

Candidates
For
Southeast Area
Vice President
2018

**The Madill FFA Chapter
Proudly Presents**

Showna Cooper

**Candidate for
Southeast Area Vice President**

FFA LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Chapter Officer

Reporter 2016-2017

Washington Leadership Conference 2017

Oklahoma FFA Alumni Assoc. Scholarship

SE District COLT Conference 2016

Made for Excellence 2013, 2014, 2015

Advanced Leadership Development 2016

National FFA Convention 2014, 2016, 2017

State FFA Convention 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

WLC Scholarship Recipient 2017

Voting Delegate 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Oklahoma FFA Alumni Camp 2015, 2016, 2017

Madill FFA Chapter Banquet 2014 - 2017

Star Discovery 2014

Fred Stanley Public Speaking Award 2014

Star Greenhand 2015

Fred Stanley Public Speaking Award 2016

Top Salesman in Blue and Gold Meats 2017

PUBLIC SPEAKING

American Farmers and Ranchers Contest

3rd Place, Agriscience 2015, 2016

Murray P.I. Speech Contest

2nd Place, 8th Grade Ag Explorations 2014

2nd Place, 9th Grade FFA Opportunities 2015

2nd Place, FFA Creed 2015

3rd Place, 8th, 9th, 10th General Ag 2015

2nd Place, Animal Science 2016

2nd Place, Plant Science 2017

SE District Speech Contest- Murray

3rd Place, 9th Grade Opportunities 2015

3rd Place, FFA Creed 2015

5th Place, Plant Science 2017

1st Place, Jr. Parliamentary Procedure 2015

1st Place, Sr. Parliamentary Procedure 2017

SE District Speech Contest- EOSC

1st Place, 8th Grade Ag Explorations 2014

2nd Place, Animal Science 2016

2nd Place, Jr. Parliamentary Procedure 2016



“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” -Thomas Edison

“Just do it already!” This was the last thing I heard right before I leaped off of my roof and landed on the trampoline at age seven. I’d never been more scared to do anything in my life. I thought I was going to die. Then I realized I’d never know what it’s like until I at least attempt it. The feeling was indescribable at the time. It was a rush of energy mixed with pure excitement. I remember that being exactly how I felt the first day I joined FFA. I walked in and I knew that this organization was created for me. I’d found my place in life. I still hit bumps in the road sometimes, however. Just like jumping off the roof, when I entered my very first speech contest my nerves were off the wall. I couldn’t think straight and I couldn’t remember a single word of what I had already had memorized for weeks. It was terrifying. When it was my turn to go, I went up there and delivered my 8th Grade Ag Explorations Speech to the best of my ability...and I placed first! You never know what you can accomplish if you don’t even try. FFA Members It would be the greatest honor to not only get the opportunity to wear this jacket for 365 more days but to serve you while doing it.

Sincerely,

Showna Cooper

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PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTINUED

1st Place, Sr. Parliamentary Procedure 2016

OSU State Interscholastics

State Finalist, 8th Grade Ag Explorations 2014

3rd Place, Jr. Parliamentary Procedure 2015

State Finalist, Animal Science 2016

4th Place, Jr. Parliamentary Procedure 2016

State Champions, Sr. Parliamentary Procedure 2016

State Runner-Up, Sr. Parliamentary Procedure 2017

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Soil and Water Conservation

Connors State College

3rd Place Team

EOSC

3rd Place Team

Murray

4th Place Team

EXHIBITION RECORD

Marshall County Junior Livestock Association

One Sheep Premium Qualifier 2014

One Steer Premium Qualifier 2014

Two Pig Premium Qualifiers 2015

One Heifer Premium Qualifier 2016

One Pig Premium Qualifier 2016

One Pig Premium Qualifier 2017

Oklahoma Youth Expo

Exhibited Pigs 2014-2017

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Scholastic Achievements

4.2 overall HS GPA

National Honor Society 2016, 2017, 2018

National Junior Honor Society 2012-2013

Business Professionals of America

Secretary 2015-2016

Student Council 2014-2018

Speech and Drama 2014-2018

Speech Captain 2017-2018

Varsity Cheerleading 2016-2018

Cheer Captain 2017-2018

COMMUNITY/LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Oakview Baptist Church Youth Group 2012-2018

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 2013, 2014

Nursing Home Volunteer Once a Month 2014-2018

Veterans Day Ceremony Speaker 2014 -2017

Pet Vaccination Clinic 2014 -2017

Canned Food Drive 2014 -2017

SAE

My SAE has consisted of raising and exhibiting swine, beef, and sheep. I have been showing since I was nine and have truly come to love the hard work and dedication needed to raise animals. It has taught me responsibility and life lessons that I'll use for the rest of my life.

Future Plans

After Graduating high school, I plan to attend the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School in Ardmore to further my education. I intend to focus primarily on hair and get a job as a hair stylist in my hometown of Madill, Oklahoma.

