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News Release

Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Sales CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agriculture Sales Career Development Event (CDE) held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 11, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Daniel Bryan, Mya Pargeon, Harry Hamilton, and Jesse Moyer. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Sales Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Ryan Calvert, Kole Beik, Summer Neece, and Hannah Spies. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. Jesse Moyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 58 chapters participated in this year's CDE designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agriculture Sales. The 232 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test, made a sales presentation, and performed a customer relations practicum. All team members worked together to prepare a marketing plan and make an oral presentation of the plan to the judges.

The Iowa FFA Ag Sales CDE was made possible with support from Nationwide through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The event was coordinated and conducted by Alaina Imhoff of Mediapolis. A total of 30 area agriculture business and sales personnel from the surrounding area served as judges.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 3 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 4 Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 5 Grinnell FFA
- 6 Keota FFA, Keota
- 7 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 8 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 9 Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
- 10 Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton

Top 10 Individuals

- Jesse Moyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Hailey Rozeboom, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Harry Hamilton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Max Wetzell, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Kole Beik, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Summer Neece, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Caleb Heinselman, Grinnell FFA
Ryan Calvert, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Daniel Bryan, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Arin Howell, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Sales Presentations

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma Individual: Jesse Moyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma Individual

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma Individual: Jacee De Vries, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (15)

Score Range (1012 to 802)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Wapello FFA, Wapello
Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Grinnell FFA
Keota FFA, Keota
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton
North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine
Hudson FFA, Hudson
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Bronze Teams (22)

Score Range (669 to 241)

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
West Fork FFA
Boyer Valley FFA, Dunlap
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Washington FFA, Washington
Newton FFA, Newton
ACGC FFA
Easton Valley FFA at Preston
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa
North Scott FFA, Eldridge
Creston FFA, Creston
West Central Valley FFA, Stuart
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Winterset FFA, Winterset
East Buchanan, Winthrop
Rockford FFA, Rockford
Moravia FFA, Moravia
Twin Cedars FFA, Bussey
Western Christian FFA, Hull
Woodward-Granger FFA, Woodward

Silver Teams (21)

Score Range (789.5 to 680.5)

West Branch FFA, West Branch
Charles City FFA, Charles City
Lenox FFA Chapter
East Marshall FFA, Le Grand
Algona FFA, Algona
South Hamilton FFA, Jewell
Ballard FFA, Huxley
Tri-Center FFA, Neola
Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
Harlan FFA, Harlan
English Valleys FFA, North English
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
Cascade FFA
Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
North Polk FFA, Alleman
East Union FFA, Afton
Aplington-Parkersburg FFA, Parkersburg
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 232 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.