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Convention Highlights Schedule
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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

- 1:00PM Oklahoma Chorus Leaders
(Cox, Greenwood – Cherry Street)
- 2:30PM Chorus Members First Practice Session
(Cox, Greenwood – Cherry Street)
- 6:00PM Chorus Kickoff Dinner
(Cox, Tulsa Ballroom B)

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

- 9:00AM Expo Exhibitors Move-In until 5:00PM
(Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)
- 6:00PM State Officer, Parent and Staff Dinner
(Cox, Grand Hall A)

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

- 7:30AM State Officer Candidate Breakfast (Cox, Grand Hall A)
- 8:00AM Expo Exhibitors Move-In (Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)
Agriscience Fair Division Winners Setup
(Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)
Chapter Registration Begins
(BOK Arena, East Entrance)
- 8:30AM State Officer Candidate Orientation
(Cox, Conference Hall C-D)
Courtesy Corps Orientation
(Cox, Conference Hall A-B)

- 9:30AM **Pre-Show – FFA Talent Competition**
- 9:45AM **CONVENTION OPENING SESSION**
Kickoff Speaker – Jason Hewlett
Agriscience Fair Recognition
Introduction of 2024-25 State Officer Candidates
Official Delegate Business Session
 - » **Roll Call of Chapters**
(two delegates per chapter)
 - » **Primary Elections for President, Secretary and Reporter**

- 10:00AM Foundation Annual and Board Meetings
(Cox, 3A-B-C, Third Floor)
Expo – Farm Credit Featuring Magician Terry Ward
 - » Open until 6:00PM (Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)Alumni Silent Auction Open for Bids
(Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)
Noon Foundation Luncheon (Cox, Grand Hall A)
- 1:00PM Prepared Public Speaking Contestants Meet
(Cox, Legacy Hall, Second Floor)
- 1:15PM Prepared Public Speaking Championship
(Cox, Legacy Hall, Second Floor)

- 1:15PM **Pre-Show – FFA Talent Competition**
- 1:30PM **SECOND CONVENTION SESSION**
Ag-Ed Career Passports
Greetings from Out-of-State Officers
State Officer Parent Recognition
Ag-Ed Teacher Recognition
Future Ag-Ed Teacher Academy Recipients
OYE Academic All-State Scholarship Recipients
Tulsa State Fair Scholarship Recipients
National Chapter Award Recognition
Foundation Chapter Trust Contributors
Announce Run-Off Elections
for President, Secretary and Reporter

- 3:30PM OAETA Board Meeting (Cox, 3A-B-C, Third Floor)
- 5:00PM Honorary and VIP Banquet (Cox, Grand Hall A)

- 6:15PM **Pre-Show – FFA Talent Competition**
- 6:30PM **THIRD CONVENTION SESSION**
VIP Award Presentation
Public Speaking Division Winner Scholarships
CareerTech Director Remarks – Brent Haken
Honorary State FFA Degree
State President's Retiring Address – Caleb Horne

- 9:30PM Convention Concert (BOK Arena)
 - » Wyatt Flores

Highlights

SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

- 7:30AM Career Development Event Awards Breakfast
(Cox, Grand Hall A)

- 8:15AM **Pre-Show – FFA Talent Competition**
- 8:30AM **FOURTH CONVENTION SESSION**
National Officer Address
FFA Creed Presentation – Top 5 State Finalist
WLC Scholarship Presentations
State FFA Interscholastic Recognition
Making Things Better Recognition
Official Delegate Business Session
 - » **Roll Call of Chapters**
 - » **Final Elections for President, Secretary and Reporter (if necessary)**

- 9:00AM Expo – Farm Credit Featuring Magician Terry Ward
 - » Open until 4:00PM (Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)Alumni Silent Auction Open for Bids
(Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)
Hospitality Suite for FFA Advisers open until 3PM
(Cox, Grand Hall A)
Southeast Area Officer Elections
(Cox, Legacy Hall, Second Floor)
- 10:00AM Central Area Officer Elections
(Cox, Legacy Hall, Second Floor)
- 11:00AM Southwest Area Officer Elections
(Cox, Legacy Hall, Second Floor)
- 11:45AM Award Winners and Stars Luncheon
(Cox, Grand Hall A)
- 1:00PM Northeast Area Officer Elections
(Cox, Legacy Hall, Second Floor)

- 1:15PM **Pre-Show – FFA Talent Competition**
- 1:30PM **FIFTH CONVENTION SESSION**
State Adviser Remarks – Scott Nemecek
State Officer School and Community Recognition
State Star Selections
Proficiency and Special Award Presentations

- 1:30PM Alumni Silent Auction Bids Begin Closing
(Cox, Pepsi Exhibit Hall)
- 2:00PM Northwest Area Officer Elections
(Cox, Legacy Hall, Second Floor)

- 6:00PM **TALENT COMPETITION FINALS**
Recognize top three FFA chapters contributing to the Alumni Silent Auction

