

Arkansas FFA Members,

My name is Haden Richardson and I currently serve as the Mayflower FFA President. While my family didn't come from an agricultural background, I quickly found my place in the FFA organization. This is something I have always admired and appreciated. By throwing out the expectation that FFA is just about farming, you open up thousands of possibilities for students across the state and even the country. During my time as an FFA member, I have experienced the pleasure of sharing this discovery with so many members. As a state officer, I hope to spread the love of FFA with Arkansas youth and ensure they feel at home.

If you were to ask any member what FFA means to them, they would probably all say something different. For some, it is an escape from the challenges they experience, a home away from home, or even the big break they always hoped for, but that is what makes FFA so special. The ability of this organization to transform lives is astonishing. Each member is enriched with countless memories and friendships that last a lifetime, and I am so glad to be a part of it.

With that being said, the future of Arkansas FFA is bright. For years, Arkansas has competed with the largest FFA organizations in the nation in several areas, including member involvement, career preparation, and leadership opportunities. For this reason, it is time to step it up even more. With your future and dreams in mind, I hope to serve Arkansas FFA with an unmatched passion and dedication. Thank you Arkansas FFA for being my home.

Haden Richardson

2024-2025 Arkansas FFA State Officer Candidate