



## Wisconsin FFA Alumni had an Awesome Year at the National Convention!

The Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association was named the Outstanding Alumni and Supporters State Association last month in Indianapolis. This is the highest honor given to an Alumni Association. We are excited that our efforts to support the local FFA Alumni chapters and Agriculture Education programs were once again recognized with such a prestigious honor.

Local FFA Alumni chapters can also receive national recognition as an Outstanding FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter. Weyauwega-Fremont FFA Alumni and Supporters was named the Central Region winner and earned a spot on the stage.

We also had two wonderful Wisconsin FFA Alumni members honored at the convention with the Outstanding Achievement Award. Jeremy Krerowicz from Denmark and Melanie Huchthausen from Stoughton received this honor. Congratulations to all of the award winners!



Weyauwega-Fremont

Jeremy Krerowicz and Melanie Huchthausen received their awards at the National FFA Foundation breakfast.



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## Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters 50th Anniversary Convention Just Around the Corner!

It is now less than 3 months until we gather for our annual Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters convention, where we will celebrate 50 years as a chartered Association. There are lots of great events being planned and you will want to be sure to attend. Some specific details for the event being held at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center on February 4-5, 2022 at 10101 Market St, Rothschild, WI 54474 include:

- Registration is now open online at <https://wisconsinaged.org/alumni/convention/register/> and will close on January 4, 2022. (Due to supply chain shortages, etc. we must have final numbers a bit earlier to ensure that we can meet our expectations of excellence.)
- 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 that registration page.

- **Hotel Accommodations Are:**

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

\$94.00/night Double Occupancy

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

OR

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

### **Friday Afternoon Activities Include:**

- Registration Begins at Expo Hall – 1 PM
  - Auction items, baskets, etc. may be turned in at the main registration area starting at noon. We would appreciate any donations.
  - There are 2 options for bus tours on Friday, but there will be an extra cost for the tours and they must be selected at the time of registration.
  - The tours will leave approximately 2:30. Specific details will be emailed 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.
  - Cost of tour includes bussing from the Expo.

### **Friday Evening:**

- Dinner is provided for those choosing the all-inclusive registration package. Featuring Little Italian Buffet of penne pasta with meatballs in marinara sauce, chicken alfredo, mixed vegetables, caesar salad and breadsticks.
- Registration will continue until 8:00 PM.
- The Silent Auction and will begin at 7 PM and will run through Saturday afternoon. There will also be a basket raffle.

- 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.**
- High Mileage Band from Viroqua will play 8 PM to Midnight for an evening full of entertainment.
- The Wisconsin FFA State Officer team will once again offer their **reflections** program prior to the banquet. This is always very inspirational.
- The evening **banquet** will feature ham, beef, roasted baby red potatoes, California blend, salad, dinner rolls, coffee, milk and water.
- We are working on a special dessert dash if circumstances allow.
- Chapter and individual awards will be presented on Saturday during the opening session and during the banquet.
- The **Live Auction** will begin immediately following the banquet festivities.
- There is a variety of options for convention packages to purchase. They may be seen on the next page.

### **Saturday is packed full!**

- **Opening Session and Breakfast** - Scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon, English muffins, fresh fruit, Coffee, juice and milk.
- This is followed by section meetings with state leaders.
- After section meetings the upcoming convention groups will meet.
- We plan to hold our Luncheon and annual Business Meeting at 11:00 AM. The proposed resolutions will be posted online shortly.
- **Lunch** includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, corn, salad, dinner rolls, coffee, water and milk.
- A variety of **workshops** will be offered Saturday afternoon. There will be two rounds of workshops, on many different topics, in order to allow you to maximize your networking & learning opportunities. The workshops are being finalized and more details will be released in the next newsletter.
- Don't forget to make your hotel accommodations early.
- Mark February 4 - 5, 2022 on your calendar today and complete your registration today.
- Please consider inviting someone who has never attended before, as it is a great opportunity to network with other Alumni members throughout the state.
- Shirts Commemorating the 50th anniversary are also available to purchase. Watch the website, social media and next newsletter for details.
- For those choosing not to attend convention, the annual meeting will be offered by zoom if you contact [execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org](mailto:execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org) by January 4, 2022.
- **If you have any special dietary needs, please contact the executive director, as well, and please note that the menu is subject to change based on availability.**

## Business Meeting Items

The council met this weekend and reviewed the current bylaws and will be recommending a few changes. These changes will be posted on the website in December for you to preview prior to convention. Section representatives will also have information to share at the section meetings at the convention. Voting will occur at the annual business meeting on February 5.

In order to be a voting member at the convention, you are reminded that your membership must be listed as current on your chapter roster by January 4, 2022. This is to ensure ample time to validate all ballots.

There will also be several proposed resolutions posted on the website for your preview as well.

## Looking for State Council Reps

There are currently some open section seats looking for volunteers to fill them. Some are also up for re-election. If this has not occurred prior to convention, elections will be held at the individual section meetings. We are for sure looking for interested individuals in section 2 and 4. Please contact your current section rep or [execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org](mailto:execdir@wisconsinffaalumni.org) if you are interested in running or have questions.

## Calling All Vice President Candidates

Rudy Kaderly, Past President and Chair of the nominating committee has asked me to remind people that they should contact us prior to December 1, 2021 if they want to run for Vice President of the state association. If you want to be included in the printed program, we must have a written biography by that date.

Please note that all nominations, not only for Vice President, but any state council membership, is pending the approval of a background check as established by the National FFA Organization.

## State Cash Raffle

Your chance to win \$10,000 is here!

Grab your [Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters Association](#) raffle tickets today for a chance to win \$10,000! 100% of the profits from the raffle will be used for statewide agricultural education programs, FFA members, and scholarships in partnership with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

Get more information on how you can get your tickets at <https://wisconsinaged.org/.../Wisconsin-FFA-Alumni...>

Ask us how you can help sell and maybe earn money for your chapter too.



## Living to Serve Sponsorship

We are excited to share that we have now secured two “Living to Serve” sponsorships for our state association. To become this sponsor, individuals or businesses commit to an annual contribution of at least \$ 4000 in support of our programs.

Thank you to:



And







## 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