



# 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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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **2009 IOWA FFA AG IMPACT CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

#### 81st Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Ag Impact Leadership Event was held at the Events Center, Des Moines, on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Nine chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place chapter for the event was the Winterset FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Michael Peiffer. The second place chapter for the event was the Tri-Star FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Steve Zaruba.

Ag Impact is a Career Development Event that challenges Middle School FFA members to explore the importance of agriculture in our state, county, and communities. Ag The Importance of Agriculture Program is designed to engage middle schools students in learning how the industry of agriculture affects their daily lives. Learning activities should focus on: agricultural literacy, career exploration, personal development, and integration of academics. The Ag Impact CDE is sponsored by the Tri Star FFA Chapter, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The Iowa FFA Association has 221 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a

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national organization of more than 500,000 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.

Listed below are the results for the Ag Impact Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	C. W. Gordon, C. J. Caudle, Michaela Hoffelmeyer, and Jared Rouw	Winterset	Gold
2	Jennifer Gerner, Brenna Heying, Jennifer Schmelzer, Morgan Taake, Hannah Vonhandorf, and Kyle Funk	Guttenberg	Gold
3	Geordan Hanson, Shauna Kerr, Cody Opperman, Katy Appler, and Emily Britt	Elgin	Gold
	Mitch Anderson, Zach Marpe, Taylor Nelson, and Paul Scholbrock	Lake Mills	Gold
	Trevor Conaway, Irvin Rodriguez, Shelly Stewart, Caitlin Chaney, and Megan Pretz	Columbus Junction	Silver
	Dakota Deeringer, Brandon Simms, Andrew Sternhagen, and Espen Cleveland	Grundy Center	Silver
	Hope Brotherson, Morgan Olhausen, Alex Roth, and Tayler Schmidt	Lake View	Silver
	Kurt Fertig, Brayton Grote, Aaron Rohlf, and Nicole Schmidt	Lake View	Silver
	Tayler Long, Ceara Hudnutt, Tye Burch, and Amara Wanders	New Sharon	Bronze

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