

2016 California State Beef Ambassador Team

Northern Region State Beef Ambassadors

Jordan Somervill- Placer Nevada County I am proud to represent Northern California on the 2016 State Beef Ambassador Team! I am the 18 year-old son of Dominick and Heather Blancarte, and a senior at Bear River High School. I live in the beautiful Sierra Foothills in the small town of Grass Valley. Coming from an urban background and now living in a rural setting, I see the ever-growing gap between consumers and producers. I am genuinely excited to spend the next year breaking down walls of misconception, and sharing the true beef story.

I am deeply involved in the National FFA Organization, competing all around the state in public speaking contests. I have also shown at the California State Fair for the past two years coming home with a few banners. Besides FFA I have also been immensely involved in my school's student body. I couldn't be more excited to serve on this team of amazing individuals, and can't wait to see what this year has in store for us!

Adam Blalock- Shasta County Adam Blalock is 16 and is dual-enrolled at Foothill High School and Shasta College. He is a member of Foothill 4-H where he is a Teen Leader for the Beef Project. He is also working as a Land Management intern for the McConnell Foundation in Redding, learning about native grasses and rotational grazing. Adam plans to transfer to a 4-year university to study forestry and range management.

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Alyssa Mondani- Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento County Alyssa Mondani is a sixth generation cattle rancher. She was born into the cattle ranching tradition. She has had the opportunity to either continue the tradition or find a different path. She has not only chosen to continue the tradition but to improve upon it. Alyssa is currently her FFA chapter's secretary with the ambition of becoming president. She is highly involved in showing beef cattle. She also recently received her State FFA degree. She has plans to go on to college and major in beef cattle genetics

Ashley Mabery-Alameda County Ashley Mabery is 15 years old and a sophomore at Livermore High School. She is an active FFA member and shows cattle and horses. Ashley serves as the reporter for the Livermore FFA chapter, competes in various contests and is on the livestock judging team. After high school, Ashley plans to attend Colorado State or Texas A&M University. She will study hard to earn her masters of veterinary science and become an equine surgeon. Ashley is hard-working and determined and will stop at nothing to achieve her goals and do the right things.

Southern Region Beef Ambassadors:

Tanya Enlow-San Diego County Tanya Enlow is currently living in Fallbrook, California where she is participating in her alumni year of 4-H and FFA. Tanya is also working at KND Shorthorns and Temecula Creek Equine as a large animal vet tech. At the same time Tanya is a full time college student at Mira Costa Community College and will be transferring to University of California Davis in the fall of 2018 to help start her future career as a large animal vet.

Samantha Nielsen Carver-Kern County Samantha Nielsen Carver is the fourth generation of the Carver family to live and ranch in Woody, California. Samantha attended a one-room schoolhouse in Woody from kindergarten to eighth grade. Now a freshman at North High School in Bakersfield, Samantha has served as a Jr. Beef Ambassador for two years and is an active member of the North High FFA. She is a Greenhand Officer and plans to continue in her FFA experience throughout high school. Samantha loves working on her family's cattle ranch, riding her horses, training her dogs, and educating others about beef agriculture. She is the great-great granddaughter of Helen Carver, the first president of California CattleWomen.