

News Release

2015 IOWA FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

87th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2015. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event (CDE). The first place individual for the event was Cendra Sebolt from the Seymour FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Stephanie Lukavsky. The second place individual for the event was Trevor Fannon from the Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Ed Wadsworth.

The Extemporaneous Speaking event requires participants to deliver a speech on one of the four 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. The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking CDE was made possible with support from Benton Community FFA Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE are listed below.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 225 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.

| Place FFA Member Name(s) | | Chapter P. O. | Rating |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Cendra Sebolt | Seymour | Gold |
| 2 | Trevor Fannon | Edgewood | Gold |
| 3 | Nick Grandstaff | Emmetsburg | Gold |
| | Brandon Hanson | Iowa Falls | Gold |
| | Brady Eversmeyer | Muscatine | Gold |

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| Matt Volker | Shenandoah | Gold |
|--------------------|------------|--------|
| Tyler Steele | Anita | Silver |
| Andrew Palmersheim | Delhi | Silver |
| Kailey Schmidt | Sibley | Silver |
| Sara Bergerson | St. Ansgar | Silver |
| Gabe Greiner | Washington | Bronze |
| Jessica Hanrahan | Winterset | Bronze |