

Hey Arkansas FFA!

It's me, Lucas! A lot of you may know me from rocking a mullet, boots, and shorts at Camp Couchdale, or wearing overalls at CDEs. I have been a farm kid my entire life, have shown all kinds of livestock, and have been involved in agriculture since I can remember. This industry has made an impact on my life, and will continue to make an impact on my future career in Agriculture. Over the last 4 years in FFA I have learned so much, met so many amazing people, and made memories I will cherish for life. Like the rest of us, I have learned valuable skills that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. From learning how to wire a light bulb to becoming the best leaders we can be, the skills that we learn in FFA are endless, and the community impacts we have will last a lifetime. Serving as a State FFA Officer would be a blessing like no other. State Officers are able to represent the best organization all over the nation, and give back to FFA members and communities for an entire year. It would be an honor to learn, grow, and help Arkansas FFA reach new limits and make new memories serving as an Arkansas FFA State Officer.

When thinking about FFA throughout the years, there are many memories that come to my mind. Memories like my Agricultural Mechanics team finding out we made it to State CDEs our very first year competing, you know that first year when you have no confidence in what you're doing and you're still figuring out how the contests works, then making it to State every year since. Our entire team had to step out of our comfort zones in order to be successful, but we did and we have made countless memories at early morning practices, the long drives to contests, meeting FFA members all over the state, and more! Like being on the Agricultural Mechanics CDE team, FFA has pushed me out of my comfort zone more times than I can count, which I am extremely grateful for because I always seem to learn more that way. Being able to attend Leadership Conferences at Camp Couchdale such as ALC, CPC and Impact gave me many opportunities to step out of my comfort zone and inspired me to run for State FFA Office. If you would have told freshman Lucas how involved he would be or that he would be running for a state office senior year, he probably wouldn't have believed you. 4 years later, with everything FFA has helped me to accomplish, I am ready to serve the members of Arkansas FFA and ready to help future FFA members reach their true potential.

Agriculture and FFA are pretty impactful to many of us, and I cannot wait to see what all each of you accomplish throughout your lives, even if AG isn't your future career path. FFA is more than just cows, sows and plows, so I know the impact this organization can have on your future no matter the path you choose. Arkansas FFA, let's make more lasting memories, and impacts, to carry with us for a lifetime. Let's work together to get Arkansas FFA "Set in Stone!"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucas Stone". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Lucas Stone