

Newsletter



A Year In Review

This year has not come without challenges but we wouldn't have traded this opportunity for the world. We made lasting and irreplaceable friendships, memories, and we slowly became family with the members of our team. We hope that we have served the south well and wish luck to the team that is to follow.

Signing out,
The Southern Six



And a Look to the Future

We are so blessed with the opportunity to present the officers that will serve on this team next year and continue on the legacy that is Alabama South District FFA.

- President - Gracie Singely
- Vice President - Madison Mawbray
- Secretary - Jessa-Lynn Adkins
- Treasurer - Elizabeth MacAloney
- Reporter - Jayden McMillian
- Sentinel - Catherine Andrews



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President's Newsletter

It has been an honor to serve as your 2021-2022 South District President. Thank You Alabama South District FFA, Alabama FFA, each supporter, each advisor, and everyone who has helped make this year a success. This year I had the opportunity to meet so many people from different FFA chapters and share my love for agriculture. I faced many fears head-on and was able to push myself further than I ever thought possible. It's hard to think that this chapter in my life is coming to an end, but I will forever be grateful for all the lessons I have learned and all who have crossed my path thus far. The National FFA Organization has provided me with premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. When I first learned that I had made the district team, I did not realize the crazy journey on which I was about to embark. It's sad to think that I'm turning the last page of this chapter, but all the lessons I have learned will always be in my back pocket, and who knows what the next chapter will bring. I will forever be thankful for all FFA has and will continue to do for me as I continue the journey of the blue jacket.

Signing off,



Kellen Lincoln

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2021-2022 South District President

Vice President's Newsletter

When I think back on my year of service as a district officer, I'm struck by how many uncomfortable yet amazing experiences I've had. I've met a ton of new and interesting people who have changed the way I think and perceive the world. I've also been able to visit schools and see how different chapters operate. More than anything though, I've been able to share my year of service with a wonderful officer team that has helped make my year amazing. All of this has grown me as a person and given me countless memories that I'll cherish forever.

Out of all these memories, one day stands out in particular. On the first day of FFA Week I had the pleasure of doing a chapter visit at Foley High School with my fellow officer, Kellen Lincoln. Honestly, I was a bit anxious when I first got to the school, but my nerves soon melted away when we met their officer team. The first thing we did was a leadership/teamwork building exercise with the officers and I was amazed with how much creativity and energy they brought to it! For the remainder of the day me and Kellen presented workshops on leadership, teamwork, and professionalism. We did this through playing team building games and talking to them about our personal experiences. While all of this was going on the room had a myriad of different animals in it that ranged from one very pretentious cat to tiny ducklings. Needless to say, the room definitely had a unique energy to it.



Vice President's Newsletter

What really made this day special though were the amazing people I met and the interactions I had with them. I got to untangle myself from human knots with them, learn interesting things about them in a getting to know you game, and much more. I got to meet people from many different backgrounds, which is something I'm not really used to where I live. From a girl who grew up in Germany to their Ag teacher, Dr. Taylor, who is a large animal vet and is fluent in Japanese, I met some really unique people. This is why I will definitely never forget that day!

If I'm being honest, I could probably fill up many more pages with all the memories I've made as a district officer this year. Memories that can't help but make me smile when they come to mind. I sincerely hope that you've had a wonderful year and that you got to make some unforgettable memories too!!



Signing off,

Gracie Singley

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2021-2022 South District Vice President

Secretary's Newsletter

Hey South District! I would like to take a moment to reflect on the past two years I have been able to serve the organization that made me who I am today. I decided to run for south district office because I wanted to be able to broaden my horizons. I had absolutely no idea how much more it would change me as a person from the time I was selected to be an officer until now. It is currently my senior year and in only a couple of weeks, I will be graduating. Of course, the National FFA Organization will always be with me, but I won't be sporting my corduroy jacket anymore.

