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Emily Grunewald Recognized as Rising Star

SAN ANTONIO, TX — December 2, 2019 — During the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) 129th Annual Convention, Emily Grunewald of the Red River Valley Fair in West Fargo, N.D., was honored with the Rising Star Award, according to IAFE President and CEO Marla Calico. The Convention is being held Dec. 1-4 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

The Rising Star Award was created by the IAFE Young Professionals Initiative (YPI) to recognize leadership and industry contributions of young IAFE members. Nominees are any employee, volunteer, or board member under age 40 of a member fair, show, exposition, or exhibition in good standing with the IAFE.

Grunewald grew up in Central California on her family's cattle ranch. Throughout her youth, she exhibited cattle, market hogs, rabbits, and market lambs in 4-H and FFA. This upbringing made her an agriculture advocate and gave her a passion for the fair industry and educating the public on livestock and the life of a rancher. As the fair livestock and Big Iron Farm Show coordinator, Grunewald is driven, hard-working, and makes the encouragement of youth her No. 1 priority during fair time. Grunewald works with the fair's Ag Education Center to present pertinent topics that teach attendees new and exciting topics in the Farm to Fork areas of the center. During the fair, Grunewald works closely with all of her livestock superintendents to make sure they all have proper training and everything necessary to do their duties.

She currently serves as the vice chair of the IAFE YPI Steering Committee and serves as a member of the IAFE Membership, Agriculture, and the 2020 Convention Planning Committees. She graduated from the IAFE Institute of Fair Management in 2017.

Grunewald has served as a Humboldt County 4-H leader and as a food court volunteer for the Barnesville Potato Days for the past three years. She also serves as Barnesville Elementary PTO president and as treasurer for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Barnesville, Minn.

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