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News Release

2021 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

93rd Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

DES MOINES, IA - The Iowa FFA Public Speaking Leadership Event was held at Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, on Monday, April 19, 2021. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event (CDE). The first place individual for the event was Gabe Hanson from the LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Sacquitne. The second place individual for the event was Megan Clark from the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Amy Grantz and Ms. Jenna Stevens.

This event is designed to develop rural and agricultural leadership, to provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and to stimulate interest along such lines. The prepared public speaking event requires participants to write and deliver a six-to-eight minute speech in front of a panel of judges. Scoring is based on the written manuscript, the delivery of the speech and the answers to questions. The Iowa FFA Public Speaking CDE was made possible with support from Dakota Access LLC through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Public Speaking CDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Gabe Hanson	LaPorte City	Gold
2	Megan Clark	DeWitt	Gold
3	Macy Smith	Chariton	Gold
4	Mariah Pleskac	Missouri Valley	Gold
	Olivia Brcka	Clear Lake	Silver
	Laney Montag	Emmetsburg	Silver
	Heiatua Paredes	Lamoni	Silver
	Hannah Buttjer	Parkersburg	Silver
	Ashley Henneman	Red Oak	Silver
	Holly Schmitt	Calmar	Bronze
	Grace Williams	Muscatine	Bronze
	Autumn Erdman	Spencer	Bronze

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,300 student members as part of 248 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.