

Brooklyn FFA goes to the 84th annual National FFA Convention

On October 16, 2011, the Brooklyn FFA Chapter headed to Indianapolis, IN for the 84th annual National FFA Convention. The convention, which is held every October, is one of the largest annual student conventions in the country, with 55,000 FFA members and guest attending each year. The convention lasted from October 19-22. The first part of the convention was the Career Show. FFA members and guest walked through the crowded convention center to booths from colleges that offered some form of agricultural classes and FFA sponsors and supporters. The second part of the convention was held in Conseco Fieldhouse, the home of the Indiana Pacers. The National officers and guest keynote speakers pumped everyone while presenting speeches on leadership, faith, and believing, which was the theme of the convention. The phrase "I Believe" was sung, told, and chanted many times. Colton Holder, Joey White, David Sumrall, Jake Hatten, Andy Thatcher, Kelli Polk, and myself, left the convention with more pride for the FFA. The experience was amazing, as well as life changing.

Our ride to Indianapolis took many miles, and, many rest stops. While in Nashville, we stopped to take a tour of the Nashville Auto Diesel College campus. Our guide took us from classroom to shop and showed us what an average day is like at NADC.

I Believe...We Believe...We ARE FFA!

Ashley Oleson, Brooklyn FFA Chapter Secretary



Left to right back row: Mr. Ross, David Sumrall, Andy Thatcher, Jake Hatten, Colton Holder, Joey White, Miss Drinkard. Front Row: Kelli Polk, Ashley Oleson.