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Agriculture Education Students Awarded Kansas Agriculture Skills and Competencies Certificates

MANHATTAN, Kansas — Twenty-five students from five schools in Kansas have been awarded the Kansas Department of Agriculture’s Kansas Agriculture Skills and Competencies Certificate. High schools with students earning certificates include Buhler, Centre, Ellsworth, Fort Scott and Republic County.

Students have completed requirements in the areas of classroom instruction, supervised agricultural experience (SAE) and FFA. They have demonstrated excellence in agricultural knowledge, career readiness, and leadership development. Students must also maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in all school courses to earn the certification.

“Students receiving these certificates are among the most well-rounded agricultural education students in the state. This recognition isn’t based on one single activity or achievement but on meeting the criteria for several components showing diversity in agricultural knowledge and success in and out of the classroom,” said John Clark, the agriculture education teacher at Buhler High School.

KDA is committed to establishing a dynamic and well-equipped workforce that meets the diverse needs of the agriculture industry today. “As agriculture continues to advance, there is a continued need for skilled young people to operate high-tech machinery on our dairies, ranches, and farms, and technical specialists to provide research in agronomy, technology and animal science fields,” said Russell Plaschka, KDA marketing director. “Kansas agriculture is growing, and the industry requires a well-equipped workforce to help support that growth in our great state. We are proud of these young adults.”

These certificates have been endorsed by several industry organizations and employers. Applications for the Kansas Agriculture Skills and Competencies Certificates are accepted each spring. To find more information, visit agriculture.ks.gov/ageducation.

Complete list of students:

Buhler High School

Jaelyn Anderson
Peyton Coldren
Marlie Cooper
Brynlee Frank
Krysten Hamby
Amos Harder
Megan Krueger
Mikayla Milburn
Danielle Rogers
Madison Shain
Makenna Siemens
Emmie Stallman

Centre High School

Jenna Bittle
Leah Brunner
Karsen Kroupa
Jenaya Plett
Emilee Remmers
Isabel Rziha
Allie Stuchlik
Payton Svitak

Ellsworth High School

Rebekah Vague

Fort Scott High School

Reegan McDaniel

Republic County High School

Macey Homeier
Camryn Reynolds
Gracia Siemsen

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