

# ALABAMA FFA SOUTH DISTRICT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

TBD- South District Mock Interviews  
2/11-Ag Teacher Town Hall Update (3:30-4)  
2/14-Valentine's Day  
2/15-County Speaking Manuscripts Due  
2/15- Form 1: National Chapter Award Due  
2/15-President's Day  
2/15 Proficiency Application's Due  
2/21-27- FFA Week

### March

3/1-BOAC Application Due  
3/1-DEADLINE FFA Membership Submitted to State  
3/1-District and State Officer Applications Due to Specialist  
3/1-M.K Heath Animal Health Award Due  
3/10- State FFA Livestock CDE/SLE Livestock Judging Contest @ Garrett Coliseum  
3/5-County Contest Deadline  
3/8-District and State Contest Registration Opens  
3/10- Land CDE Registration Closes  
3/11-Ag Teacher Town Hall Update (3:30-4)  
3/12-District Officer Interviews (North, Central, & South)  
3/15- Crime Prevention Application Due  
3/15- Frances Mizell Scholarship Due  
3/15-Mindy Stringer Memorial Scholarship Due  
3/15-Form 2: National Chapter Award Due  
3/15-State Public Speaking Manuscript Due  
3/17-State Land Contest  
3/18-20-Southeastern Livestock Exposition (SLE)  
3/19-FFA Contest Registration Closes

# President's Newsletter

"Life is not about going back. This is about life being ahead of you and you run at it! Because you never know how far you can run unless you run"- Penny Chenery. As all of us know, this year has been challenging in many ways!

This quote shows that by staying strong, positive, and determined there isn't anything to stop you. I can not wait to finally meet all of you virtually or in person this year! I joined the Rehobeth FFA chapter my ninth grade year. I have always been very outspoken and ready to try new things. Joining this amazing organization has helped me do that and so much more! As I learned more about the FFA, I wanted to make a difference and show people FFA isn't all about farming! This organization has so much to offer no matter what strikes your interest. I hope all of you have an amazing year and become involved in the National FFA Organization.

Thank you,  
Maci Cross  
2020-2021 South District President



# Vice President's Newsletter



“Before Covid” is probably the most common phrase I’ve heard since March, and yeah, a lot has changed since then. However, one thing that has not changed is my excitement in serving as your South District Vice President this year. I first joined FFA in seventh grade at South Effingham Middle School in Georgia. When I first joined FFA I was very shy and antisocial. I had the mindset of “oh I’ll never be one of those kids who actually win” or “I’ll never be able to become an officer”. That all changed when I moved to G. W. Long and I got roped into doing Conduct of a Chapter Meeting in 9th grade and since then I’ve made countless amazing memories and friendships to last a lifetime. FFA has shown me I can do things I never thought I would be able to. I hope to show each and every member that they can do the same. I know even though Covid has made everything complicated, we as the National FFA Organization can face whatever the new year brings, together. I truly cannot wait to work with each and every member in building our amazing organization and reaching new heights as one big FFA family!



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Angel Rhodes  
South District Vice President  
2020-2021

# Secretary's Newsletter

My name is Kaleigh McGrew. I'm a junior at Southern Choctaw High School and this year I will be serving as your 2020-2021 South District Secretary. I joined FFA because of my love for competition. When I was in 8th grade, my Ag teacher asked me to participate in the Prepared Public Speaking LDE. After a lot of hard work, I was given the opportunity to attend District. I was an 8th grader who had only been involved with FFA for two months competing against District and State officers. As I look back, it was that day that I knew FFA was the organization for me. The thing I realized I loved about FFA was the incredible sense of unity everyone had. Regardless if they were competing or not, other students always found ways to constantly encourage me. Through my work as a District officer, I hope to encourage others just like those students encouraged me. Whether in person or virtual, I hope to meet all of you. I know this year is going to be different but I am up for the challenge!

Kaleigh McGrew  
South District Secretary  
2020-2021



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# Treasurer's Newsletter



Albert Einstein once said “In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.” I believe this statement to hold true now more than ever. Through adversity, is where we find our true meaning and passions. Although this year has brought us many ups and down, one thing is for certain, the South District Officers are doing everything in their power to reach out! I, for one, am so excited to visit and meet as many of you as I can. Although some meetings may not be as traditional, I still can not wait to make personal connections with each and every one of you! FFA has become a huge passion of mine and I hope that my experiences can lead you all to building up your FFA journey! My goal this year is to help each of you find your FFA story and be able to share your amazing experiences within this organization.

Grace Johnson  
South District Treasurer  
2020-2021



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# Reporter's Newsletter

Lailah G. Akita once said, "We can overcome the uncertainties in life with courage and hope." I believe there is no better quote to encapsulate the uncertainties we have faced this year. I am beyond excited to hopefully be able to meet each and every one of you either in person or virtually this year. Uncertainties are something we have to deal with all the time but especially this year. I want you all to know that thus year in particular, you can be certain that you can always count on your FFA family even when things get tough. I joined the Brantley FFA chapter in the seventh grade. I have always been a super outgoing person and joining FFA was a great way for me to be able to meet new people and to be a part of an organization that involves something I love, agriculture. With being a member of our chapter I decided that I was going to do everything in my power to help others to see just how important agriculture is. My biggest goal for our organization is to help to break the stigma around FFA. I want everyone to know that being a member of FFA does not mean that you have to be involved in farming. There are so many things that the National FFA Organization has to offer that you can be a part of no matter what your interests are! I hope you all have an amazing school year and become as involved as ever in the National FFA Organization.

Miley Taylor  
South District Reporter  
2020-2021



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# Sentinel's Newsletter



I am so unbelievably excited to meet every one of you! Whether it be virtually or in person, we can learn from each other. It is important to know that FFA is something you can always count on no matter the situation. This organization is full of love and generosity. Something like that is hard to find and especially during these times we need to run to what we know is good for us. FFA is great for learning new things and making new friendships. I can testify that FFA has been there when things were not easy. I am a part of the W.S. Neal FFA chapter, which I joined as a freshman in high school. The advisor and chapter members pushed me to become a better person through out high school, and even now. They have encouraged me to keep going and they always remind me of who I am as a person. FFA as a whole helps me to remember that I can make a difference in this world through compassion and a love of agriculture. Remember this during your 2020-2021 school year: make the most of life and smile more during these tough times!



Thank you,  
Larah Berry  
2020-2021

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