

2019 IAFE Rising Star Recipient

Emily Grunewald

Red River Valley Fair Association, West Fargo, North Dakota



Emily grew up in Central California on her family's cattle ranch. Throughout her youth, she exhibited cattle, market hogs, rabbits, and market lambs in 4-H and FFA. This upbringing made her an agriculture advocate and a passion for the fair industry and educating the public on livestock and the life of a rancher. As the fair livestock &

Big Iron Farm Show coordinator, Emily is driven, hard-working, and makes the encouragement of youth her number one priority during fair time. She works with the fair's Ag Education Center to present pertinent topics that teach attendees new and exciting topics in the Farm to Fork areas of the center. During the fair, Emily works closely with all of her livestock superintendents to make sure they all have proper training and everything necessary to do their duties.

She currently serves as the vice chair of the IAFE YPI Steering Committee and serves as a member of the IAFE Membership, Agriculture, and the 2020 Convention Planning Committees. She graduated from the IAFE Institute of Fair Management in 2017.

Emily has served as a Humboldt County 4-H leader and as a food court volunteer for the Barnesville Potato Days for the past three years. She also serves as Barnesville Elementary PTO president and as treasurer for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Barnesville, Minn.

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