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Competes against 'the best of the best'

Gothenburg's Rebecca Anderson earned gold earlier this month for her supervised agricultural experience dealing with the production and sales of alfalfa.

Anderson, a senior at Gothenburg High School, participated at the National FFA Convention Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 in an agricultural skills proficiency competition and placed just outside the top four finalists.

"It was neat to know that I worked and managed to make it to nationals," Anderson said. "I got to compete against the cream of the crop you could say,"

While competing at the national convention in Louisville is a big deal, she said, an even bigger accomplishment is the road Anderson took to qualify.

She won state last April in Lincoln and is one of few to compete at the national level from Gothenburg, ag teacher Dan Scherer said.

"It was exciting," she said. "It took a lot of work taking it from the local level to the national level. It's quite an accomplishment."

Anderson, who joined the local chapter as a sophomore, said she has grown to embrace the mottos of the largest student-led organization.

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“FFA is all about leadership, community service and teamwork and I see that in myself,” Anderson said.

Anderson plans to study pre-medicine in college.

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