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## Local FFA Member Awarded National American FFA Degree

INDIANAPOLIS (11/04/2023 / National FFA Organization) – Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year over **4,400** American Degrees were awarded.

<u>Uriel Aguilar Torres</u> Full Name	, a member of the	<u>Gervais</u> Chapter	FFA chapter in	<u>Gervais, OR</u> City/State
<u>Dresen Ferschweiler</u> Full Name	, a member of the	<u>Gervais</u> Chapter	FFA chapter in	<u>Gervais, OR</u> City/State

was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo on November 4, 2023.

Sponsored by **Cargill, Case IH, Elanco Animal Health, and Syngenta**, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, or service programs.

To be eligible, FFA members must have earned at least \$10,000 or earned at least \$2,000 and worked at least 2,250 hrs outside of class time through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business, hold a professional position as an employee, or conduct research. Recipients must also complete 50 hours of community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through completion of a long list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree.

Each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate after being recognized at the national convention.

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### About National FFA Organization

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 945,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [FFA.org](https://www.ffa.org) and on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

### About National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations, and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. A separately registered nonprofit organization, the foundation is governed by a board of trustees that includes the national FFA president, educators, business leaders and individual donors. For more, visit [FFA.org/Give](https://www.ffa.org/Give).