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NEBRASKA DISTRICT 43 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

Nebraska Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are vital components of Career and Technical Education (CTE), enhancing student learning through real-world application, leadership development, and hands-on experiences. Integrated into classroom curriculum, CTSOs empower students to build employability and career-specific skills, preparing them for future success. Through activities, programs, and competitive events, students explore Nebraska career opportunities, develop technical and leadership abilities, and connect with peers, educators, and industry leaders.

This document celebrates the outstanding achievements of students and advisors from Nebraska’s seven CTSOs, showcasing state and national award winners for the 2023-2024 year by legislative district. These achievements underscore the transformative impact of CTE and CTSOs, demonstrating how they equip students with the tools to thrive in their chosen careers while contributing to Nebraska’s workforce and economy!

Learn more about Nebraska’s Career and Technical Student Organizations at: www.education.ne.gov/nce/career-technical-student-organizations-ctsos/



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National Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Michael Forster	Broken Bow	Client Service	First Place
Ali Morris	Broken Bow	Digital Animation	First Place
Brock Oeltjen	Broken Bow	Digital Animation	First Place
Bailey Ridder	Broken Bow	Digital Animation	First Place

State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Boyd County Chapter	Boyd County	Gold Seal Chapter	Recipient
Kayl Finnegan	Boyd County	Elevator Speech (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Mckenzie Snyder	Boyd County	Who’s Who	Recipient
Michael Forster	Broken Bow	Client Service	First Place
Emmett Palmer	Broken Bow	Future Business Educator	First Place
Broken Bow Chapter	Broken Bow	Gold Seal Chapter	Recipient
Madalyn Beavers	Broken Bow	Business Ethics (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Madalyn Beavers	Broken Bow	Business Etiquette (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Madalyn Beavers	Broken Bow	Digital Citizenship (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Chase Johnson	Broken Bow	Multimedia/Web Design (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Ali Morris	Broken Bow	Organizational Leadership	First Place
Evan Cyboron	Broken Bow	Sales Presentation	First Place
Ethan Wenquist	Broken Bow	Sales Presentation	First Place
Alivia Long	Chadron	Who’s Who	Recipient
Abigail Russell	Hay Springs	Agribusiness	First Place
Sargent Chapter	Sargent	Gold Seal Chapter	Recipient
Hayden Nelson	Sargent	Introduction to Business Concepts	First Place
Alli Smith	Sargent	Career Exploration (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Alli Smith	Sargent	Career Research (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Corbin Bye	Sargent	Exploring Computer Science (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Corbin Bye	Sargent	Exploring Technology (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Corbin Bye	Sargent	Marketing Mix Challenge (<i>Middle School</i>)	First Place
Melissa Slagle	Sargent	Who’s Who	Recipient

National Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Amanda Davis	Boyd County	National Programs in Action - Level 3	Third Place
Trina Wetzel	Boyd County	National Programs in Action - Level 3	Third Place
Chelsea Stephens	Chadron	Sustainability Challenge - Level 2	First Place

State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Addilyn Doke	Ainsworth	Fashion Construction - Level 1	First Place
Brooklyn Eckert	Boyd County	VP of Competitive Events	State Officer
Madalyn Reiser	Boyd County	Career Investigation - Level 2	First Place
Addison Birmeier	Boyd County	Chapter in Review Portfolio - Level 3	First Place
Brooklyn Eckert	Boyd County	Chapter in Review Portfolio - Level 3	First Place
Claire Reiman	Boyd County	Early Childhood Education - Level 2	First Place
Amanda Davis	Boyd County	National Programs in Action - Level 3	First Place
Trina Wetzel	Boyd County	National Programs in Action - Level 3	First Place
Khloe Gonzales	Boyd County	Nebraska Family Challenges & Issues Junior	First Place
Estrella Santiago	Boyd County	Nebraska Family Challenges & Issues Junior	First Place
Chloe Disterhaupt	Boyd County	Nebraska Health & Wellness Junior	First Place
Brianna Eilers	Boyd County	Nebraska Health & Wellness Junior	First Place
Gracen Eckert	Boyd County	Repurpose and Redesign - Level 2	First Place
Jozi Edgington	Callaway	Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation - Level 3	First Place
Dawson Mason	Callaway	Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation - Level 3	First Place
Morgan Schommer	Chadron	Fashion Design - Level 3	First Place
Chelsea Stephens	Chadron	Sustainability Challenge - Level 2	Second Place



National FFA Convention

Name	District	Event	Award
Abigail Wiest	Broken Bow	American Degree	Recipient
Jaci Larsen	Burwell	American Degree	Recipient
Cooper Phillipps	Burwell	American Degree	Recipient
Shealynn Rasmussen	Burwell	American Degree	Recipient
Sydney Skalsky	Burwell	American Degree	Recipient
Kaylie Phillips	Chadron	American Degree	Recipient
Allie Cosgrove	Rock County	American Degree	Recipient
Grace Swanson	Rock County	American Degree	Recipient
Taylor Battershaw	Valentine	American Degree	Recipient
Austyn Kieborz	Valentine	American Degree	Recipient

