

## FFA officers attend leadership training

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The Gothenburg FFA Chapter sent their new officers to Colt 2013 (chapter officer leadership training), in Aurora. This year's Colt conference theme was Ready Set Play.

The officers learned about purposeful leadership and how they as individuals can impact their chapter. This year's Colt conference was designed to provide opportunities for individual member development, to build a strong chapter membership, and to serve the larger community.

They began by breaking into individual groups based on their office. The groups were led by the Nebraska State FFA officers. They attended workshops that were designed to enhance their leadership skills and to teach them their roles and responsibilities of their office. They also had time to break into chapter groups and develop new actives to implement into the new year as a team.

"I gained new things and ideas that I can apply to my chapter," said Gothenburg FFA parliamentarian Hailey Maline.

During the conference the officers came up with new ideas they can apply to the chapter. They made many friends, one of them being the 2012-13 National FFA Southern Region vice president Wiley Bailey.

It was an overall great experience for the new officer team.

"My favorite part was meeting new people and interacting with new state officers," said Gothenburg FFA vice president Amanda Kowalewski.

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The officers weren't the only ones at Colt from Gothenburg.

Morgan Kowalewski, the Nebraska FFA reporter, was there doing the duties of a state officer. She worked with the reporters. Her favorite part about being a state officer is meeting all of the members from across the state. She said she is amazed about how many people she has been able to guide and help them grow as leaders and as individuals.

Becoming a state officer has impacted Morgan in many ways.



“I have pushed way past my comfort zone and have met some amazing people,” she said. “I feel like I am in the position to impact a lot of people but also to have those people impact me. I’m excited to continue my year of impacting and being impacted.”

MaKaela Franzen, Gothenburg

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