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News Release

2023 IOWA FFA AG CSI LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

95th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag CSI Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 17, 2023. Eleven chapters participated in this year's LDE. The first place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael. The second place chapter for the event was the Montezuma FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms Hannah Garland.

Ag Career & Science Investigation, Ag CSI, is a Leadership Development Event that challenges Middle School FFA members to explore the diverse career options in agriculture. Ag CSI also challenges students to think creatively to develop solutions to future agriculturally related issues. This is a Leadership Development Event for 7th and 8th grade Iowa FFA members. The Iowa FFA Ag CSI LDE is made possible with support from Ag Processing Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag CSI LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Brynn Cassady, Madison Buysse, Emma Yoder, Chandler Gingerich, Sullivan Hall, and Alivia Garcia	West Liberty	Gold
2	Addilyn Ver Meer, Marley Stowell, Abbi Henkle, Sophia Semprini, Olivia Latcham, and Lauryn Larmore	Montezuma	Gold
3	Avery Buck, Drake Goodman, Nelle Kemmerer, Landrey Peterson, Elyse Ranson, and Ava Young	State Center	Gold
	Ellie Andrews, Mia Christianson, Jesse Dunham, Briley Mcgrew, Jenna Randall, and Sophia Simms	State Center	Gold
	Maeleigh Rold, Jersey Hilgenberg, Macey Goshorn, and Roman Scheffler	Avoca	Silver
	Haidyn Garrett, Elaina Hesse, Britney Kolamneo, Stevie Wilmes, AJ Woods, and Owen Wright	Clarinda	Silver
	Natalie Besler, Owen Boge, Allison Knipper, Levi Reiter, Ashley Schilling, and Molly Snyder	Dyersville	Silver
	Owen Mosher, Gracie Little, Samuel Sanchez, Levi Betenbender, and Caleb Michael	Independence	Silver
	Kinzie Erpelding, Makenzie Friedmann, Miranda Gerdes, Laila Meister, and Makynli Hunziker	Lake View	Silver
	Gwenna Wambold, Tailor Cross, Franklin Morin, Ashley Wong, and Micah Mason	Grimes	Bronze

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Ava Luse, Jeremy Sundberg, Jaycee Hayes, Abigail Piekema,
Alexander Johnstone, and Jayden Phillips

Liberty Center

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 19,000 student members as part of 260 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.