



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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Hudson FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE

The Hudson FFA Chapter from Hudson was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 29, 2014. Members of the first place team included: Emma Widner, Madeline Herring, and Haylee Green. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. They will represent Iowa at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in October. The Independence FFA Chapter from Independence was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Molly Gustafson, Brittney Fuller, and Abigail Bolton. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Rachael Emig.

FFA members from 20 chapters participated in this year's career development event. The event provided students the opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of agricultural communications. The 60 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in feature story writing, electronic media and graphic design as well as presented a team media plan. High individual for the writing practicum was Nicholas Morgan from the Roland-Story FFA Chapter. Heidi Kaestner from the Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne was named the high individual for the electronic media practicum. Top design practicum was Carolyn Truman from the Cascade FFA Chapter. Each practicum winner was awarded with a plaque.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event was sponsored by Iowa Soybean

Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Champion and reserve champion teams were presented with plaques and rosettes. Plaques were also presented to the champion practicum team, top written plan and top presentation. Plaques were also presented to the champion practicum team, top written plan team and top presentation team. Other top ten teams were also presented with rosettes.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Hudson FFA, Hudson
- 2 Independence FFA Chapter
- 3 Tri-County FFA, Thornburg
- 4 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 5 Albia FFA, Albia
- 6 Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- 7 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 8 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 9 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 10 Monticello FFA, Monticello

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Team Presentation

Independence FFA Chapter

Writing Practicum

Nicholas Morgan, Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Electronic Media Practicum

Heidi Kaestner, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Graphic Design Practicum

Carolyn Trumm, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (558.5 to 488.5)

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Independence FFA Chapter

Tri-County FFA, Thornburg

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Albia FFA, Albia

Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (484.5 to 411.5)

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (382.5 to)

Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
Creston FFA, Creston
Cardinal FFA, Eldon

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 14,200 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of nearly 580,000 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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