



Washington FFA Convention News



Nathan Heay of Tenino Retires as Washington FFA State Secretary

Pullman, WA; Leading with a sense of belonging, Nathan Heay prepares to close out his journey through the National FFA Organization.

Heay has been an FFA Member for the past five years and has sincerely enjoyed getting to know new people, and seeing new places. He originally joined FFA because it is what his friends were doing and he wanted to join in on the fun. FFA later became his family—securing his future within the organization. Heay competed in the Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event, Conduct of Chapters Leadership Development Event, Employment Skills Leadership Development Event, and Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Development Event.

May of 2023 marked a transition period for Heay as he stepped into the role of State Secretary. He was elected alongside his five teammates to serve during the 2023-2024 year.

State advisor, Tamara Whitcomb, has come to know Heay throughout his year of service and said the following, “He has a passion for helping others, and for helping to educate others about the things he’s passionate about. I think for Nathan too, he sees inequities in situations and is able to find solutions to those things that people find challenging; and he’s able to overcome those challenges.”

His final message to Washington FFA Members was that it doesn't matter how you intend to affect change, what matters is how you impact change.

Nathan, it has been a pleasure to see how Washington FFA Members have grown through your leadership. Thank you for being willing to enact change, showing members that everyone belongs in FFA, and the passion you brought to the table.

The Washington FFA Associations wishes Heay luck as he embarks on this next journey, and we can’t wait to see how he keeps influencing others. Congratulations Nathan Heay on a year well served.

Heay’s retirement from State Office will become effective immediately upon the installation of new officers. Congratulations, Nathan!

