



2024 JUNIOR BOARD

SUZI FREDRICKS

Hometown: Milo, IA

Background: I have been involved in the swine industry since I was 8 years old. My family does not raise hogs, however, I have been involved in the showing side of the swine industry for the past 9 years. Within my time in this industry, I have had a very successful show career showing both purebred and crossbred gilts and barrows. In 2018, I exhibited the Grand Champion Gilt at the Warren Country Fair and participated in the South Central Showdown that same year. I exhibited the Champion Landrace Gilt at the Iowa State Fair 4-H swine show in 2020, 2021, and 2022. In 2022, I also exhibited the Champion Landrace Barrow at the Iowa State Fair 4-H swine show. During the 2023 show season, I was ranked in the top 10 Senior Showmen in the ISJS. At the Warren County Fair, I exhibited the Champion Purebred Gilt, along with being named Master Swine Showman after many successful years of being named Champion Showman in my respective age Division. At the Iowa State Fair FFA swine show, I exhibited the Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt and Barrow. I was also ranked in the top 5 showmen. In June, at The Exposition, I was a Semi-Finalist in the Intermediate Division of Showmanship, I was also ranked in the top 20 Individuals in the Intermediate Division at The Exposition Swine Judging Contest. To round off the 2023 season, I was ranked in the top 10 Senior Showmen at the National Barrow Show.

Why the ISJS Board: I have always been passionate about the livestock industry as a whole. The livestock industry has always been a part of my life and the swine industry, in particular, has made the greatest impact on me as a person. I want to be a part of the continuous growth of the ISJS organization. With my past leadership and industry-based experience, I believe that I would make a good addition to the ISJS Junior Board, and hope to inspire others to grow and learn within the industry as others have done for me.

Future Goals: I am going to graduate high school at the end of May 2024. From there, I plan on continuing my show career throughout the summer until I start the fall semester at college. I plan to attend Northwest Missouri State University in the fall. While attending I will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science.

Advice to Younger ISJS Members: The best piece of advice I could give to any member of ISJS, especially the younger members, is to stay involved. No matter what may be going on at your homestead or in your school life, ISJS is a community, a family almost, of members who want to see each other succeed. The comradery that I see at every ISJS-sanctioned show is unlike any other I've ever been involved with. The ISJS fosters an immensely positive environment for personal growth and development, which is unlike any other organization.