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News Release

Ogden FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE

AMES, IA--The Ogden FFA Chapter from Ogden was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event (CDE) held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 18, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Riley Lerdal, Qyra Garrison, Ella Pfiffner, and Cohl Burdette. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Katelyn Grein. They will represent Iowa at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Brady Boulton, Elizabeth De Jong , Bryson Stockman , and Ellen Cook. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms Hannah Garland.

FFA members from 16 chapters participated in this year's career development event. The event provided students the opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of agricultural communications. The 64 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in web design, video production, journalistic writing, and opinion writing, as well as presenting a team media plan. High individual for the web design practicum was Brady Boulton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma. Elizabeth De Jong , Montezuma FFA, Montezuma was named the high individual for the video production practicum. Top journalistic writing practicum winner was Eden Scheidel, Decorah FFA, Decorah. Cohl Burdette, Ogden FFA won the opinion writing practicum. Each practicum winner was awarded with a plaque.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Communications CDE was made possible with support from the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Donors. Champion and reserve champion teams were presented with plaques and rosettes. Plaques were also presented to the champion practicum team, top written plan and top presentation. Plaques were also presented to the champion practicum team, top written plan team and top presentation team. Other top ten teams were also presented with rosettes.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Ogden FFA
- 2 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 3 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 4 Greene County FFA, Jefferson
- 5 Osage FFA, Osage
- 6 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 7 Denver FFA
- 8 Humboldt FFA, Humboldt
- 9 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 10 Maquoketa Valley FFA

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

- Team Project Proposal
 - Ogden FFA
- Team Presentation
 - Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Team Practicums
 - Ogden FFA
- Web Design Practicum
 - Brady Boulton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Video Producer Media Practicum
 - Elizabeth De Jong , Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Journalistic Writer Practicum
 - Eden Scheidel, Decorah FFA, Decorah
- Opinion Writer Practicum
 - Cohl Burdette, Ogden FFA

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (5)

Score Range (732 to 715)

- Ogden FFA
- Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Greene County FFA, Jefferson
- Osage FFA, Osage

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range (695 to 678)

- Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- Denver FFA
- Humboldt FFA, Humboldt
- Decorah FFA, Decorah
- Maquoketa Valley FFA
- Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (671 to 581)

- Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
- Cedar Rapids Prairie
- West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
- West Lyon FFA, Inwood

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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.