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News Release

Montezuma FFA Wins 2015 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on October 10, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Ashley Armstrong, Zachary Henry, Breck Goodman, and Angelle Wernimont. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. The Brokaw FFA Chapter from Clarinda was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Annie Wallin, Jonathan McNees, Skie Campbell, and Tyler Luckado. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Andrew Johnson. Jonathan McNees, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The top five teams will represent Iowa at the National Land Judging Event in May of 2015 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. AGWSR FFA Chapter from Ackley, Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter from Manson, and Boyden-Hull FFA Chapter from Hull will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 29 chapters, including 114 individuals 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 Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Calcium Products, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorship provided covered awards recognition of the top ten teams and individuals as well as a travel stipend for the national qualifying teams. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Amber Anderson-Mba of Iowa State University coordinated the event.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 3 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 4 Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
- 5 Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
- 6 Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
- 7 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 8 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 9 Adel DeSoto Minburn
- 10 Algona FFA, Algona

Top 10 Individuals

- Jonathan McNees, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Ashley Armstrong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Breck Goodman, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Dylan Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn
Miguel Mena, Harlan FFA, Harlan
Ashlee Grady, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Zachary Henry, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Trevor Clawson, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Mariah Vos, Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
Jamison Te Slaa, Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Individual: Dylan Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn

Pit Evaluation

Team: AGWSR FFA, Ackley **Individual:** Trevor Clawson, AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (16)

Score Range (500 to 435)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
Wapello FFA, Wapello
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Adel DeSoto Minburn
Algona FFA, Algona
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Harlan FFA, Harlan
Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
Columbus FFA, Columbus Junction
Orient-Macksburg FFA, Orient

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (428 to 404)

Keota FFA, Keota
East Union FFA, Afton
Des Moines FFA, Des Moines
Pella FFA, Pella
Osage FFA, Osage
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Adair-Casey FFA, Adair
Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (383 to 279)

South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
Boone A&M FFA, Boone
Central Community FFA. Elkader
Decorah FFA, Decorah
Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 225 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.