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30 Earn the Golden Key

Thirty South Dakota FFA members will receive the coveted gold American Degree key, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization. This honor recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. Recipients must have earned \$7,500 through a supervised agricultural experience program and productively invested those earnings.

Only about one half of one percent of the total national membership attains this high honor. The recipients will be honored at a reception on October 23rd and the awards ceremony will take place October 24th, at the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. South Dakota's gold key recipients include:

Wyatt DeJong, Winner
Shane Gross, Hitchcock-Tulare
Jenna Rist, Viborg
Matt Moen, Harrisburg
Colton Buus, Lennox Sundstrom
Austin DeZeeuw, Elkton
Zak Kampmann, Elkton
Thorwald Vostad
Luke Goldie, Sioux Valley
Paul Westhoff, Harrisburg
Traci Osterberg, McCook Central
Scott Hoiten, McCook Central
Lauren Eichacker, McCook Central
Alicia Reif, McCook Central
Carl Wobig, McCook Central

Tandi Shape, McCook Central
Kimberly Haas, Harrisburg
Kay Huffman, Harrisburg
Mitchell Barber, Harrisburg
Ross Renback, Harrisburg
Maria Skoglund, McCook Central
Thomas Smith, Kimball
Shad Christman, Lemmon
Colin Tobin, Wessington Springs
Britney Kaufman, De Smet
Nikki Hojer, De Smet
Daniel Koupal, Wagner
Bryce Eggers, Wagner
Katrina Holdahl, Tri-Valley
Travis Swier, West Central

