



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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NEWS RELEASE
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Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agriculture Communications Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 23, 2013. Members of the first place team included: Vincent Bushong, Clara Johnson, and Alex Brenner. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rick Swenson. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Communications Career Development Event in Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Hudson FFA Chapter from Hudson was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Emma Widner, Taylor Wulf, and Haylee Green. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. Haylee Green, Hudson FFA, Hudson, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 20 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agriculture Communications. The 60 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in news writing, electronic media, graphic design, as well as presenting a team communications project proposal. A written examination was included along with a copy editing activity.

The Iowa Soybean Association and the Iowa Farmer Today, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored plaques for the the Champion and Reserve Champion Individuals, and the top team and individuals in the

practicum areas of Designer, Electronic Media Specialist, and Press Writer; Knowledge Test, and the Project Proposal and Presentation. They also sponsored the rosettes for the top ten individuals, top ten teams, members of the top ten teams, and the Reserve Champion Team plaque and a cash donation for the winning team to travel to the National FFA Convention.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Hudson FFA, Hudson
- 3 Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
- 4 Estherville FFA, Estherville
- 5 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 6 Valley FFA, Elgin
- 7 Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
- 8 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 9 West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- 10 Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Top 10 Individuals

Haylee Green, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Clara Johnson, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Vincent Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Alex Brenner, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Calli McQuillen, Monticello FFA, Monticello
Rebecca Lair, Estherville FFA, Estherville
Brianna Enerson, Estherville FFA, Estherville
Kaylynn Jamieson, Albia FFA, Albia
Brianna Folsom, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Shauna Kerr, Valley FFA, Elgin

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Team Presentation

Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Knowledge Test

Team: Individual: Vincent Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

News Release Practicum

Press Release Practicum

Broadcast Practicum

Design Practicum

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (7)

Score Range (653 to 515.5)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Hudson FFA, Hudson
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Estherville FFA, Estherville
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Valley FFA, Elgin
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Silver Teams (7)

Score Range (491 to 462.25)

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Tri-County FFA, Thornburg
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Creston FFA, Creston

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (445.25 to 405)

Albia FFA, Albia

Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Indianola FFA, Indianola

Harlan FFA, Harlan

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

The Iowa FFA Association has 216 local chapters with 13,403 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 550,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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