



# 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 EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

81st Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Event was held at the Events Center, Des Moines, on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place individual for the event was Michael Mardesen from the Griswold FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Kevin Blair. The second place individual for the event was Meghan Cain from the Winterset FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Michael Peiffer.

The Extemporaneous Speaking event required participants to deliver a speech on one of the three agricultural topics after given 30 minutes to prepare a four-to-six minute speech. This event is designed to encourage the development of FFA members in the ability to speak, to think and to answer questions readily before an audience. This year's event was sponsored by Farm News, 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 Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Event.

<b>Place</b>	<b>FFA Member Name(s)</b>	<b>Chapter P. O.</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1	Michael Mardesen	Griswold	Gold
2	Meghan Cain	Winterset	Gold
3	Kansas Thorp	Marion	Gold
	Nick Davis	Hudson	Gold
	Zac Pace	Muscatine	Gold
	Holden Asmus	Buffalo Center	Silver
	Victoria Foerster	Spencer	Silver
	Nick Kleese	Washington	Silver
	Katelynn McCollough	Webster City	Silver
	Nicholas Collins	Grimes	Bronze
	Shaun Finnigan	Guthrie Center	Bronze
	Brent Sexton	Rockwell City	Bronze

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