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## News Release

# 2023 IOWA FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

## 95th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 17, 2023. Twelve individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first place individual for the event was Kyler Rieken from the Riverside FFA Chapter at Oakland. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms Annie Wallin. The second place individual for the event was Elli Blackford from the Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Brandi Boyd.

The Extemporaneous Speaking event requires participants to deliver a speech on one of the four agricultural topics after given 30 minutes to prepare a four-to-six minute speech. This event is designed to encourage the development of FFA members in the ability to speak, to think and to answer questions readily before an audience. The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking LDE was made possible with support from GROWMARK through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Extemporaneous Speaking LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Kyler Rieken	Oakland	Gold
2	Elli Blackford	Osceola	Gold
3	Allison Mueller	Hawarden	Gold
	Claire Pellett	Atlantic	Gold
	Connor Eglund	Emmetsburg	Gold
	Chloe Zittergruen	Thornburg	Gold
	Kalissa Schmelzer	Calmar	Silver
	Emery Hippen	Clear Lake	Silver
	Tricia Kellner	Humboldt	Silver
	Michael Thomas	Independence	Silver
	Nate Richards	Monroe	Silver
	Robert Carver	Muscatine	Silver

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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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.