

NEWSLETTER

THE RISING SUN

Eastmont FFA

With the oncoming of COVID-19, times have changed, including the FFA. But through these hard times, we still have soldiered on and done our best to make the most of it.

As the year approaches, our new officers have worked hard to set up amazing plans with the restriction of COVID-19. Over the summer, the officers took a two-day "retreat" to come up with some amazing events for this year, both virtual and in person. We are happy to announce that we have 12 officers this year! Not to mention we have three of whom are also a part of the District Officer team. Congratulations to Madelynn E. for President, Pedro M. for V.P., and Hannah P. for treasurer.

"I really liked it. I feel like the new officers got a good insight on what an officer is really about. It was super informational, which was helpful! I also really enjoyed that we all got to see each other and feel like a family again. Overall really great experience."

-*Jessalyn A*

President- Pedro M.
V.P- Josie M.
Secretary- Ivy C.
Treasurer- Hannah P.
Reporter- Riggan S.
Sentinel- Citlali M.
Historian- Madelyn E.
Growing Leaders Chair- Emilie'Ann S.
Building Communities Chair- Daniela H.
Strengthening Ag Chair- Nataly G.
National Chapter Co-Chairs- Jessalyn A. & Monse G.



"I definitely think it went well. I think almost everyone was consistently sharing their opinions and ideas. I know for me it was challenging to stay focused because it was virtual, but I think it went as well as it could've virtually. It's definitely a different experience from having everyone together in person but I think the advisors did a great job staying organized and trying to make it as special as possible under the circumstances." -*Josie M.*

Even though it broke our hearts to not do fair in person, it was still a huge success for the FFA.

Our FFA members participated in a virtual online auction to sell their animals, and sold every single one. Our advisors were able to safely distribute each animal to their buyers.



Officer Spotlight

Name--Pedro M.

Position- President

Favorite CDE/LDE- Creed/Judging

Favorite FFA event- Banquet

Favorite food- Tacos

Why did you become an officer- To represent our chapter and being able to interact with the members more



Name--Josie M.

Position- V.P.

Favorite CDE/LDE- Apple Judging

Favorite FFA event- FFA State

Favorite food- Fettuccine Alfredo

Why did you become an officer- I wanted to become more involved with FFA and the decision making/event planning process.

Name- Ivy C.

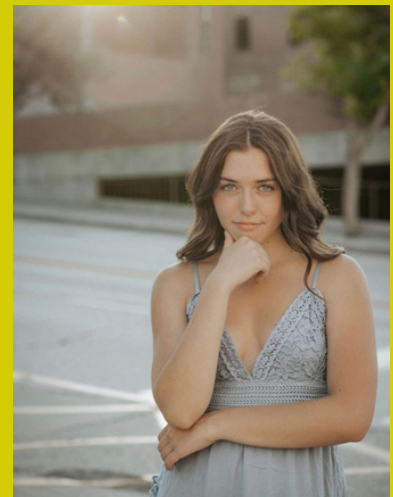
Position- Secretary

Favorite CDE/LDE- Showing Animals

Favorite FFA event- Wreath Making

Favorite food- Pretzels

Why did you become an officer- To get more involved with FFA



Tips & Tricks for Online Learning

Covid-19 has made many things difficult, especially school. So we have put together some tips and tricks to deal with this difficult year. We've asked some teachers and students some questions as to their inside tricks for online school.

Brynn K.

Q. Do you have any weird hacks to help with online school?

A. I turn on the FM radio station so someone is always talking in the background. For me it's better than sitting in silence and listening to my dogs play all the time.

Q. Do you have any extra information that would be helpful?

A. Be really patient, both students and teachers. No one has ever really done this before and no one had the greatest Wi-Fi of all time.



Ryan D.

Q. What do you do to set up a learning environment?

A. I find a quiet place with no distractions

Q. If you have questions, how do you go about answering them?

A. I email the person I need to ask

Mrs. Julson

Q. What do you do to set up your environment for school?

A. I have a regular desktop and laptop out in case my computer spazzes out. In the lab, I pin the myself to the middle and have chat open while demonstrating what happens in the lab so i can see what my students see and if they have questions.

Q. Any Extra important info for students?

A. When emailing questions, make it professional. USE THE SUBJECT LINE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. Also CHECK YOUR GRADES!



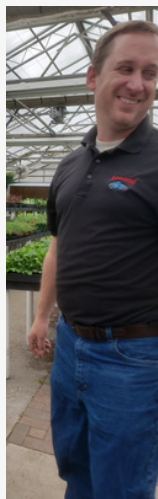
Mr. Hammerberg

Q. If a student has a question, how should they go about getting it answered?

A. Ask questions in any form you feel comfortable with using. Email, using the chat, asking on the meeting, etc.

Q. Any helpful Info for students?

A. Important to organize your life. Review what you did yesterday and today to prepare. Organization is really important especially with this form of learning. Use your computer, phone, timers, and planning ahead can be helpful. Also, Please check in often to know where you are with your grades and learning.



Our Newest Owl



Olivia Abbott, a Cashmere graduate, will be joining the FFA with us this year as an Ag Teacher and advisor. Taking over for our beloved Ms. Crane, Ms. Abbott will be teaching Animal Bio and Intro to AG at the Jr. High. We have asked her some questions for our members to get to know her better. Congratulations Ms. Abbott and welcome back to FFA!

1) Why'd you become an Ag Teacher/ FFA advisor?

-I became a FFA advisor/ Ag teacher because of how much my high school ag teachers helped me to grow. I helped coach some of the creed speakers my sophomore year of high school, and I remember my ag teacher looking at me before the competition and saying, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" I just said I wanted to do something in agriculture. His response was " I think you should be an ag teacher." from that day forward I knew that's what I wanted to do. My ag teachers helped me to grow and be the best version of myself I could have been. I want to be able to do that for my students!

2) Where did you graduate college?

- I graduated from Washington State University in May of 2020. I got a bachelors degree in Agricultural Food Systems, with a major in Agricultural Education

3) What is your favorite CDE/LDE?

-My favorite CDE is Meats Evaluation! I participated in high school with a team who won state and placed second at Nationals. I then used that experience to get a job at Cougar Quality Meats where I worked all through college. I also competed at a national level in college in 2019.

4) What is your advice to FFA members?

- My advice to FFA members would be to make sure you are stepping outside of your comfort zone. If you want to grow as a person you have to be uncomfortable at times. In the end it is worth it to be the best version of yourself you can be.

5) Why do you love FFA?

-I LOVE FFA because there is something for everyone to do. The stereotype is that FFA is just for farmers, but it is so much more than that. You have opportunities to gain skills that you can use in the real world outside of farming. It gives you a chance to prove your knowledge in a competition setting, and everyone has a competitive side to them. There are so many other reasons, but that is just an example.

Social media has proven to be helpful during this time with keeping everyone connected and informed. The Eastmont FFA has done the same by using Facebook, Instagram, and even our own website. You can find our social media's by searching [eastmontffa](https://www.facebook.com/eastmontffa) to find out what we are up to and to be up to date on events. Our website has information on classes, officers, events, CDE/LDE's, and websites that can be used for Ag classes. <https://sites.google.com/eastmont206.org/eastmont-ffa-chapter/home>