

IFAL

Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders CONFERENCE 2025

Building Kentucky's Future



WELCOME TO IFAL

Welcome to the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) Program! This unique five-day summer leadership conference, hosted by Kentucky Farm Bureau and University of Kentucky, aims to develop your understanding of the agricultural industry's nature and needs, including career opportunities. You'll explore both basic and applied science in agriculture, enhance your leadership, social, and recreational skills, and become aware of emerging technical areas in agriculture and agribusiness. Make the most of your IFAL experience by actively participating in discussions, sharing your ideas, and asking questions.

This program is intense and is designed for the mature, above-average young adult. Our goal is that all those attending the seminar will find the material interesting and the sessions challenging. May your participation in the seminar prove to be a valuable experience and provide pleasurable memories for the years ahead.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As mature, responsible young people who have been carefully selected, we believe it is unnecessary to have a long list of rules. With privileges come responsibilities, and how you fulfill those responsibilities will determine your level of success throughout life. There should be no need to state rules that stem from good common sense, courtesy, and respect for others.

Dress for the seminar sessions as a leader looking to lead by example. For safety reasons, private automobiles will not be driven either on or off campus after arrival or prior to departure without special permission from Mr. Nash. Be in your assigned room with lights out by midnight. Common courtesy is expected toward speakers. Attend all functions, be on time, and be alert. By honoring these few simple requests, you will gain the maximum from this conference and ensure its continued success.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

4:00–5:00pm	Registration and Dorm Check-in	Haggin Hall
6:00pm	Meet in Main Lobby and get into your Animal Groups! <i>Once in animal groups, you will meet in various locations.</i>	Haggin Hall Main Lobby
6:30pm	Animal Groups begin walking to Ag. Science Center (Ag. North)	
7:00pm	Open Session & Dinner <i>Welcome from Kentucky Farm Bureau and UK: Taylor Nash, Director, Young Farmer Programs Wayne Centers, Director of Student Relations</i>	Ag. North Lobby
7:40pm	IFAL Expectations and Discussion Meet Overview	
8:00pm	Oh, the places you will go...	Various Locations
9:30pm	Debriefing/refreshments	Haggin Hall
11:30pm	Curfew (lights out!)	Haggin Hall

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MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

7:00am	Breakfast <i>Meet in Haggin Hall lobby for rollcall. We will then load shuttles to the Gatton Student Center for breakfast.</i>	Champion's Kitchen Gatton Student Center
8:30am	Board shuttles for First UK Farm Tour	Outside Student Center
9:00am	Tour UK Horticulture Research Farm with faculty from Department of Horticulture	UK South Farm
11:00am	Lunch	CSA Pavilion Area (UK South Farm)
12:00pm	Board shuttles for 2 nd UK Farm Tour	
12:30pm	Tour UK North Farm Facilities with faculty from Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering	UK North Farm
2:00pm	Board shuttles to return to campus	
2:30pm	What's Class Really Like at UK? Agritech & Big Data <i>w/ Savannah Robin, Lecturer of Career and Professional Development, M-G CAFE</i>	Jacobs Science Building Room 221
3:30pm	Your Net Worth is Your Network <i>w/ Ben Conner, Philanthropy & Alumni, M-G CAFE</i>	JSB 221
5:00pm	Head to Haggin and change into evening attire	Haggin Hall
5:45pm	Board shuttles for Kentucky Proud Park	
6:00pm	Dinner and Networking Fair	Kentucky Proud Park Lexus Lounge
7:30pm	Barnyard Olympics <i>Hosted by UK Collegiate Farm Bureau</i>	Outdoors
9:30pm	Debriefing	
11:30pm	<i>Curfew (lights out!)</i>	Haggin Hall



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TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

