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News Release

North Scott FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE

AMES, Iowa--The North Scott FFA Chapter from Eldridge was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on April 15, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Taylor Mayhue, Caden Romero, Glory Hansel, and Kara Rohlf. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Jacob Hunter and Mrs Jen Westphal. The West Dubuque FFA Chapter from Epworth was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Ashley Auderer, Trenton Hammerand, Rachel Kraphl, and Nicole Gudenkauf. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Luke Rauen. Rachel Kraphl, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 49 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 Biotechnology. The 192 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including a general knowledge exam and an identification activity. The team members also collaborated in a team activity relating to biotechnology principles.

The Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support from AgVentures Alliance through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Stacie Turnbull, and numerous other faculty and staff with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. On site support was also provided from Mike Zeller of Iowa State University.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- 2 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 3 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 4 East Buchanan, Winthrop
- 5 Cascade FFA
- 6 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 7 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 8 Aplington-Parkersburg FFA, Parkersburg
- 9 Central City FFA, Central City
- 10 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Top 10 Individuals

- Rachel Kraphl, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- Caden Romero, North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- Glory Hansel, North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- Kara Rohlf, North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- Jasmyne Riniker, East Buchanan, Winthrop
- Trenton Hammerand, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- Kaitlyn Kortenkamp, East Buchanan, Winthrop
- Trenton Rickels, Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Ashley Auderer, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum

Team: North Scott FFA at Eldridge

General Knowledge Examination

Team: West Dubuque FFA, Epworth **Individual:** Rachel Kraphl, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Identification

Team: East Buchanan, Winthrop **Individual:** Jasmyne Riniker, East Buchanan, Winthrop

Gold Teams (14)

Score Range (765 to 609)

North Scott FFA at Eldridge
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Midland FFA, Wyoming
East Buchanan, Winthrop
Cascade FFA
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Aplington-Parkersburg FFA, Parkersburg
Central City FFA, Central City
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
North Polk FFA, Alleman
Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert
Wilton FFA, Wilton
East Sac FFA, Lake View

Bronze Teams (16)

Score Range (479 to 378)

North Tama FFA, Traer
Rock Valley FFA
OABCIG FFA
Interstate 35 FFA
West Fork FFA
Forest City FFA, Forest City
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
Independence FFA
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Davis County FFA, Bloomfield

Silver Teams (19)

Score Range (597 to 490)

Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Indianola FFA, Indianola
Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Chariton FFA, Chariton
Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley
Newton FFA, Newton
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Lone Tree FFA
Starmont FFA, Arlington
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon

About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 student members as part of 242 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.

