

# STATE FFA OFFICER CANDIDATES

*ADVICE FROM PAST STATE OFFICERS*



## **Keisto Lucero**

### ***State President 2007-2008***

“It is a great honor to be considered for a State FFA Office. If elected, you could have a great year filled with memories, growth, and a new dedication to service. If you’re not elected, you could have a great year filled with memories, growth, and a new dedication to service. State FFA office is a DIRECTION, not a DEFINITION.”

## **Brandon Sours**

### ***State Secretary 2007-2008***

“Try practicing interview questions out loud, by yourself, and in front of a mirror. This might seem weird, but it helps you become more aware of your expressions, posture, and hand gestures.”

## **Shannon Norris**

### ***State Secretary 2008-2009***

“Remember that the position of state officer is not the goal, the goal should be to serve others, and our ability to serve other people is not limited to the word “Association” on the back of the jacket.”

**Ryan Best**

***State President 2009-2010***

“In the New Testament, John the Baptist describes his service to Christ: “He must become greater; I must become less.” When one considers serving others, we must be willing to adopt a similar mindset. We must give of ourselves, our time, talents and abilities, so that those around us may become greater. Good luck in the process and know that one can experience no greater joy than to serve others selflessly. “I believe that the life of service is the life that counts: that happiness endures to mankind when it comes from having help lift the burdens of others.” NFA Creed.”

**Adam Mitchell**

***State Vice President 2010-2011***

“Awards, recognition, and being known as the best do not mean you will be the best state officer the state has known. Caring, leadership, and being genuine to yourself, teammates, and to the state association will make you the best. You have one year to make a difference and to change the lives of students across New Mexico. You will be there to lead and inspire not to dictate and promote yourself. The year is not about you, it is about bettering the New Mexico State FFA Organization.”

**Diego Dow**

***State Vice President 2011-2012***

“Stress is a wasted energy.”

**Sarah Goetsch**

***State Vice President 2011-2012***

“Don’t get discouraged when not everyone supports you in running for office. If this is important for you, if you know the true reasons why this is something you need to do, then there is no excuse for you not to try. It’s a life changing experience for you and those around you.”

**Amanda Ball**

***State President 2011-2012***

“There can be a lot of pressure that comes with running for a position like this. Take some time to think about why you want to serve, what you wish to accomplish as a state officer, and who has helped you reach this point in your journey. Be ambitious but humble, and always remember that the name on the front of the jacket will never be as important as the name on the back.”

**Colten Davis**

***State Vice President 2012-2013***

“Let yourself be the person that you would look up to. When going through this process let all of who you are shine through.”

**Ashley Miller**

***State Secretary 2012-2013***

“Strengthen your weaknesses, have confidence that you can succeed, and BREATHE.”

**Klayton Bearup**

***State President 2012-2013***

“Why? Why do we feel that this is the place where we belong? For some it is because we see state officers as being elite. Some have this urge to be the best, no matter what they have to do. The true reason for becoming a state officer, is passion. We all have passion for this organization, and we all feel that we can dive in and make a ripple within it. Being a state officer is about living, showing, and promoting the passion that we have for this organization to the members we serve. When it comes down to the wire, in an interview or a speech, if you let your passion flow, the world and our members will hear you.”

## **Caleb Gustin**

### ***State President 2013-2014***

“Running for state office is more than gaining a title. It is more than what the organization can do for you, but what you can do for the organization. No matter the outcome have fun.”

## **Kelsey Garner**

### ***State President 2014-2015***

The State FFA Candidate process is just that, a process. Be prepared to experience an enormous amount of professional and personal growth. Remember the best candidates are the ones who are able to face vulnerability, humility, and difficult challenges with grace. Also, remember whether you get elected or not doesn't define you as a person, it's your character that does. Thank you for your willingness to serve New Mexico FFA! Good

## **Mitchell Pinnell**

### ***State President 2015-2016***

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**Kynzi Creighton**

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