

Greetings Fellow Arkansas FFA Members,

If we have not had the chance to meet yet, my name is Kaitlyn Spencer, and I am a senior at Cabot High School. For those unfamiliar with Cabot's location, we are in the Eastern District, approximately thirty minutes from Little Rock. I currently serve as the Cabot FFA President, previously served as the Vice President, and have been a part of this organization for the last four years.

My time in the jacket has led me in various directions to have the opportunity to grow and improve. One of my core beliefs is that getting out of your comfort zone by trying something new, even if you do not succeed, is the best form of growth. Due to this mindset, I have pushed myself in many Leadership Development Events as well as Career Development Events. Earlier this year, I even challenged myself by taking the lead of creating a floriculture team, which I can proudly say we competed at the state level earlier this month. Through all of these challenges and obstacles I have faced with trying new events, I have gained leadership skills to prepare me for my next path of life.

Moreover, many of us believe that words without actions are a waste of breath, so my officer team and I saw the need for agriculture education in our community. We hosted the first annual Agriculture Summer Camp, where students had the opportunity for hands-on learning while seeing firsthand what agriculture is about. Agriculture is not a one-person job; rather, it is using the attributes and skills of many people to create unity. Even though I do not come from a traditional agricultural background, these last four years have taught me a lot, with more to learn along the way, which I hope to share with you.

From a young age, my parents taught me the importance of assisting others when there is a need. This reminds me of a quote I heard at this past year's National Convention: "If you're above serving, you are below leading." This mindset drives my desire to serve all of the 17,000-plus members in the Arkansas FFA. I want to be a true servant leader and share my love for FFA by giving back through service.

Over the last four years of involvement, I have witnessed firsthand the impact that leadership and advocacy can have on our communities. These experiences have fueled my ambition to pursue my dream of becoming an Arkansas State FFA Officer. I am eager to serve you and want to ensure that your journey with FFA is one to remember. I believe it is not enough to give when we can; we should strive to live out a life of service, which I hope to achieve if elected. I am grateful for all the lessons and time others have invested in me, and I am committed to giving back to help you become the best version of yourselves. The next step for me to take as an active member of FFA is to pursue a position on the Arkansas FFA State Officer Team for the 2025-2026 year. It is truly an honor to have this opportunity, and I am prepared to serve you if elected.

Therefore, Arkansas FFA Members, I look forward to meeting and speaking with you as we work together to demonstrate that the talents of many become the power of all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

With appreciation,

*Kaitlyn Spencer*