7:00am	Breakfast <i>Meet in Haggin Hall lobby for rollcall. We will then load shuttles to the Gatton Student Center for breakfast.</i>	Champion's Kitchen (GSC)
8:00am	Board shuttles for Asbury Challenge Course <i>Recall attire notes from last debriefing.</i>	Outside Student Center
8:30am	Begin Asbury Challenge Course <i>Participate in low and high ropes course activities.</i>	Wilmore, KY
1:00pm	Lunch	Wilmore, KY (Challenge Course)
3:00pm	Board shuttles for campus	
3:45pm	Discussion Meet Preparation	See Counselors
4:45pm	Break to change into evening attire	Haggin Hall
5:30pm	Dinner <i>w/ Animal Groups to the discretion of counselors</i>	Haggin Hall
6:30pm	Board Shuttles for Evening Activities	Outside Haggin Hall
7:00pm	Evening activities	Activate Games Lexington, KY
9:00pm	Board shuttles for campus	
9:30pm	Debriefing	Haggin Hall
11:30pm	Curfew (lights out!)	Haggin Hall



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

7:00am	Breakfast <i>Meet in Haggin Hall lobby for rollcall, then <u>walking</u> to GSC.</i>	Champion's Kitchen (GSC)
8:15am	Leadership Session <i>Brooklyn Green, Kentucky Farm Bureau</i>	Champion's Kitchen
9:15am	Campus Walking Tour <i>Facilitated by tour guides from UK Visitor Center</i>	Various locations
10:45am	Kentucky Farm Bureau Information Sessions	WTY Library Room B-108C
12:00pm	Lunch	WTY Library
12:30pm	UK Admissions 101 <i>Wayne Centers, Director of Student Relations</i>	WTY Library Room B-108C
1:00pm	Final Discussion Meet Preparation	See counselors
2:30pm	Break to change into evening attire	Haggin Hall
3:30pm	Depart for Plant Sciences Building (walking)	
4:00pm	IFAL Discussion Meet	Plant Sciences Building
6:00pm	Etiquette Dinner & IFAL Photos <i>Melinda McCulley and Nichole Huff Family and Consumer Sciences Extension</i>	E.S. Good Barn
8:00pm	Going to College <i>Wayne Centers, Director of Student Relations</i>	E.S. Good Barn
9:00pm	Break to change into casual attire	See counselors
9:30pm	Reflections	Outdoors
11:30pm	Debriefing	TBD
1:00am	Curfew (lights out!)	Haggin Hall



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THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

8:00am	Breakfast <i>Meet in Haggin Hall lobby for some donuts!</i>	Haggin Hall
8:30am	Thank you notes to County Farm Bureaus	Haggin Hall
9:00am	Final packing/cleaning and get dressed for closing banquet!	Haggin Hall
10:30am	Board shuttles for Closing Banquet	Haggin Hall
11:00am	Closing IFAL Banquet & Recognition Program	Fayette County Extension Office
12:30pm	Return to Haggin Hall to Check-out	Counselors will provide instructions

Don't forget!

- Turn in your room key to front desk to avoid being charged!
- Have you completed your IFAL evaluation?
- Have a happy and safe summer!



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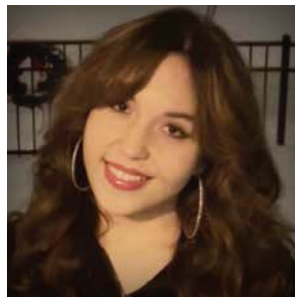
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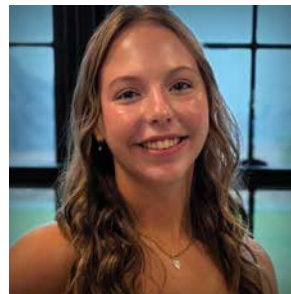
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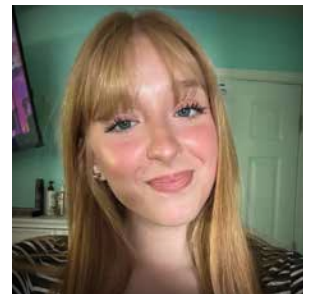
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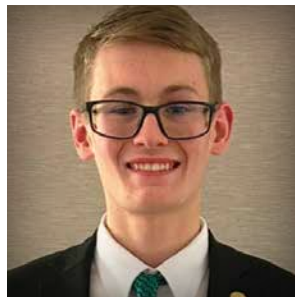
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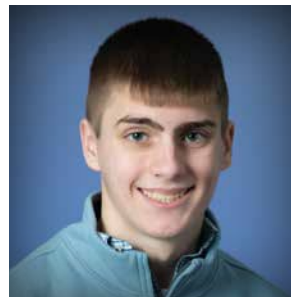
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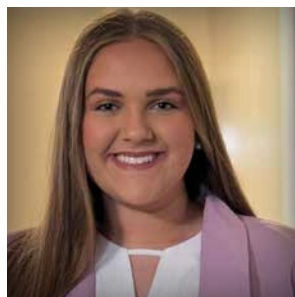
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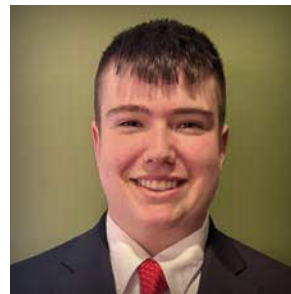
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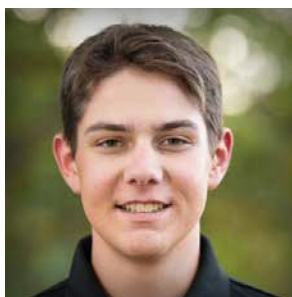


