



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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2009 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

81st Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Public 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 Jamie Leistikow from the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Ellen Doese. The second place individual for the event was Daniel Venteicher from the Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Brent Ness.

This event is designed to develop rural and agricultural leadership, to provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and to stimulate interest along such lines. The prepared public speaking event requires participants to write and deliver a six-to-eight minute speech in front of a panel of judges. Scoring is based on the written manuscript, the delivery of the speech and the answers to questions. The 2003-04 Iowa FFA Officers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored this year's event.

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 Public Speaking Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Jamie Leistikow	Fairbank	Gold
2	Daniel Venteicher	Edgewood	Gold
3	Holden Nyhus	Forest City	Gold
	Jessica Clark	Albia	Silver
	Taylor Jepsen	Graettinger	Silver
	Anna Mardesen	Griswold	Silver
	Trisha Collins	Pleasantville	Silver
	Holly Hejlik	Sheffield	Silver
	Artyom Rayev	Wellman	Silver
	Katey Havens	Greenfield	Bronze
	Andrew Lauver	Lake City	Bronze
	Sarah Barrick	Marengo	Bronze

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