



98th California FFA State Leadership Conference
Toyota Arena | Ontario, California

Saturday, March 21

SESSION 1: The First Light

Chairs: All

Doors Open: 7:00 PM

Start Time: 8:00 P.M.

Theme Skit

State Conference Preview

Opening Ceremonies

President's Welcome of State Conference

National Anthem

Session Chair Introduction

State Officer Candidate Introductions

AG Plate Recognition

Creed of Many Languages

Keynote Speaker - Amelia Rose Earhart

Dale Brisby

Closing Ceremonies



Sunday, March 22

SESSION 2: Chasing the Sun

Chairs: Lily Vaughan and Daren Deftereos

Doors Open: 8:00 AM

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies

Keynote Speaker – Temple Grandin

Star Admin Award

Star Counselor Award

Star Supporting Staff Award

New and Reinstated Chapter Recognition

Retiring Address – Sophia Camou, State FFA Sentinel

Closing Ceremonies



Sunday, March 22

SESSION 3: Awakening Leaders

Chairs: Noah Kamea Stanisai, Ryan Taylor, and Daren Defteroes

Doors Open: 2:00 PM

Start Time: 3:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies

Foundation Remarks – Mrs. Kristi Mattes

Honorary State FFA Degrees

Distinguished Service Awards

Golden Owl Award

Agriscience Awards

National FFA Secretary – Lilly Nyland Remarks

State Star Agriscience Award

State Star Agribusiness Award

State Star Placement Award

State Star Small Farmer Award

State Star Farmer Award

Retiring Address – Tessa Camacho, State FFA Reporter

Closing Ceremonies



Monday, March 23

SESSION 4: Moment to Shine

Chairs: Noah Kamea Stanisai and Tessa Camacho

Doors Open: 8:00 AM

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies

**CDFA Secretary of Food and Agriculture Karen Ross
Remarks**

Scholarship Awards

California State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Remarks

FBI Officer, Jaime Magallon Interview

**Proficiency Awards Part 1 (*Agricultural Communications –
Agriscience Research – Plant Systems*)**

Regional Competition Game

**Proficiency Awards Part 1 Continued (*Beef Production
Entrepreneurship – Equine Science Placement*)**

Retiring Address – Daren Defteroes, State FFA Treasurer

Closing Ceremonies



Monday, March 23

SESSION 5: Beyond the Horizon

Chairs: Lily Vaughan, Tessa Camacho, and Sophia Camou

Doors Open: 2:00 PM

Start Time: 3:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies

State FFA Advisor Remarks – Mrs. Jill Sperling

CATA Remarks – Mrs. Judy Aschwanden, CATA President

Proficiencies Part 2 (*Fruit and Nut Production – Service Learning*)

Regional Competition Game

Proficiencies Part 2 Continued (*Sheep Production – Wildlife Management*)

State Officer Mentor Recognition

National Chapter Awards

Premier Chapter Promotion Award

Press Corp Recognition

Announcement of Final 12 State Officer Candidates

Retiring Address – Ryan Taylor, State FFA Secretary

Closing Ceremonies



Monday, March 23

SESSION 6: Legacies of Light

Chairs: Ryan Taylor and Sophia Camou

Doors Open: 7:00 PM

Start Time: 8:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies

FFA Got Talent Finalists

Retiring Address – Noah Kamea Stanisai, State FFA Vice President

Nominating Committee Recognition

Announcement of 2026-2027 State FFA Officer Candidate Slate

State FFA Officer Parent Recognition

2026-2027 State FFA Officer Candidate Q/A Sentinel - President

Closing Ceremonies



Tuesday, March 24

SESSION 7: A New Dawn

Chairs: ALL

Doors Open: 8:00 AM

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies

Executive Committee Recognition

Ambassador Recognition

Courtesy Corp Recognition

Regional Competition Awards

FFA Got Talent Winner Encore

Retiring Address – Lily Vaughan, State FFA President

Recognition of 2025-2026 State FFA Officer Team

Past State FFA Officer Recognition

Announcement of 2026-2027 State FFA Officer Team

2026-2027 State FFA Officer Team Installation

Closing Ceremonies

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