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# Perspective

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*Left: The high school students chosen to attend OYLA pose for a photo during the three-day youth leadership conference held July 23-25 in Oklahoma City. Top Right: Krista Carroll, Bree Kisling and Allison Rhodes help fill packs of nutritious food for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Food for Kids backpack program. Bottom Right: Morgan Nipp presents a project she created during an Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom activity. The students learned lessons to teach agriculture to elementary students in their hometowns.*

## Eleven high school students attend YF&R's youth leadership program

**H**igh school seniors from across the state attended the Oklahoma Youth Leading Agriculture conference held July 23-25 in Oklahoma City.

The OYLA conference is a three-day annual event hosted by Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers to prepare high school students for a future career in agriculture and to advance youth leadership. The conference provided an opportunity to learn more about Farm Bureau, the agriculture industry, leadership and more.

This year's OYLA class included Kyra Bentley, Harper County; Rayanne Bowman, Payne County; Krista Carroll, Johnston County; Gage Clemmer, Comanche County; Cade Jenlink, Alfalfa County; LaBreska

Jones, Tulsa County; Bree Kisling, Garfield County; Lucas Morrow, Pontotoc County; Morgan Nipp, Carter County; Allison Rhodes, Caddo County; and Peyton Smith, Payne County.

During the conference, OKFB President Rodd Moesel and Executive Director Thad Doye explained the importance of the grassroots farm organization and the significance of being involved on the local, state and national levels. Students also discovered real-life tips on sharing their agriculture story with friends, family and the public with Oklahoma Beef Council Executive Director Heather Buckmaster.

The group toured Oklahoma City-based Lopez Foods, Inc., which provides protein products for restaurants and retailers

across the country and the world including McDonald's.

The OKFB communications department trained the OYLA group to talk with media including radio and television outlets, while Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom's Melody Aufferl taught the students activities to use to share agriculture with elementary students in their hometown.

The students also learned teamwork and leadership skills at the University of Central Oklahoma ropes course.

The OYLA conference ended with a visit to the state Capitol, where students heard about serving in the state Legislature from Sen. Chris Kidd.



## Three nursing students awarded \$500 scholarships from WLC

Cade Baldwin of Stephens County, Cheyanne Gibbens of Okmulgee County and Logan Hukill of Caddo County each recently were awarded a scholarship to study nursing by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee.

The annual scholarship program awards three \$500 scholarships to students studying nursing at an accredited college, university, vo-tech or trade school. Applicants must be Oklahoma Farm Bureau members or a member of a Farm Bureau-member family.

"Our committee chooses to support nursing students because we see firsthand the need for qualified healthcare professionals in rural areas," said Kitty Beavers, OKFB WLC chair. "We're grateful

to play a role in helping these future nurses succeed in their careers."

The WLC recognizes the significant role nurses play in ensuring a high quality of life for all Oklahomans, especially those in rural areas. With the cost of education rising yearly, the committee is proud to provide three students with scholarships to aid in their pursuit of a career in nursing.

OKFB WLC promotes the importance of family and health, safety and crime prevention, state and national agricultural issues, voter awareness and citizenship, Agriculture in the Classroom and much more. To learn more about the WLC program, visit [okfarmbureau.org/women](http://okfarmbureau.org/women).

## OKFB August Area Meetings begin next week

### District One

August 6 | 6 p.m.  
Hunny's, Guymon

August 7 | 6 p.m.  
Big Dan's, Woodward

### District Two

August 14 | 6 p.m.  
Kiowa County Farm Bureau, Hobart

### District Three

August 16 | 6 p.m.  
Canadian County Farm Bureau, El Reno

### District Four

August 9 | 6 p.m.  
Wright's Steakhouse, Duncan

### District Five

August 21 | 12 p.m.  
Pete's Place, Krebs

### District Six

August 21 | 6 p.m.  
Moore's Event Barn, Pryor

### District Seven

August 13 | 6 p.m.  
Central National Bank Center, Enid

### District Eight

August 20 | 6 p.m.  
Seminole County Farm Bureau, Seminole

### District Nine

August 23 | 6 p.m.  
Creek County Fairgrounds, Kellyville

## Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online



OKFB President Rodd Moesel talks trade assistance package with OKC's Fox 25 News

After the Trump administration announced a \$12 billion trade assistance package last week, OKFB President Rodd Moesel said Oklahoma farmers would rather export their commodities around the world. Find a link to the full story on the OKFB Facebook page.



What's on the minds of OKFB members? Follow August Area Meeting coverage

Oklahoma Farm Bureau's annual August Area Meetings kick off next week, where members around the state will gather to begin the organization's grassroots policy development. Find the information for your area meeting in the schedule above. Can't make the meeting? Check out the OKFB Twitter and Facebook pages to follow along.