The Battiest FFA Chapter

Proudly Presents

Drew Hardaway

Candidate for

Southeast Area Vice-President

FFA Leadership Activities

Chapter Officer

- President 2017-2018
- Vice-President 2016-2017
- Secretary 2015-2016

Washington Leadership Conference 2017

State Officer Goodwill Tour 2015

SE Area COLT Conference 2015-2017

Made for Excellence

- Attendee, 2013-2015

Advance Leadership Development

- Attendee, 2016, 2017

National FFA Convention 2015, 2016

Oklahoma FFA State Convention 2014-2018

- State FFA Degree 2018
- Voting Delegate 2015-2017

Oklahoma FFA Alumni Camp 2014-2017

- Flag Ceremony Team 2017

FFA Day at the Capital 2016

Battiest FFA Chapter Activities

- Chapter Banquet 2014-2017
 - Star Farmer 2016, 2017
 - Star Greenhand 2015
 - Star Discovery 2014
- Officer Retreat 2015, 2016
- Animal Education Day 2017, 2018
- Chapter Fundraising
 - Blue and Gold Top Salesman 2015
 - T&D Meats Top Salesman 2016
 - Fresh Country Fruits Top Salesman 2017
- Labor Auction 2016, 2017



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others” –Mahatma Gandhi

As FFA members we strive to be great at what we do ...

We work tirelessly in the barn preparing for a big show.
We spend countless hours memorizing speeches.
We wake up early to attend a judging practice.

But, how do we know if we have truly succeeded in life?

I have been told my success is not measured by the number of medals, plaques or trophies that I receive, but instead the number of lives I help change for the better. The first time I was told this, I brushed it off without much thought. However, when I took time to study the phrase I discovered the truth in it. While competing in the ring, speech room and judging contests, what have I truly gained if I did not make a positive difference in those around me? In these small moments, I had the opportunity to encourage my sister, support younger members and believe in my teammates.

Everywhere I go I must spread a positive attitude so the world around me may be changed for the better. I know in my heart if I fulfill this purpose, then I can look back on my life and truly say I have succeeded. Over the past five years, I have found my passion and drive in FFA. I am fortunate to have come from an agricultural community, and I have been blessed with friends God has placed in my life through FFA. Now, it is my turn to give back to this organization that has given me so much. I will strive to encourage you, support you and believe in you. I would be extremely honored to serve the Oklahoma FFA as your 2018-2019 Southeast Area Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Drew Hardaway".

Drew Hardaway

Career Development Events

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Southeast Area

- 3rd Animal Science 2016
- 4th Animal Science 2017
- FFA Creed 2015

Idabel District

- 1st Animal Science 2017
- 2nd Animal Science 2016
- 2nd FFA Creed 2015

American Farmers & Ranchers

- 2nd State Senior AFR/OFU 2017
- 2nd SE District Senior AFR/OFU 2017

EOSC Speech Contest

- 2nd FFA Creed 2015
- 3rd Animal Science 2017

Murray State College Speech Contest

- 2nd Animal Science 2016

McCurtain County Speech Contest

- 1st Animal Science 2017
- 1st Animal Science 2016
- 1st FFA Creed 2015

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

- 5th Overall Senior Team State 2017
- 2nd Overall Senior Team SE Area 2017
- 3rd Overall Junior Team SE Area 2016
- 1st Overall Senior Team EOSC CDE Contest 2017
- 2nd Overall Senior Team MSC CDE Contest 2017

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- High Individual McCurtain County Fair 2016
- 3rd Overall Junior EOSC CDE Contest 2015
- 4th Overall Junior MSC CDE Contest 2014

GREENHAND QUIZ

- 3rd Idabel District 2014

Exhibition Record

Tulsa State Fair

- 4th Place in class, Commercial Ewe 2016

Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair

- Breed Champion Market Lamb 2016
- 14th Overall Market Lamb 2015

McCurtain County Fair

- 4th Overall Market Lamb 2015
- 5th Overall Market Lamb Spring 2016

- 6th Overall Market Lamb 2017
- 8th Overall Market Lamb 2016

School and Community Activities

- 4.0 Ag-Ed GPA
- Class President 2015-2016
- Class Vice-President 2016-2017
- Class Secretary 2017-2018
- AFR Youth Advisory Council 2017-2018
- AFR Youth Leadership Summit 2015-2017
- Varsity Basketball Team Captain 2016-2017
- Academic Bowl Team Captain 2016-2017
- Gifted & Talented 2012-2018
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes President 2017-2018
- National Honor Society 2015-2018
- Pickens Assembly of God member 2009-2018
- Battiest 4-H President 2015-2016
- Tri-County 4-H Camp SGL 2015-2017
- OSU Future Collegiate Leaders Conference 2017
- Legislative Page 2017
- Piano Entertainment at Oklahoma House of Representatives 2017

Supervised Agriculture Experience

My SAE consists of a diversified livestock operation. I focus on sheep and cattle in both placement and entrepreneurship. I have a small herd of commercial cattle in which I run a cow/calf operation, market steers and keep heifers to help expand the operation. I also buy market lambs for exhibition, afterwards I sell them or donate them to the Oklahoma FFA Hunger Challenge. I have exhibited my livestock for five years at the Oklahoma Youth Expo, Tulsa State Fair, spring and fall county fairs, various jackpots and qualified for seven premium sales.

Future Plans

After graduating from Battiest High School, I plan to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Animal Science. Upon Graduating from OSU, I plan on pursuing a career as a large animal veterinarian and continue to expand my cattle herd and later pursue a position as a Senator or Representative for the state of Oklahoma.