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## **News Release**

# **PELLA FFA CHAPTER WINS 2018 STATE FFA HORSE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The Pella FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 12, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Camryn Norton, Zachariah Thorson, and Shianne Votava. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jacob Bowers. They will represent Iowa at the National Horse Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Regan Demmer, Madison Strief, and Trenton Hammerand. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Luke Rauen. Madison Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 25 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 Equine Science. The 72 individual contestants evaluated halter and performance classes. They also answered questions over the classes and gave oral reasons to explain their placings. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. RAM Truck Brand, Standlee, Tractor Supply Company, and Wahl Clipper Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

The Horse Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Rhonda Clough of Kirkwood Community College at the Iowa Equestrian Center.

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

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Pella FFA Chapter
- 2 West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
- 3 Atlantic FFA Chapter
- 4 Monticello FFA Chapter
- 5 Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
- 6 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 7 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 8 Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner
- 9 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 10 Belle Plaine FFA Chapter

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Madison Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth  
Taylor Mccreedy, Atlantic FFA Chapter  
Shianne Votava, Pella FFA Chapter  
Madison Kelchen, Cascade FFA Chapter  
Hannah Cook, Belle Plaine FFA Chapter  
Gabrielle Steiner, Monticello FFA Chapter  
Camryn Norton, Pella FFA Chapter  
Amy Harkins, Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon  
Emma Frohling, Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner  
Lauren Jaschke, North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

## **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

### **Halter Classes**

**Team:** Pella FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Kaylee Goddard, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Performance Classes**

**Team:** South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell      **Individual:** Madison Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

### **Oral Reasons and Questions**

**Team:** West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth      **Individual:** Madison Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** Pella FFA Chapter

## **Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

### **Gold Teams (11)**

Score Range (1429 to 1300)

Pella FFA Chapter  
West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth  
Atlantic FFA Chapter  
Monticello FFA Chapter  
Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon  
Mediapolis FFA Chapter  
Cascade FFA Chapter  
Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner  
Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Belle Plaine FFA Chapter  
North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

### **Silver Teams (6)**

Score Range (1279 to 1191)

Des Moines FFA Chapter  
South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell  
Indianola FFA Chapter  
Denison FFA Chapter  
Kingsley Pierson FFA Chapter  
HLV FFA Chapter at Victor

### **Bronze Teams (8)**

Score Range (1087 to 485)

Orient-Macksburg FFA Chapter  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter  
New Hampton FFA Chapter  
Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco  
Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter  
Alburnett FFA Chapter  
Mount Ayr FFA Chapter  
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 student members as part of 235 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.