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# The Announcer

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## State Alumni Convention and 50th Anniversary Celebration Just Weeks Away

Convention plans are falling nicely in to place for February 4 - 5, 2022. Registration is still open for our annual business meeting and convention festivities, but it will close January 4, 2022. To register you may go to <https://wisconsinaged.org/alumni/convention/register/> or submit the registration form at the end of this newsletter.

We are excited about the many opportunities being offered as part of the convention and strongly encourage you to attend. We also would like to point out that we will be following the county health department guidelines and CDC recommendations for covid protocols at the time of the convention.

The convention itself will be held at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center at 10101 Market Street, Suite A20, Rothschild, WI, United States, 54474.

Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each individual attending. Rooms are blocked currently, but will be released after January 4, 2022. Hotel Information can also be found on our online registration page.

Hotel accommodations include:

1. Holiday Inn - Attached to the Expo  
1000 Imperial Ave Rothschild WI 54474  
715-355-1111

Ask for Group Block - FFA

\$82.00/night Single Occupancy or \$94.00/night Double Occupancy

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/rothschild/wauwi/hoteldetail>

2. Best Western Plus Rothschild-Wausau Hotel -  
Across the parking lot from Expo Center  
803 W Industrial Park Ave Rothschild WI 54474  
Call 715-355-8900

Ask for Group Block - WI FFA Alumni Association

\$ 82.00 per night plus tax, \$12 per extra adult



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## Convention Tentative Schedule

### Friday, February 4, 2022

@ Convention Center

11 AM	State Council Meeting
Noon	Registration Opens
12-8:00 PM	Auction items Check-In. We would appreciate any donations.
2:00 PM	Tour Buses load
5:00 PM	Tour buses arrive back to convention
5:30 PM	Dinner Buffet
6:00 PM	Silent Auction Opens. Wisconsin Basket Raffle opens.
6:30 PM	Past-Presidents Meeting
7:00 PM	Social Begins
8:00 PM -	Entertainment – High Mileage Band (play a variety)
Midnight	Band concludes

### Saturday, February 5, 2022

7:30 AM	Registration opens
7:45 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM	Silent Auction opens
8:30 AM	Opening Session
9:15 AM	Individual Section Meetings
10:00 AM	Convention Planning & Large Group Section Meetings
11:00 AM	Luncheon
12:30 PM	Business Session
2:00 PM	Workshops – Round 1
3:00 PM	Workshops – Round 2
4:30 PM	Silent Auction Closes

5:00 PM	Reflections by FFA State Officer Team
5:30 PM	Session 2 & Banquet
7:00 PM	Cash Raffle Drawing
8:00 PM	Live Auction, followed by DJ

### Sunday, February 6, 2022

9:00 AM	New Alumni Council Training Convention Wrap-up Meeting
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### Friday Tour Options Are:

Specific details will be emailed to registrants when the event gets closer.

1. NCTC Dairy Farm and Education Excellence Center - Some indoor and some outdoor components. \$ 15.00
2. Bull Falls Brewery & Timekeeper Distillery - One hour at each location, includes 1 beer choice & souvenir at brewery and one cocktail at distillery. \$ 35.00

There is a limit of participants for each tour, so they will close when full. First come, first serve registration.

The cost of tour includes bussing from the Expo.

### Auction & Basket Items Requested

We are looking for any items that you may want to donate to the various fundraising events. We would accept individual items for the silent or live auctions, as well as any baskets that you may wish to contribute. You may bring items to the convention or you may contact

[execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org](mailto:execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org) to make arrangements for them to be picked up if you can not attend.

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## Other Convention Details:

A commemorative glass is available that will enable you to have free beer or soda throughout both Friday and Saturday evenings. This mug is included in the all-inclusive registrations. Thank you **Nelson-Jameson** for sponsoring the mugs.

Choosing the all-inclusive registration option allows you to enjoy the dinner and entertainment on Friday evening, along with all of Saturday's activities.

By registering for the convention, you are asked to follow CDC and county guidelines at the time of convention and please stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.

### Menus include:

- ◇ Friday Dinner - Little Italy Buffet featuring penne pasta with meatballs in marinara sauce, chicken alfredo, mixed roasted vegetable, Caesar salad and breadsticks.
- ◇ Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon, English muffins, fresh fruit, Coffee, juice and milk.
- ◇ Lunch - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, corn, salad, dinner rolls, coffee, water and milk.
- ◇ Banquet -Ham, beef, roasted baby red potatoes, green beans, salad, dinner rolls, coffee, milk and water.

