



# Victoria Harris

## National FFA Secretary

Age: 20

Birthdate: April 6, 1996

Hometown and State: Valrico, Fla.

Parents: Suzette and Jim Harris

Siblings: Ben, Nick

### **FFA Stats**

Chapter: Strawberry Crest FFA

Enterprise: Veterinary Assistance, Agriscience Research, Boer Goat Operation

State Office: 2014-15 Florida State FFA Secretary

### **College Stats**

Year: Sophomore

Major: Biology

School: University of Florida

College Activities: College of Ag Ambassador, running, hiking, watching TED Talks

Future Career Goal: To be a veterinarian working with food animal medicine.

When she first joined FFA, Victoria Harris wasn't sure of her place in the organization, but fellow members kept pulling her into the "game." She credits those FFA members for empowering her to live to her full potential. As a result, today she wants to continue to invest in the organization.

"My ultimate hope is that students, alumni, stakeholders and friends of FFA would realize how FFA impacts the lives of students," Harris says. "I firmly believe the blue jacket meets and accommodates the needs of every student who wears it."

Harris was elected to the 2016-17 National FFA Officer Team as secretary at the 89th National FFA Convention & Expo.

A biology major at the University of Florida, Harris is involved in the university's Freshman Leadership Council and she serves as an ambassador for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, as a facilitator for the Young Leaders Conference and as a mentor for the UF Middle School. A member of Strawberry Crest FFA, she served as chapter secretary (2013-14), federation treasurer (2013-14) and Florida State FFA Secretary (2014-15).

Harris's supervised agricultural experience is composed of a wide array of projects to help prepare her for a career in veterinary medicine. As she progressed in her veterinary assisting classes, she took on more projects to supplement her learning and provide a more holistic view of agriculture.

Upon graduation she hopes to continue her education at a college of veterinary medicine and specialize in food animal production. Her ideal career would be working with the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure the safety and health of animal agriculture.