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## News Release

# Maquoketa Valley FFA Wins Iowa FFA Biotechnology CDE

AMES, Iowa--The Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter from Delhi was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 18, 2016. Members of the first place team included: Jacqueline Ehrlich, Katelyn Goldsmith, Chris Grebner, and Mason Burlage. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Dawn Mausser. The Monticello FFA Chapter from Monticello was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Tyler Kuper, Jacob Lorenzen, Jordan Lorenzen, and Zachary Timm. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Schmitt. Jordan Lorenzen, Monticello FFA, Monticello, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 39 chapters 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 Biotechnology. The 150 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including a general knowledge exam and an identification activity. The team members also collaborated in a team activity relating to biotechnology principles.

The Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Stacie Turnbull, and numerous other faculty and staff with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 2 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 3 Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
- 4 Rockford FFA, Rockford
- 5 IKM-Manning FFA, Manning
- 6 West Branch FFA, West Branch
- 7 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 8 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 9 Audubon FFA, Audubon
- 10 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

## **Top 10 Individuals**

Jordan Lorenzen, Monticello FFA, Monticello Chase Krug, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion Mason Burlage, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi Kelli Wicks, Rockford FFA, Rockford Cole Lingle, IKM-Manning FFA, Manning Collin Borkowski, IKM-Manning FFA, Manning Emily Bortolotti, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina Katelyn Goldsmith, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi Chris Grebner, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi Zachary Timm, Monticello FFA, Monticello

#### Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum Team: IKM-Manning FFA, Manning

General Knowledge Examination Team: West Branch FFA, West Branch

Individual: Eric Heick, West Branch FFA, West Branch

Identification

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Individual: Jordan Lorenzen, Monticello FFA, Monticello

**Gold Teams (11)** <u>Score Range (685 to 589)</u> Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi Monticello FFA, Monticello Linn-Mar FFA, Marion Rockford FFA, Rockford IKM-Manning FFA, Manning West Branch FFA, West Branch Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA East Sac FFA, Lake View Audubon FFA, Audubon South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

#### Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (386 to 287) Marengo FFA, Marengo Wapello FFA, Wapello Interstate 35 FFA, Truro Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua Tri-Star FFA Alburnett FFA, Alburnett Pella FFA, Pella Silver Teams (21)

Score Range (567 to 440) Davis County FFA, Bloomfield Chariton FFA, Chariton Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes Winterset FFA, Winterset Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah Roland-Story FFA, Story City Cascade FFA, Cascade Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley Indianola FFA, Indianola West Lyon FFA, Inwood Northeast FFA, Goose Lake Cardinal FFA, Eldon Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon **Dowling Catholic FFA** North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union Oelwein FFA, Oelwein Newton FFA, Newton

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### About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 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.