We are working on a special dessert dash for the banquet. If you are interested in providing a dessert, please contact Cheryl Steinbach at [execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org](mailto:execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org), as we will only be accepting as many as are needed. We must know ahead of time if you are bringing something and will not be able to accept them unless they are registered.

If you have any special dietary needs, please contact us as well, and please note that the menu is subject to change based on availability.

## Convention Workshop Options

### President/VP Responsibilities – First session only

This session will share responsibilities of being a leader of an active ever-changing organization in support of school children, FFA members and agriculture. Includes agenda preparation, operating the meeting, using parliamentary procedure to get items accomplished, committee formation tips, fostering an officer team, communication with agriculture instructors.

### Secretary/Treasurer Responsibilities—First session only

This session will share the responsibilities of being the main information record-keeper and financial recorder. Secretary Items will include writing meeting minutes, member contact, dispersing information, permanent recording structures, membership reporting, etc. Treasurer will include creating monthly reports, securing and saving documentation for disbursement, check signing capabilities, yearly budget preparation and approval, membership reporting, audit procedures, savings vehicles, risk management, length of time to keep records, etc. Will discuss the chapter need of insurance for activities and what chapters are currently doing for protecting themselves through insurance.

### Planting Your Future in Social Media – Both Sessions -

Katie Zimmer, Lashawna Vogel, Mia Hillebrand, Sydney Bender, Ben Styer, all current Wisconsin FFA Officers - Do you want to try something a little different to grow your social media? Does TikTok, Forever Blue, and Canva ring a bell? In this workshop, we will discuss new ways to grow your chapter's social media presence and effectiveness. Join us to have some fun, refresh your dancing moves, and learn more about promoting FFA Alumni & Supporters.

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## More Workshops

### Supporters! Growing the Next Generation of Leaders

**– Both Sessions** - Casey Denk, Amara Livingston, Aubrey Schlimgen, Emily Dahlke, all current Wisconsin FFA Officers. - Hear from a few of the 2021-2022 Wisconsin FFA State Officers about how your alumni chapters can get involved and stay involved in your local FFA chapters to help grow the next generation of leaders. In this workshop we will work through recruitment ideas in high school and college to help your alumni chapter flourish with young membership.

### LEVEL UP YOUR CHAPTER'S COMPETITION – Both

**Sessions** - Mr. Walter Taylor, Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) CDE committee chairperson and agricultural educator at Oconto Falls Public Schools. -In today's workforce, skills, teamwork, and reliability are essential. You probably have alumni members in your chapter, or yourself, that have valuable skills needed by young people to succeed with their future. Leadership Development Events (LDEs) and Career Development Events (CDEs) are content specific types of competitions that assess student knowledge and skills competencies. Team up with your agricultural educator to recruit, train, and educate FFA members in these events. This session will showcase training modules and teaching materials needed to help your program's students become successful. Please bring your favorite electronic device to interact with our attendees in an FFA friendly CDE competition.

### Conflict Management in Today's World-How to prevent & resolve-UW Community Development Agent - Second Session only

### Current Agriculture Programs & Changes—local Farm Service Agency Director—Both sessions

Current FSA farm programs and deadlines will be discussed. Any new programs or sign-ups will also be discussed. Questions are welcome!

**Estate Planning-What is the general estate planning process. – Both Sessions** What are several methods to pass the farm to next generation with few hassles & save the farm from medical expenses and divorce— Alan Hougum, Hougum Law Firm LLC, local elder law attorney--Both sessions

### **Tentative - Local Craft Brewery brewing process and business history--Both Sessions**

**Area Technical College representatives will share their agriculture department program diplomas and classes. - Both Sessions** - Representatives of Chippewa Valley Technical College, Mid-State Technical College and Northcentral Technical College have committed to sharing information about their agriculture programs, ag careers and answer your questions. Several other technical colleges have been asked and have not committed as of this printing.

## State Cash Raffle

Don't forget we are still selling raffle ticket for our cash raffle in collaboration with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. If you would like tickets please contact Derek Trescher [dtrescher@wisconsinffaalumni.org](mailto:dtrescher@wisconsinffaalumni.org), 608-487-4269 or Gene Hetebrueg [cowguy62@gmail.com](mailto:cowguy62@gmail.com), 414-416-9846.



Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters  
**RAFFLE**  
Raffle Drawing: February 5, 2022  
7PM at Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center  
10101 Market St., Rothschild, WI 54474  
**PRIZES: 1ST - \$10,000 • 2ND - \$5,000  
3RD - \$2,500 • 4TH - \$1,000 • 5TH - \$500**  
100% of profits will be used for statewide agricultural education programs, FFA members, and scholarships. Wisconsin FFA Foundation will assist with the disposal of funds.

