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New Mexico Graduate Named National FFA President

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce that Ryan Best, a graduate of Elida High School, was recently named President of the National FFA organization for the 2011-12 year at the 84th Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Formerly known as Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization provides agricultural education to 540,379 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,489 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Originally from Portales, N.M., Ryan Best is currently a junior at New Mexico State University in pursuit of a major in agricultural and extension education and a minor in agricultural economics and business. He has been named a Crimson honors student and was named to the Dean's List his freshman and sophomore years. A member of the Elida High School FFA Chapter in Elida, N.M., led by advisor Rodney Savage, he is the son of Kent and Sherri Best.

For the next year, Best and his national officer peers will be the face and spirit of FFA. Collectively, they'll travel more than 100,000 miles throughout the country as they engage top leaders in business, government and education and lead a host of personal growth and leadership training seminars for FFA members. The team will also help set policies that will shape the future of the National FFA Organization and promote agricultural literacy in general.



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