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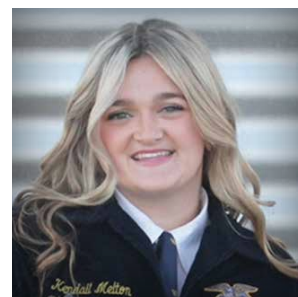
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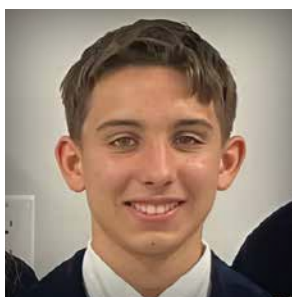
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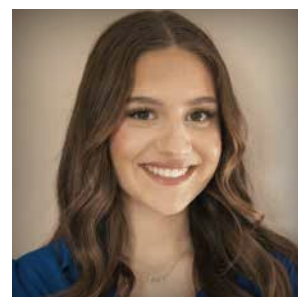
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Dynamic Dolphins

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Cierra Couch
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Tate Milburn
Isabella Slone
Creighton Smith
Marley Walter
Anthony Webster
Rachel Wilson

Counselor: Sophie Shearer

Fearless Frogs

Morgan Allender
Bethany Barber
Lilly Dickerson
Angel Flener
Ella Howard
Lucy Jeffries
Addison Jones
Maggie Ralph
Joe Anthony Tabor
Landon Whobrey

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Jazmily Blakely
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MEET *the* COUNSELORS



Anna Turlington

*Cecilia, KY (Hardin Co.)
Head Counselor*

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I recently graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology and a minor in Animal Science. This fall, I'll be trading in my Wildcat blue for Tiger orange as I begin vet school at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine (though once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!). During high school, I was actively involved in 4-H knowledge contests and judging events. While at UK, I loved serving as a student ambassador for the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. That role gave me the opportunity to connect with prospective students and share everything the university has to offer. In my free time, you'll usually find me riding my horse, Maggie. This is my third and final year as a counselor for IFAL, and I'm super excited to meet all of you for an awesome week of learning and team building!



Alexis Jones

*Salvisa, KY (Mercer Co.)
Premier Pigs*

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I am beyond excited to spend a week with you on campus! I am from Salvisa, KY where I grew up raising beef cattle. I will be a senior at UK, where I major in Agricultural Education and Advocacy with minors in Agricultural Economics and Animal Science. I love all things UK blue and agriculture. My passion for agriculture runs deep whether that's through teaching, advocating, or showing livestock. My family and I have been showing pigs for 20 years now, and I'm entering my final year which is bittersweet (If you wondered why we're the pigs this may play into it...). I love staying involved here on campus through Agricultural Education Society and Collegiate Farm Bureau. These two organizations have given me endless opportunities and such wonderful community on campus. The University of Kentucky truly has felt like a home away from home and has given me some of my very best friends. I cannot tell you how excited I am to spend the week learning and growing alongside each one of you. This week is going to be filled with fun and so many memories!



