we have engaged more students and increased their AFNR literacy and
desire to continue within the field.”

Overview
Mankato Area reestablished their program three years ago between
Mankato East and Mankato West high Schools
Ethan is CASE certified in the Introduction to AFNR course
Offers 7 different course that reaches 324 students per year
Mankato is an affiliated FFA Chapter

Experiential Learning
Students are required complete an immersion style SAE project
Follows the “SAE for All” Model to expose all students to new, lifelong
skills that are unique and important to each individual
2–Top 3 Proficiency applications, 7 State FFA degree recipients
26 students have participated in job shadows with local agribusinesses,
documenting 5,294 hours in the AET

Professional Growth
Active in MAAE, NAAE, MnACTE, ACTE and Education Minnesota
NAAE: FAST attendee and serves on the Professional Development
Committee
MAAE: Workshop presenter, Ideas unlimited participant
National FFA State Officer programs facilitator, Curriculum writer and
serves as an adjunct faculty member

FFA Highlights
Students participate in community service projects, leadership or com-
munity service hours each semester
Ethan has had 2–Top 10 CDE teams, 4 Regional CDE/LDE champions
and 1 Region officer and continues to follow a “Leadership Develop-
ment for All” model through classroom instruction

Partnerships
Created an AFNR Advisory board composed of local agribusinesses,
educators, parents, students and district staff members
Secured over $1.7 million in funding in private and public donors
Mankato FFA Alumni and Supporters provides scholarships for graduat-
ing seniors as well as coaches to assist in coaching local CDE teams
Strong local partnerships

“Im am continually impressed and inspired by the energy and time
Ethan has put into helping our district adopt a vision for AFNR, his stu-
dents leave his classroom being career and college-ready and able
to be productive members of the community through the local con-
nectors he has put into place.”
Kim Mueller, Career Pathway Coordinator

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