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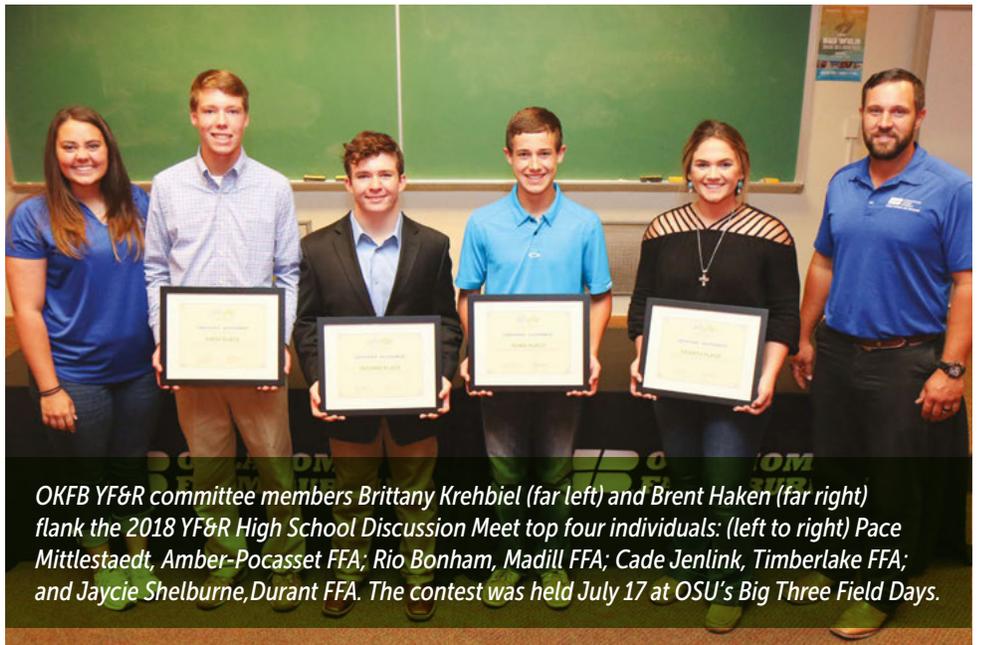
## YF&R names winners of 2018 high school discussion meet

**P**ace Mittlestaedt of the Amber-Pocasset FFA Chapter was named the winner of the 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers High School Discussion Meet held July 17 during the Oklahoma State University Big Three Field Days in Stillwater.

The other top four finalists included Rio Bonham of Madill FFA, Cade Jenlink of Timberlake FFA, and Jaycee Shelburne of Durant FFA.

“From learning more about agricultural issues to developing key discussion skills, the high school students who participate in this contest walk away with critical skills they’ll use well into the future,” said Brent Haken, OKFB YF&R vice chair. “As a committee, we’re proud to invest in these bright young leaders in agriculture.”

The high school discussion meet allows high school students to participate in an



*OKFB YF&R committee members Brittany Krehbiel (far left) and Brent Haken (far right) flank the 2018 YF&R High School Discussion Meet top four individuals: (left to right) Pace Mittlestaedt, Amber-Pocasset FFA; Rio Bonham, Madill FFA; Cade Jenlink, Timberlake FFA; and Jaycee Shelburne, Durant FFA. The contest was held July 17 at OSU’s Big Three Field Days.*

event that builds basic discussion skills, develops an understanding of agricultural issues, and explores how groups can pool knowledge to find solutions. The contest was open to high school junior and senior FFA and 4-H members.

The event participants competed in two rounds of discussion before being narrowed to the final four. As top four finalists, the students earned \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 college scholarships.



## Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation presents \$8,000 to Oklahoma 4-H families affected by spring wildfires

*Representatives of Oklahoma Farm Bureau’s Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation present an \$8,000 check to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation for 4-H member families affected by spring wildfires at the State 4-H Roundup held July 26 on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater. Thanks to the generosity of individuals across the state and nation, each 4-H family will receive \$1,000 from the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation to aid in recovery efforts.*

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## Calendar

### OKFB August Area Meetings

August 6-23

Contact: Ron Justice 405-523-2344

### State Farm and Ranch Family Recognition Award Application Due

August 15

Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

### YF&R State Fair Livestock Judging Contest

September 16 • Oklahoma City

Contact: Zac Swartz 405-205-0070

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## Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation donates \$50,000 for wildfire relief at Oklahoma Cattlemen's convention

**T**he Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation presented \$50,000 to the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation's disaster relief fund at the annual Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association convention Saturday, July 21, in Norman.

The check was presented on stage during the OCA awards banquet by representatives from Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation.

The funds were collected through donations by the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation to help aid farmers, ranchers and rural communities after springtime wildfires in western Oklahoma.

"We are proud to partner with the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation to directly help farmers and ranchers who were affected by this spring's wildfires," said David VonTungeln, president of the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation. "We know replacing fencing and property is an expensive and time-consuming task, and we're glad to help make the road to full recovery a little bit easier with this donation."



*Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation representatives present a \$50,000 check for wildfire relief efforts to the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation during the annual Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association convention in Norman July 21, 2018.*

"We want to thank the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation for their generosity," said Weston Givens, president of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation. "We are very proud and honored to partner with Oklahoma Farm Bureau's foundation to help agriculture

families affected by wildfire."

The funds will be distributed by the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation through an application process. Applications to receive fire relief assistance from the Cattlemen's Foundation were due June 1.