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News Release

2023 IOWA FFA AG IMPACT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

95th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Impact 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 Montezuma FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms Hannah Garland. The second place chapter for the event was the West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Jason Carolan and Ms Anna Brooks.

Ag Impact is a LDE that challenges Middle School FFA members to explore the importance of agriculture in our state, county, and communities. This event is designed to engage middle schools students in learning how the industry of agriculture affects their daily lives. Learning activities should focus on: agricultural literacy, career exploration, personal development, and integration of academics. The Iowa FFA Ag Impact LDE was made possible with support from CF Industries Garner & Spencer Terminals through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Impact LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Sydnee Burgess, Vivian Cook, Rett Pargeon, Analeece Kercheval, Leah Urfer, and Rylee Wolford	Montezuma	Gold
2	Mack Borton, James Decker, Beckham Desotel, Jacoby Honeck, Jackson Walker, and Connor Yakel	State Center	Gold
3	Taylor Leahy, Aubri Perkins, Soiyer Smith, Lola Helton, Riley Benda, and Kamryn Jones	Leon	Gold
	Tatum Comer, Ellie Carter, Griffin Phillips, Kelsey Stephens, and Lily Weinreich	Clarinda	Gold
	Reese Buschbom, Elizabeth Edler, Dalaney Eldridge, Kinley Johnston, Olivia Randall, and Kennedy Warnell	State Center	Gold
	Carter Michels, Makaila Scheckel, Makinley Scheckel, and Laney Steines	Bellevue	Silver
	Alisha Buttercase, Hannah Comer, Bella Johnson, Hadley Miller, Olivia Moore, and Blakely Ridnour	Clarinda	Silver
	Hannah Sadler, Kaden Wright, Jordan Voelkel, Madelyn Kenny, and Vaden Benesh	Van Horne	Silver
	Karina Bloom, Kiely Morrow, Violet Sangwin, Ella Stoner, and Sage Weber	Sioux Rapids	Bronze
	Matthew Brakhane, Adyson Funaro, Gracie Holtry, Gary Lawrence, Adalie Sullivan, and Brynna Vandewater	Winterset	Bronze
	Cailleigh Bickford, Laney Otte, Max Moore, Raiden Cruise, Caycee Crist, and Dakota Nicely	Wyoming	Bronze

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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.