State FFA Convention

Name	District	Event	Award
Trey Appelt	Ainsworth	Proficiency: Outdoor Recreation	First Place
Gracie Kinney	Ainsworth	Proficiency: Veterinary Science	First Place
Trey Appelt	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Terrin Barthel	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Tessa Barthel	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Riggin Blumenstock	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Makenzy Cheatum	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Kadence Fletcher	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Airyann Goochey	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Lura Hodge	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Gracie Kinney	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Karli Kral	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Jakelynn Minor	Ainsworth	State Degree	Recipient
Mackenzie Burnett	Anselmo-Merna	State Degree	Recipient
Owen Cantrell	Anselmo-Merna	State Degree	Recipient
Colin Cooksley	Anselmo-Merna	State Degree	Recipient

State FFA Convention

Name	District	Event	Award
Paige Drueke	Boyd County	State Degree	Recipient
Deegan Johnson	Boyd County	State Degree	Recipient
Brett Koenig	Boyd County	State Degree	Recipient
Nathan Koenig	Boyd County	State Degree	Recipient
Lanie Lechtenberg	Boyd County	State Degree	Recipient
Bailey Christen	Broken Bow	State Degree	Recipient
Jayne Bower	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Hanna Carstens	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Gracie Conrad	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Jessi Jeffres	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Dylan Larsen	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Wyatt Larsen	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Kylee Simon	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Dillon Simpson	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Darren Stout	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Jaxon Thoene	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Miles Wright	Burwell	State Degree	Recipient
Delaynie Laible	Callaway	State Degree	Recipient
Bryson Bickel	Chadron	Farm & Agribusiness Management	First Place
Jace Lien	Chadron	Farm & Agribusiness Management	First Place
Jadyn Tidymabn	Chadron	Farm & Agribusiness Management	First Place
Gabe Tidyman	Chadron	Farm & Agribusiness Management	First Place
Grace Wolff	Cody-Kilgore	Proficiency: Poultry Production	First Place
Grace Wolff	Cody-Kilgore	State Degree	Recipient
Alexa Tollman	Crawford	Vice President	State Officer
Roman Metz	Crawford	State Degree	Recipient
Alexa Tollman	Crawford	State Degree	Recipient
Jessalinn Dierix	Gordon-Rushville	State Degree	Recipient
Jarhett Anderson	Hay Springs	State Degree	Recipient
Jordyn Anderson	Hay Springs	State Degree	Recipient
Ava McKillip	Hay Springs	State Degree	Recipient
Abigal Nelson	Hay Springs	State Degree	Recipient
Abigail Russell	Hay Springs	State Degree	Recipient
Alexa Tonjes	Hay Springs	State Degree	Recipient
Samantha Hespe	Keya Paha	State Degree	Recipient
Garrett Keith	Loup County	Proficiency: Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication	First Place
Hector Estrada	Loup County	State Degree	Recipient
Garrett Keith	Loup County	State Degree	Recipient
Elissa Kipp	Loup County	State Degree	Recipient
Kaitlyn Leibert	Loup County	State Degree	Recipient
Michael Starr	Loup County	State Degree	Recipient
David Switzer	Loup County	State Degree	Recipient
Kayli Rose	Nebraska Ag Academy	Agriscience Fair: Animal Systems - Div 3	First Place
Taya Hambleton	Nebraska Ag Academy	State Degree	Recipient
Ella Brennemann	Nebraska Ag Academy	Veterinary Science	First Place
Emily Brhel	Nebraska Ag Academy	Veterinary Science	First Place
August Schow	Nebraska Ag Academy	Veterinary Science	First Place
Taya Hambleton	Nebraska Ag Academy	Veterinary Science	First Place
Trey Anthony	Rock County	Agricultural Communications	First Place
Macy Bearnson	Rock County	Agricultural Communications	First Place
Carter Buell	Rock County	Agricultural Communications	First Place
Reece Taylor	Rock County	Agricultural Communications	First Place
Carter Buell	Rock County	Agriscience Fair: Enviro/NRES - Div 4	First Place
Reece Taylor	Rock County	Agriscience Fair: Enviro/NRES - Div 4	First Place
Adi Anderson	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Dylan Benemerito	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Hunter Craven	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Dalya Dearthmont	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Lily Gudgel	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Mason Hagan	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Morgan Lewis	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Olivia Strand	Rock County	State Degree	Recipient
Shelby Schukei	Sandhills	State Degree	Recipient
Caden Zutavern	Sandhills	State Degree	Recipient

State FFA Convention

Name	District	Event	Award
Eve Kipp	Sargent	Floriculture	First Place
Loreena Schauda	Sargent	Floriculture	First Place
Melissa Slagle	Sargent	Floriculture	First Place
Carsen Vincent	Sargent	Floriculture	First Place
Ava Bottorf	Sargent	State Degree	Recipient
Keaton Dowse	Sargent	State Degree	Recipient
Tallin Schauda	Sargent	State Degree	Recipient
Melissa Slagle	Sargent	State Degree	Recipient
Kinsey Buechle	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Kaylee Hanson	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Mitchell Kluender	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Jonathan Kruger	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Lex Larsen	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Alexis Long	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Mataya Morrison	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Preston Stoeger	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient
Hailey Witte	Valentine	State Degree	Recipient

State Leadership Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Emma Olson	Broken Bow	Health Career Display	First Place
Maddie Diedrichs	Broken Bow	Health Career Display	First Place
Camryn Johnson	Broken Bow	Medical Innovation	First Place
Halle McCaslin	Broken Bow	Medical Innovation	First Place
Emma Taylor	Broken Bow	Medical Innovation	First Place

State Leadership and Skills Conference

Name	District	Event	Award
Gracey McIntyre	Anselmo-Merna	Early Childhood Education	First Place