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Barnwell High School Senior Recognized Statewide

Barnwell, S.C. November 12, 2021 – Barnwell High School senior, Weston Sandifer, was recently awarded 1 of 4 South Carolina Future Farmers of America (SC FFA) State Fair Scholarships during a brief ceremony held in the Abernathy Arena at the 2021 SC State Fair. The honor was presented to Weston by SC FFA Association's President Cayden Gates along with State Vice President, Kinlyn Hinson. State Fair General Manager, Nancy Smith, provided remarks and assisted in the scholarship recognition as well.

Sandifer earned the \$500 scholarship for his involvement in the FFA at the local and state levels, academic excellence, community service, and his Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). His SAE takes place on his family's farm, Sandifer Family Farms, and includes experiences with 1000 acres of row crops, two Amick Farms Poultry houses, and a small cow/calf component that he recently added to the business. He has learned how to grow, maintain and harvest a variety of row crops, equipment maintenance needed across the operation, and some animal nutrition and care basics.

"The scholarship is very rewarding for me because of the lifetime dedication that my mom and dad have to the field of Agriculture. They have instilled in me the qualities that it takes to excel in the area of Agriculture," Sandifer shared. "The impact from my mom has been the energy that she demonstrates in teaching FFA to students in Barnwell County. I've been impacted by my dad, as well, because he has instilled the basic knowledge of what it takes to work on a farm and the work ethic it takes to be successful in the area of farming. I'm humbled to receive the scholarship and very thankful for my parents' encouragement throughout the years for the knowledge I've learned."

Sandifer plans to attend Clemson for an Agricultural Mechanization and Business Degree which will help him learn valuable skills needed to return as the 4th generation to manage the family farm. He is the son of Jeff and Mindy Sandifer.