked as being met for this application to be acceptable.
- Only computer-generated checks are shown here.

Item	Value
An activity is named and described for all 15 quality standards	MET
At least 51 points are attained from the Indicators of a high-quality FFA Chapter.	MET
Required electronic signatures and approvals are current and complete.	MET