The Drawing will be held at convention at 7 PM during the banquet.

100% of the profits will be used statewide for local agricultural education programs, FFA members, and scholarships.

## Proposed Bylaws Changes

The council has recommended two changes to the state bylaws and those recommendations will come before the delegates at the annual meeting on Saturday, February 5. If you do not want to attend in person, there is a virtual meeting zoom option available. Contact [execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org](mailto:execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org) by Jan. 4, if you would like the link.

Things that appear ~~like this~~ are suggested to be removed and those in red would be added. The recommended changes include:

### ARTICLE V - Council Officers and Directors

Section 5 C. Vice President: The vice president shall be elected by delegates at the annual meeting from among candidates identified by the nominating committee **and/or** nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. **Any candidate nominated from the committee and/or the floor, must have proof of a background check that has occurred within the last twelve (12) months.** The term of the vice president is one year.

### ARTICLE X – Dissolution

**Section I.** With previous notice to the membership and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at the time of the vote, the **Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters Association, Inc.,** may be dissolved. Motion for dissolution may be presented at the annual meeting or a special meeting of the membership. **Previous notice must be provided for dissolution, either directly or indirectly, to all current active registered paid membership at the time of dissolution consideration.**

**Section II.** Upon the dissolution of the **Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters Association Inc., funds and/or assets remaining, after payment settlement of all debts and liabilities are satisfied, will be distributed evenly to all Wisconsin Association chapters that are considered to be active during the year of dissolution. will be given to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.** Whereas if the Wisconsin FFA Foundation is unable to accept or receive the said funds and/or assets from the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters Association, Inc., the said funds and assets will be given to the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE).

## Final Convention Request

We are looking for any memorabilia from past alumni conventions or activities, as well as scrapbooks, to use in our historical display. We are also asking chapters to make a tri-fold display (cardboard like you can get at Walmart), that highlights events or activities that your Alumni conducts, as an opportunity for idea sharing. There is plenty of room to put these displays up in the Expo Hall.

## Your State Council Members

Council members meet quarterly as a full council, as well as at state convention. They also volunteer on various committees that meet monthly or bi-monthly.

Do you know who your council representative is?

Those serving in 2021-22 are:

Section 1 - Dave Clausen & Jerry Larsen

Section 2 - Dalton Hinke

Section 3 - Chris Blank & Derek Trescher

Section 4 - Rick Bockhop

Section 5 -Nick Lowe & Dan Ziegler

Section 6 -Bobbie Jo Kunz & Al Justmann

Section 7 -Gary Eibergen & Will Litzer

Section 8 - Grant Staszak & Rene' Lehman

Section 9 -Nicole Petrie

Section 10 - Amy Voigt & Gene Hetebrueg

Your Executive Team Includes:

President - Nate Zimdars

President Elect - Terri Wilfert

Vice President - Bobbie Jo Montgomery

Past President - Rudy Kaderly

These are all volunteers so please be sure to thank them for their service. We are also currently looking for a couple more representatives, so let your section know if you are interested.





## 2022 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention 50th Anniversary Celebration Registration Form

February 4 - 5, 2022 Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center Rothschild

- It is vital to include email and/or phone number for texts so that you may be notified of changes, etc.
- Payment must be postmarked by **1/4/2022**.
- All attendees must be registered to take part in convention events.
- Registration is transferrable between participants in the same year, but is not refundable.
- All online registration will close on 1/4/2022.
- **By registering for the convention, you are asked to follow CDC and county guidelines at the time of convention and please stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.**

FFA Alumni Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Package Options</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b>Individual All-Inclusive (\$ 120.00) Includes all Friday Evening and Saturday Events and a Commemorative Mug</b>		
<b>Couples All-Inclusive (\$ 230.00) Includes all Friday Evening and Saturday Events and 2 Commemorative Mugs</b>		
<b>Single Ala Carte Options:</b> Pick and Choose what you want.	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Friday NCTC Tour - (\$ 15.00 each)</b>		
<b>Friday Bull Falls Timekeeper Distillery Tour - (\$ 35.00 each)</b>		
<b>Saturday – All Activities &amp; Lunch Only - (\$ 30.00 each)</b>		
<b>Saturday – Banquet &amp; Entertainment - (\$ 40.00 each)</b>		
<b>Total Registration Cost</b>		

**Make Checks Payable and mail to:**

2022 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention  
 Janet Schneider, Convention Treasurer  
 N6291 County Rd G, Saint Cloud, WI 53079  
 Or Call: 920-948-7110