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News Release

Brokaw FFA Wins 2018 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Brokaw FFA Chapter from Clarinda was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on October 20, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Ethan Herzberg, Alex Baker, Brett Robberts, and Bradlie Wilmes. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Andrew Johnson. The AGWSR FFA Chapter from Ackley was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jenna Shahan, Darren Veld, Lane Abbas, and Morgan Bakker. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. James Abbas. Ethan Herzberg, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda, 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. East Union FFA Chapter from Afton, Sigourney FFA Chapter from Sigourney, and Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter from Manson will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 29 chapters, including 112 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 through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Amber Anderson 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 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 2 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 3 East Union FFA, Afton
- 4 Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
- 5 Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
- 6 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 7 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 8 Ridge View FFA, Holstein
- 9 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 10 Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

Top 10 Individuals

- Ethan Herzberg, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Lane Abbas, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Bradlie Wilmes, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Katlyn Wiese, Ridge View FFA, Holstein
Allivea Skarda, East Union FFA, Afton
Ben Quade, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Paige Maaland, Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly
Jenna Shahan, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Angela Nyunt, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Spencer Collins, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Individual: Angela Nyunt, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Pit Evaluation

Team: AGWSR FFA, Ackley **Individual:** Ethan Herzberg, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (525 to 488)

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

East Union FFA, Afton

Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Ridge View FFA, Holstein

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA

Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (399 to 339)

Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Independence FFA

Southwest Valley FFA, Corning

Nevada FFA, Nevada

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Aplington-Parkersburg FFA, Parkersburg

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (452 to 416)

Keota FFA

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Boyer Valley FFA, Dunlap

West Central Valley FFA, Stuart

South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City

Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully

Algona FFA, Algona

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Audubon FFA, Audubon

Participation Teams (1)

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 student members as part of 235 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.