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News Release

Brokaw FFA Wins 2021 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 9, 2021. Members of the first place team included: Allyson Johnson, Owen Johnson, Nathan King, and Phoebe Garrett. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Logan Henry, and Mrs. Emma Cutler. The East Union FFA Chapter from Afton was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Abbie Wuebker, Emmet Long, Elizabeth Hadley, and Riley Long. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Mike Cooley and Mr. James Erlbacher. Dustin Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including from 30 chapters, including 119 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 from Heartland Co-op through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy and the Iowa State Horticulture Research Station served as the host site for the event. Nick Howell, the Horticulture Reserch Station farm manager along with Brandon and Chad were hosts for the event. The Iowa State University Soils Judging Team served as pit monitors. Amber Anderson of Iowa State University coordinated the event. The official judges were Rich Pope, Dr. Lee Burress, Dr. Bradley Miller, Meyer Bohn and Amber Anderson. This is Rich Pope's 35th year assisting at this 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 East Union FFA, Afton
- 3 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 4 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA
- 5 South O'Brien FFA
- 6 Keota FFA
- 7 Algona FFA, Algona
- 8 Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center
- 9 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 10 West Central Valley FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- Dustin Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA
Allyson Johnson, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Owen Johnson, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Jadon Wilson , West Central Valley FFA
Riley Long, East Union FFA, Afton
Abbie Wuebker, East Union FFA, Afton
Elizabeth Hadley, East Union FFA, Afton
Avery Lafrenz, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Hunter Thilges, Algona FFA, Algona
Quinton Ince, AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Individual: Dustin Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA

Pit Evaluation

Team: East Union FFA, Afton

Individual: Dustin Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (13)

Score Range (498 to 445)

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
East Union FFA, Afton
AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA
South O'Brien FFA
Keota FFA
Algona FFA, Algona
Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
West Central Valley FFA
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (436 to 410)

Harlan FFA, Harlan
Clear Creek Amana
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Central Community FFA, Elkader
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Southwest Valley FFA, Corning
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
Grinnell FFA
Audubon FFA, Audubon
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (401 to 324)

Turkey Valley at Jackson Junction
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
Griswold FFA, Griswold
Independence FFA, Independence
Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,500 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.