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News Release

2022 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

94th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Public Speaking Leadership Event was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 11, 2022. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Leadership Development Event (LDE). The first place individual for the event was Emma Humphreys from the Columbus FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Anna Lowe-Hartman. The second place individual for the event was Josie Boyle from the West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Julie Hoefler.

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 LDE was made possible with support from the Iowa Soybean Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Public Speaking LDE are listed below.

Place FFA Member Name(s)		Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Emma Humphreys	Columbus Junction	Gold
2	Josie Boyle	Epworth	Gold
3	Isabella Hogan	Greenfield	Gold
	Bridget Johnson	Bondurant	Gold
	Phoebe Garrett	Clarinda	Gold
	Elena Mulder	Parkersburg	Gold
	Joshua Wiley	Vinton	Gold
	Alexis Kephart	Grinnell	Silver
	Brady Van Meeteren	Sheldon	Silver
	Jack Mahoney	West Liberty	Silver
	Sydney Hurd	Storm Lake	Bronze
	Mitchell Staudt	Greene	Bronze

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 18,300 student members as part of 252 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.