Sarah Kenney

*Nicholasville, KY (Jessamine Co.)
Lucky Llamas*

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Welcome to UK IFAL 2025! I am so excited to spend the week with you at a place that I love and call home! I am from Jessamine County, which is just a few minutes south of Lexington. In high school I was a member of CTE student organizations such as FFA and 4-H, and I always strive to stay connected with them even while I am away. This coming school year, I will be a junior majoring in Agriculture Education and Advocacy. On campus, I am a member of Collegiate Farm Bureau, an active Sigma Alpha sister, M-G CAFE LLP Peer Mentor and involved in many more on campus student organizations. I love all things to do with Big Blue Nation, the outdoors, and agriculture! I attended UK IFAL in 2022 as a Wacky Walrus and in 2024 as the Cozy Cattle Counselor. During both I made many lasting memories and had met my best friends who I have got the opportunity to experience college with so far! I owe it to my counselors and connections for impacting me and that's why I am here now... to do the same, but this time as a Lucky Llama (and you may be one too)! I can't wait to meet you and have so much fun during this week here at UK!



Jenna Morrow

*Monticello, KY (Wayne Co.)
Fearless Frogs*

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I am super excited to be one of your IFAL counselors this year! I am from Monticello, Kentucky, a small town located right next to the beautiful Lake Cumberland. I am a senior majoring in Agricultural Education and Advocacy; I am a member of the Agricultural Ed Society as well as a Residential Advisor in WGIV. Throughout high school I was a very active FFA member and involved in several other things such as the junior conservation board, bass fishing team, and my county's Farm Bureau. I attended IFAL in the summer of 2022 and it was that experience that helped me make the final decision to come to UK. I love IFAL then and I cannot wait to experience it for a second time, this time as the counselor of the Fearless Frogs!



Gage Tucker

Monticello, KY (Wayne Co.)
Glamorous Grizzlies

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I recently graduated from UK with a degree in Agricultural Education and Advocacy and will be starting my career as a Teacher of Agriculture and FFA Advisor this fall! While at UK, I was involved with the Agricultural Education Society, Block & Bridle, M-G CAFE Living Learning Program, the Chellgren Center, and undergraduate research. This IFAL will be my third and final time as a counselor, and I can't wait for an awesome week! I hope your IFAL week is an inspiring experience that empowers you to be a leader in our industry. I look forward to meeting everyone, GO CATS!



Sophie Shearer

Jamestown, KY (Russell Co.)
Dynamic Dolphins

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I am super excited to be a part of the 2025 IFAL Counselor team. I am a rising senior at the University of Kentucky, studying Agricultural Education and Advocacy, and I am from Jamestown, Kentucky. During my time at UK I have been involved in various extracurricular activities like Collegiate Farm Bureau, Ag Ed Society, Christian Student Fellowship, and being a MG-CAFE Ambassador. To say I have loved my time at UK would be an understatement, and I cannot wait for you to experience my little slice of heaven in Lexington! I can't wait to meet you, especially those on the best team...the Dynamic Dolphins! Let's have the best week!



OUR MISSION

Kentucky Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization dedicated to serving our membership family and their communities. As the Voice of Agriculture, we identify problems, develop solutions, promote economic success, and enhance the quality of life for all.

ABOUT KFB

Kentucky Farm Bureau has served as the "Voice of Kentucky Agriculture," representing the interests of agricultural producers and rural communities. The organization was founded at a meeting in Louisville, in November 1919. With hundreds of thousands of members, KFB is one of the largest Farm Bureaus in the nation.

Kentucky Farm Bureau has established a reputation as an effective advocate for its members. Its information products and member service programs are also well respected and highly successful.

Programs offered include Public Affairs, Farm Bureau Insurance and other member services, Women's Leadership Activities, Ag in the Classroom, Safety, Health and Wellness, Theft Reward, Estate Planning, Commodity Market Information, Scholarships, Certified Farm Markets, and Young Farmers.

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