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News Release

West Dubuque FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE

AMES, Iowa--The West Dubuque FFA Chapter from Epworth was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 24, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Rachel Brehm, Halleigh Kelchen, Noah Zuercher, and Elizabeth Wilhelm. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Luke Rauen. The Monticello FFA Chapter from Monticello was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jordan Lorenzen, Marissa Recker, Breanna Adams, and Adam Schmitt. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Schmitt. Halleigh Kelchen, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 54 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 205 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 Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support from AgVentures Alliance through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Stacie Turnbull, and numerous other faculty and staff with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. On site support was also provided from Mike Zeller of Iowa State University.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 2 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 3 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 4 North Scott FFA, Eldridge
- 5 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 6 West Branch FFA, West Branch
- 7 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 8 Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- 9 South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
- 10 Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

Top 10 Individuals

- Halleigh Kelchen, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- Jordan Lorenzen, Monticello FFA, Monticello
- Marissa Recker, Monticello FFA, Monticello
- Noah Zuercher, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- Leyla Sanchez, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- Elizabeth Wilhelm, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- Breanna Adams, Monticello FFA, Monticello
- Jacob Wessel, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- Adam Schmitt, Monticello FFA, Monticello
- John Trumm, Cascade FFA

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum

Team: West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood **Individual:** Jordan Lorenzen, Monticello FFA, Monticello

Identification

Team: West Dubuque FFA, Epworth **Individual:** Kaitlyn Goedken, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Gold Teams (20)

Score Range (758 to 587)

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
North Scott FFA, Eldridge
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
West Branch FFA, West Branch
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
Aplington-Parkersburg FFA, Parkersburg
Rock Valley FFA
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton
Cascade FFA
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
North Polk FFA, Alleman
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Bronze Teams (14)

Score Range (406 to 205)

Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
Forest City FFA, Forest City
Marengo FFA, Marengo
North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Western Christian FFA, Hull
East Buchanan, Winthrop
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Collins-Maxwell FFA, Maxwell

Silver Teams (20)

Score Range (565 to 424)

Chariton FFA, Chariton
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Wilton FFA, Wilton
West Fork FFA
Tri-Star FFA
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
North Tama FFA, Traer
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Central City FFA, Central City
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Turkey Valley at Jackson Junction
Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson
OA-BCIG FFA
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Newton FFA, Newton
Independence FFA

Gladbrook-Reinbeck FFA
Winterset FFA, Winterset
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
North Polk FFA, Alleman
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,300 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.