- 6:30PM **FINAL CONVENTION SESSION**
Drawing for New Ford Truck
Chorus Concert
Keynote Speaker – Craig Groeschel
Announce Talent Winner
State FFA Degree Ceremony
Presentation of 2024-25 State FFA Officers



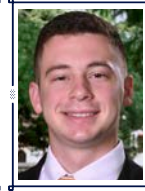
Leadership WORKSHOPS

Conference Hall A-B



Building Student Resilience
Duncan Kirkwood
Tuesday 1:15PM

As an inner-city student, Duncan had to overcome wave after wave of setbacks to make it to graduation. With each crosscurrent of challenge, Duncan learned new lessons that ultimately helped him thrive. In this powerful, inspiring and perception-shifting workshop, you will walk away with a shift in how to view setbacks, a renewed purpose, and a newfound love for your journey in life.

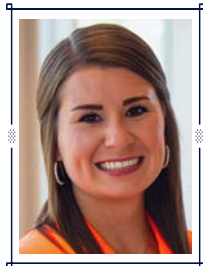


Progression > Perfection
Braden Burns and Hayden Harper
Wednesday 10:30AM

Sometimes "perfect" is the expectation, but we are stuck with "good enough." This workshop will talk about overcoming the pressures of reality and celebrating progress in your goals while still seeking the gold standard.

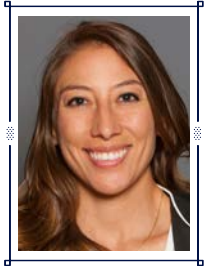
Day-Maker, Life-Changer
Cortney Zimmerman
Tuesday 2:15PM

With an attitude of humility and a heart of gratitude, we are bound to serve a purpose greater than ourselves. Living to be humble servants while also appreciating those we surround ourselves with is something we all should strive for daily. Join us as we become more intentional about being day-makers and life-changers.



The Confidence Blueprint: Shatter Limiting Beliefs and Cultivate Self-Confidence
Coach VJ
Wednesday 1:00PM

In this dynamic and energetic workshop, Vera Jo, also known as Coach VJ, will share essential strategies to boost your confidence and gain a deeper understanding of how to overcome common confidence barriers. These include tackling negative thoughts, addressing assumptions and doubts, combating Imposter Syndrome, challenging limiting beliefs, and confronting self-perceived weaknesses. Be prepared to leave equipped with a confidence-focused mindset and a comprehensive blueprint for unveiling your best self.



Finding your Superpower
Isaac Hawkins and Elise Sharp
Tuesday 4:00PM

Workshop attendees will be invited to find their superpowers by identifying the leadership styles and strengths that they bring to the table. Individuals will explore how they can use their unique strengths on both a personal and professional level.



Evolve!
Morgan Anderson
Wednesday 4:00PM

Great leaders never remain stagnant; they must evolve. In this workshop, Morgan Anderson, the National FFA Eastern Region vice president, will inspire FFA members to positively evolve and become the best leaders they can be in an ever-changing world.



2023-2024 STATE FFA OFFICER TEAM



Career Success WORKSHOPS

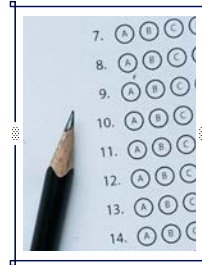
Conference Hall C-D



Agricultural Education: Shaping the Future

Joseph David and Tanner Taylor
Tuesday 1:30PM

We are seeking out Oklahoma's next wave of agricultural education instructors and FFA advisers. Mr. Taylor and Mr. David, who have recently wrapped up their first year as agricultural educators in Oklahoma, will share insights into the educational prerequisites, the rewarding aspects of this career, the competitive compensation, and the promising job opportunities that await for you.



Maximize Your ACT Score: Proven Strategies and Insights

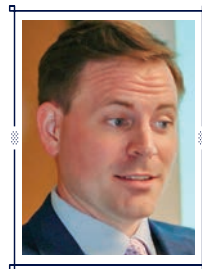
Chad Cargill
Wednesday 11:00AM

Aspiring to college success? The ACT is a crucial step, and we're here to help you ace it. Meet Chad Cargill, a remarkable ACT expert who elevated his score by 13 points across 18 attempts, landing in the 99.5th percentile. With 28 years of experience and more than 200,000 students guided, Chad leads the nation in ACT test prep. Join Chad to unlock effective techniques for understanding the test and enhancing your performance.

Exploring Careers in Heavy Equipment and Industrial Engines

Warren CAT
Tuesday 2:30PM

The fast-growing career field in heavy equipment and industrial engines can offer diverse opportunities in various sectors, including construction, mining, agriculture, transportation, oil and gas, and manufacturing. The increasing global demand in these sectors contributes to a continuous need for qualified people to work in this field. This growing market has diverse career paths ranging from technical roles like field and shop technicians, technical trainers, and technical controllers to non-technical roles like sales, management, administration, and information technology. Attention, FFA members: Are you ready to explore the career possibilities in this expanding market?



