

Nick Plaughter hails from Clarksburg, WV. Clarksburg is the county seat of Harrison County, which has been fortunate enough to contain multiple Ag. programs. Nick spent his high school years at Liberty High School; where he served as 2016-2017 Treasurer and 2017-2018 President of the Liberty FFA Chapter. Nick was advised by Mrs. Brianne McCauley, Mr. Russell Kidwell, and Mr. Zach Tennant. While at Liberty, Nick competed in multiple CDE/LDE contests including: Farm Business Management, Marketing Plan, Job Interview/Employment Skills, and lastly, Land Judging and Homesite Evaluation. Land Judging and Homesite Evaluation is Nick's personal favorite. This past year his team was able to place 1st in the Northcentral region with Nick achieving 1st place individual in both contests. This team, coached by Advisor Zach Tennant, consisted of Nick and his three friends Ben, Connor, and Jacob were able to move on to the State Contest earning #1 team overall and the right to compete for titles at the National Land and Range contest in Oklahoma this coming spring.

Nick had multiple SAEs while in high school. Nick had various placements and entrepreneurship. He ran a landscaping company sub-contracting from his father's home improvement business, worked as a supervisor on an Angus farm in Salem, WV, and also worked a summer at an oil/gas contracting company as a laborer. Nick enjoyed learning all the lessons and skills these jobs had to offer. His favorite was working with the cattle on the farm because he does not come from a family farm like most people tend to think! The FFA welcomes those from any background, Nick is a perfect example of a non-farmer finding their home in the FFA Organization.

Apart from the FFA, Nick was very involved in many other activities during high school. He was a member of the Liberty Football Team and Strength and Conditioning program. He also helped with student council and ran track for two years. Since graduation, Nick has enrolled at West Virginia University pursuing a degree in Agricultural and Extension Education. He hopes to teach and impact his future students the way his educators and FFA Advisors have done for him; to help build a new generation of agriculturists.