

The Santa Rosa FFA Chapter would like to take 5 high school students to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 2023 National FFA convention. **Our departure date is Monday, October 30, and we return on Sunday, November 5.**

FFA members and advisors, FFA Alumni members, agriculture industry representatives and more gather for one of the largest student conventions in the country. They compete, volunteer, celebrate and shape the future of the 557,318-member National FFA Organization! We will also see two of our alumni receive their American FFA Degree, the highest honor an FFA member can receive!

National FFA Convention allows members to meet other members from around the nation, attend leadership activities, and tour various agriculture industries and point of interest throughout Indianapolis and the surrounding mid-western states. Students from Santa Rosa FFA will be able to work and participate in activities, tours, workshops and leadership training with FFA members from all over the United States during the National FFA convention.

This year we have two students competing at the National level representing both Santa Rosa FFA and California. Adrian Soto was the California State FFA Talent winner and will be singing and competing in National Talent. Riley Piehl was the California State winner for her AgriScience project and was named one of ten National Finalists. Other students attending will be attending educational and career workshops, attend general sessions with fabulous keynote speakers and tour the career/collegiate show. Students will also attend a Rascal Flatts concert and rodeo and tour the automotive garages, business facilities, media center, racetrack and museum of Indy sprint cars at the Indy 500 Speedway in conjunction with the convention package. I have attached the educational standards aligned with the convention activities students will be participating in. This will truly be a trip of self-exploration, learning and once-in-a-lifetime memories.

Students have raised funds for this trip from their SAE projects, a drive-thru dinner BBQ, served at local functions to earn monies, our boosters and Agriculture budget has supported them in reducing costs and we will be requesting our Santa Rosa Foundation for funds as well.

We have held a parent meeting to discuss itinerary, logistical information and communication protocols.

All three FFA teachers will be attending the conference as chaperones.