In the 2020-2021 year that I served on the south district team, I was blessed to be a part of an all-girls team which was very rare for a team to be fully girls. I was able to grow very strong relationships with these girls and I even met my very best friend by being a part of this team. In the current year 2021-2022 where I am serving as your South District Secretary, I have been able to reconnect with old friends from my childhood, grow stronger relationships with the students I have been able to meet, and most importantly, I was able to make lasting friendships and learn so much knowledge. The National FFA Organization has formed me into the person I am now. It has helped me to learn to work in a team and group environment, it has helped me to learn that helping others see the reason for being a member is the most important part of my service, and I have learned the true meaning of living to serve. I always tried very hard to serve others but being able to be in a room with hundreds of members of our organization was life changing. With this being said, thank you FFA; for blessing me with the most amazing 5 years of my life

Signing off,

Miley Matalene Taylor

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2021-2022 South District Secretary



Treasurer's Newsletter

This year has been an incredible run for our south district officer team and to me it has been an experience with a ton of learning opportunities and moments for growth. Even as a district officer, there are times where you will be actively put into situations where you will feel uncomfortable and not in your zone, and learning to be comfortable with being uncomfortable is an important skill I have gained as a district officer. Whether it be learning how to quickly explain the meaning behind your corduroy jacket, or having to learn how to hand out awards at competitions there will always be things you are unfamiliar with, and one of the best ways to learn how to adapt to weird situations is to put yourself into positions where you are not comfortable where you have to learn to adapt. As the more you have to quickly adapt to situations, the easier it will get for you to adapt and work in various conditions. This was what I had experienced during my run as a district officer, and being comfortable being uncomfortable is a skill I continue to pursue now more than ever as I take the next step in running for state. One crucial part of being a district officer is doing chapter visits where you go to give workshops and speeches to other schools. And to me this is one of the most important jobs of an officer on any level, even at a chapter level. If you can be a representative of your community and your organization then you are already doing a great job at stepping out of your comfort zone while also boosting the reputation of your community and organization.



Treasurer's Newsletter

I remember my first chapter visit, it was a little bit nerve wracking because it was my first time and it was something unfamiliar something I still felt uncomfortable with, because as the day grew on it got better and better as I started becoming more acquainted with the environment and the routine of my workshop, even in just a day of work as a district officer I could see how much I grew. And it was these experiences that helped me grow and made me change into an even stronger leader, and now it has inspired me to not only take the next step and run for state but also to inspire others to push themselves into leadership positions for the unique experiences and to challenge themselves to grow. So while my year as the district treasurer may be coming to a close, not only was it an amazing year but it was a year where I grew as a person and learned so much about not only the FFA organization but a lot about myself as well. And if I could say a message that would go to everyone even considering being more involved in FFA I would tell them to just do it, you will never regret trying new experiences and it could just end up being something you have a passion for.



Signing off,

Samuel Miller

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2021-2022 South District Treasurer

Reporter's Newsletter

This year has been bittersweet for me because I knew that when summer of 2022 came, I would hang up my blue jacket and move on to the next chapter in my life.

This year for me has brought many new experiences.

It has pushed me out of my comfort zone and has given me many memories that I will never forget.

When I went into this year, I couldn't have imagined that I would become so close with my fellow officers and realize how much they mean to me. Or the relationships I would form with other chapters and chapter members. Throughout this year I have been asked to speak, teach, but more importantly have been given the opportunity to listen and learn. I have learned so much from everyone that I have met this year. I am so proud and thankful to have been apart of such an amazing team that has worked so hard to make this year memorable for everyone in the South District.



Signing off,

Sarah Juarez

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2021-2022 South District Reporter

Sentinel's Newsletter

I would like to start off by thanking the Alabama South District for such an amazing year. It is something I will never forget, and will always hold near and dear to my heart. The 2022 South District eliminations had to be my favorite memory in all of my National FFA Organization endeavors. Getting to be face to face with everyone after the crazy past few years, holding a typical elimination (including opening ceremonies), and even the awards presentation. Seeing all the chapters earn their way to State Competitions after all of their hard work throughout the past year was something I will never forget. With that being said it was also a very emotional day as I parted with my team. This was a job, opportunity, and a blessing all in one. I will always hold my team close to my heart as they are like family to me, but I am so glad to have memories like this one with them that will last a lifetime.



Signing off,
Cat Andrews

Catherine Andrews
2021-2022 South District Sentinel