

Honorary American FFA Degree

- 1955** - H. E. Urton, Pierre, SD—SD Supervisor of Agricultural Education
Ezra Gisselbeck, Watertown, SD—Father of National Officer, Lowell Gisselbeck
Harold White, Milbank Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1956** - W. R. Bryant, Canton Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1958** - Hilding W. Gadda, Madison Vo-Ag Instructor
Erland W. Gustafson, Clark Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1965** - Ernest Christensen, Webster Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1968** - Loren G. Kasten, Scotland Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1969** - Loren Fuller, Clark, SD
- 1970** - Clarence R. Hall, Watertown Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1973** - Francis N. Murphy, Madison, SD—NVATA President
Jerome E. Kleinsasser, Brookings Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1975** - Ernest Wingen, Hoven Vo-Ag Instructor
Warren G. Miller, Pierre, SD—SD Wheat Commission Wheat Director
- 1976** - William C. Buller, Brookings, SD
Donamaye Amdahl, Flandreau, SD—Mother of American Star Farmer, Timothy Henning Amdahl
Oliver D. Amdahl, Flandreau, SD—Father of American Star Farmer, Timothy Henning Amdahl
- 1977** - Leonard J. DeBoer, Chamberlain Vo-Ag Instructor
Frank Lingo, Sioux Falls, SD—John Morrell and Company
- 1979** - Arden Gronlund, Rapid City Vo-Ag Instructor
- 1980** - James Pollman, Dell Rapids Vo-Ag Instructor
Phillip Edmond Plummart, Brookings, SD—Associate Professor/Extension Poultry Specialist at SDSU
- 1983** - Dr. Clark Hanson, Brookings, SD
- 1984** - Robert Bell, Brookings, SD—SD FFA Executive Secretary

Myron Sonne, Mitchell, SD—Mitchell Vo-Tech Vo-Ag Instructor/NVATA President
Elect

Jim Thoreson, Watertown, SD—KWAT Radio

Tom Steever, Sioux Falls, SD—KSOO Radio

Orlyn and Fern Nielson, Tulare, SD--Parents of Star Farmer of American, Larry Nielson

Jerome Nolz, Clear Lake Vo-Ag Instructor

1985 - Marvis Hogen, Pierre, SD—SD Secretary of Agriculture
Michael McNamara, Pierre, SD—SD Rural Development Center

1986 - Leland Swenson, Huron, SD—SD Farmers Union President

1987 - James R. Johnson, Rapid City, SD—Range Management Specialist for the SDSU
Cooperative Extension Service
Howard H. Voelker, Brookings, SD—Professor of Dairy Science at SDSU

1988 - Robert Glanzer, Huron, SD—Farmers and Merchants Bank
Shriley Sres, Brookings, SD

1989 - J.D. Lynd, Huron, SD—SD Association of Cooperatives
Loren Catchpole, Lemmon, SD—Retired Ag Instructor

1990 - Roger Wehde, Dell Rapids Ag Instructor

1991 - Al Fenner, Menno, SD—Local Chapter Supporter
Ben Handcock, Pierre, SD—SD Wheat Commission
Bill Patterson, National Livestock and Meat Board

1992 - Bobby Muller, Bon Homme Ag Instructor

1993 - Ed Mueller, Pierre, SD—SD FFA Advisor
William Poppen, DeSmet, SD

1994 - None

1995 - Linda Rist, Viborg, SD

1996 - Todd Marks, Harrisburg Ag Instructor

1997 - Lonnell Moeller, Brookings, SD—Ag Ed Teacher Educator at SDSU
Neal and Linda McIntyre, Winfred, SD—Parents of Star American Farmer, Mike
McIntyre

1998 - Terry Rieckman, McCook Central Ag Instructor
Charles Gregg, Salem, SD—Father of American Star in Agribusiness Finalist, K.C.
Gregg

1999 - None

2000 - None

2001- Dan and Karen Streff, Salem, SD—Parents of American Star in Placement, Nick Streff
Jim Chilson, Florence Ag Instructor

2002 - Melvin and Lani Holzwarth, Gettysburg, SD-Parents of American Star in
Agriscience, Valeree Holzwarth
Norman and MaryRae Peterson, Salem, SD-Parents of American Star in Agri Placement,
Scott Peterson.

2003 - Gary and Aileen Brunner, Newell, SD – Parents of American Star in Agriscience, Ryan
Brunner

2004 - Sally Nielson, Former Ag Instructor

2005 - Kent & Faye Frerichs parents of American Star in Argi Business Jason Frerichs

2005 - Jerry and Barb Gottlob – parents of American Star Finalist Mike Gottlob

2006 - Gary Grey, Pierre, SD - State Advisor, Former Agriculture Instructor
Mark & Susan Geib, DeSmet, SD – Parents of National FFA Secretary, Jessie Geib

2007 - Jim Quick, Retiring Agriculture Education Instructor – Alcester
Walt Johnson, past agriculture education instructor, retired SD FFA Foundation Board
President, and FFA Sponsor – Newell
Geri Ann Eide, State FFA Executive Secretary – Gettysburg
Mr. and Mrs. Kahnke, Florence Parents of Jon Kahnke American Star Ag Science
Finalist

2008 - None

2009 -Richard Lubinus, Ag Education Instructor – Platte (posthumously)
Gretchen Sharp, Ex. Treasurer SD FFA, Bath
Tim Nichols, SDSU - Brookings

2010 -Brad Bies serves with the Office of Curriculum, Career and Technical Education in Pierre.
Craig Dybedahl currently resides in Colton and works with Pfizer Animal Health.
Chris Nelson is currently the Secretary of State in Pierre.
Sandra Nelson, Pierre, is the spouse of the former FFA Supervisor and is described as an
“avid FFA supporter.”
Larry Nelson, Pierre, is receiving a VIP Citation for his years of service as the South
Dakota FFA State Supervisor.

Mike Brink, Ag Ed advisor for the Hitchcock-Tulare FFA Chapter
Ken and Kathy Zulk, Canova Parents of Kyle Zulk American Star Placement Finalist
Mark and Deb Palmquist, Canova Parents of Dustin Palmquist American Star
Agri Business Finalist
Mr. and Mrs. Zemilicka, Florence Parents of Steve Zemilicka American Star
AgriScience Finalist

2011 - Tiffany Sanderson, Office of Curriculum, Career and Technical Education
Bill Lehman, Gettysburg FFA Advisor;
Dave VanderWal, DeSmet FFA Advisor and FFA Livestock Superintendent at the SD
State Fair
Alicia Knutson, Centerville
Marvin Wastell, Omaha
Mr. and Mrs. DeJong parents of Wyatt DeJong retiring national officer.

2012 – Holly Marshall-Heber

2013 – Max and Julie Schwader, Howard Parents of Riley Schwader American Star Placement
Finalist

2014 -Roger DeRouchey, Alexandria

Lance Howe, Redfield

Kent and Shawn VanderWal, Bruce Parents of American Star Agri Business finalist

Ethan VanderWal

David and Jolene Eichacker, Salem Parents of American Star Placement finalist

Matt Eichacker

2015 - None

2016 – Ed and Julie Mueller, Garretson Parents of American Star Agri Business Shane Mueller

Mr. and Mrs. Renner, Hartford Parents of American Star in Agri Science finalist

Elizabeth Renner

2017 – Jeff Hoffman, Bridgewater

Fred Zenk, Webster

2018 – Patty Larson, Hartford

Steve and Cathy Eichacker, Salem

2019 – Eugene and Julie Streff, Salem