Advocacy in Action

Oklahoma Beef Council
Wednesday 1:30PM

Do you feel empowered to share your beef story but often question where to start? Join Chandler Mulvaney, the director of grassroots advocacy for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to learn how to turn your passion into action. Participants will co-create an environment that fosters specific action items that you can take home and apply within your communities of influence.



Pathways in the Pork Industry

Oklahoma Pork Council
Tuesday 4:00PM

The Oklahoma Pork Council, an advocate for pork and pork products, research, consumer and producer education, and the broader Oklahoma pork industry, invites you to delve into the dynamic world of pork production. This workshop offers an exploration of the industry's evolving nature and the diverse career paths it offers.



Agricultural Communications: A Career at the Crossroads of Agriculture and Media

Drs. Dwayne Cartmell and Shelly Legg
Wednesday 3:00PM

In today's dynamic, consumer-focused world, effective communication between agricultural professionals and the public is more crucial than ever. Oklahoma State University stands at the forefront with one of the nation's top agricultural communications programs. Join us to learn about the educational prerequisites, diverse career opportunities, and promising job prospects in this exciting field.

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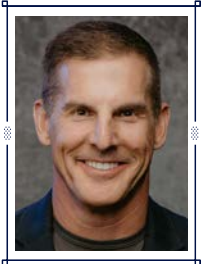
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Speakers & ENTERTAINERS

Craig Groeschel
Pastor, Author, Leader

Craig Groeschel is the founding and senior pastor of Life.Church, a multisite church with locations across the United States and globally at Life.Church Online.

Craig and his wife, Amy, started Life.Church in a two-car garage in Edmond, Oklahoma, in January 1996. Today, the church is known for its innovative use of technology to spread the Gospel, launching the first fully digital church experience in 2006 and the most downloaded mobile Bible app in history, YouVersion, in 2008.

As a respected leader in the church, Craig frequently speaks at leadership conferences worldwide, including events for the Global Leadership Network, which reaches hundreds of thousands of leaders around the world annually. He is a *New York Times* bestselling author with books on dating and marriage, social media, purpose, leadership and more. Through the top-ranking *Craig Groeschel Leadership Podcast*, he prompts innovative thinking in leaders at every level within any organization. Glassdoor has named him in the top 10 CEOs in the U.S. (small and midsize companies) and named Life.Church as the No. 1 Place to Work for two consecutive years under his leadership.



Jason Hewlett
The Promise

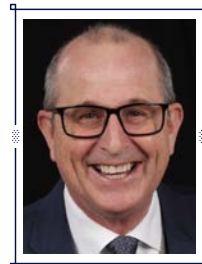
Why set a goal when we can make a promise?

With more than two decades of expertise, Jason stands alone in his approach to teaching leadership. His keynote, "The Promise," is more than just a speech; it's a dynamic blend of music, comedy and impressions of legendary stage icons, creating an engaging and enlightening experience. FFA members, be prepared to not only laugh out loud but also gain practical tools and mindsets to elevate your leadership skills.



Wyatt Flores
Concert Performer

Wyatt Flores, a former Oklahoma FFA member, has become a breakout star in the country music scene. His hit songs "Travelin' Kid" and "Please Don't Go" have garnered millions of streams. Flores' music encourages living life to the fullest, reflecting his own experiences and learning.



Magician Terry Ward
Expo Entertainment

Magician Terry Ward, renowned for his performances at prestigious events, has entertained audiences from top Fortune 500 companies, including Coca-Cola, AT&T and Walt Disney World. Known for his dynamic personality, Ward elevates the art of magic, blending it with comedy and audience participation to ensure a captivating and humorous experience. He will be performing exclusively at the Farm Credit Association Booth in our Career Show Tuesday and Wednesday.

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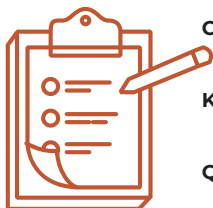


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TALENT COMPETITION

Once again, you will decide the top six finalists and the \$1,000 state talent winner with the polling option on the State Convention Mobile App.

LIVE STREAM

All six general sessions will be live-streamed and available for free at okffa.org.



OKFFA "CAN DO" CHALLENGE



Every year, OKFFA members join forces to fight hunger by donating livestock projects and raising funds through the "Cents Make Sense" program. This year, in partnership with the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, we're adding an extra effort. A box truck from the food bank will be parked on Third Street, right outside the BOK Arena, on Tuesday from 8:00AM to 2:00PM. The challenge for FFA members is to fill this truck with donated dry and canned food. Consult the flyer for details on acceptable food items to ensure your contributions can be used effectively.

OKLAHOMA FFA AUCTIONEERING CONTEST FINALS



The Oklahoma State Auctioneers Association is set to host the inaugural Oklahoma FFA Auctioneering Finals at this year's convention. This exciting event will take place on Tuesday, May 7 at 3:30PM at the Talent Stage in the Expo. Attendees can look forward to a thrilling display of auctioneering skills as finalists compete for the title.

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