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News Release

Montezuma FFA Wins 2016 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on October 8, 2016. Members of the first place team included: Daniel Bryan, Jesse Moyer, Mya Pargeon, and Harry Hamilton. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. The Brokaw FFA Chapter from Clarinda was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Hunter Crawford, Sadie Graham, Austin Gutknecht, and Joslynn Williams. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Andrew Johnson. Daniel Bryan, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The top five teams will represent Iowa at the National Land Judging Event in May of 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. AGWSR FFA Chapter from Ackley, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter from Adel, and Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 29 chapters, including 114 individuals 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 Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Calcium Products, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorship provided covered awards recognition of the top ten teams and individuals as well as a travel stipend for the national qualifying teams. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Amber Anderson-Mba of Iowa State University coordinated the event.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 3 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 4 Adel DeSoto Minburn
- 5 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 6 Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
- 7 East Union FFA, Afton
- 8 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 9 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 10 Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Top 10 Individuals

- Daniel Bryan, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Dylan Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn
Jaiden Shahan, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Austin Gutknecht, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Mariah Vos, Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
Harry Hamilton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Alex Dunahoo, Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
Caleb Finnegan, Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
Mara Weis, East Union FFA, Afton
Jesse Moyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: East Union FFA, Afton

Individual: Dylan Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn

Pit Evaluation

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma **Individual:** Daniel Bryan, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (13)

Score Range (528 to 474)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Adel DeSoto Minburn

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

East Union FFA, Afton

Harlan FFA, Harlan

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Keota FFA, Keota

Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

Lynnvile-Sully FFA, Sully

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (469 to 438)

South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City

Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo

Algona FFA, Algona

Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull

Red Oak FFA, Red Oak

Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

Independence FFA Chapter

Audubon FFA, Audubon

Bronze Teams (8)

Score Range (427 to 287)

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Central Trail FFA, Leon

Nevada FFA, Nevada

Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

Central Community FFA. Elkader

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Decorah FFA, Decorah

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 226 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.