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News Release

2023 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

95th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Public 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 Tucker Rohrig from the Creston FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Kelsey Bailey and Mr. Ethan Faeth. The second place individual for the event was Annabelle Newton from the Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Gabrielle Power and Mrs. Louise Fleming.

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	Tucker Rohrig	Creston	Gold
2	Annabelle Newton	Vinton	Gold
3	Hannah Noethe	Emmetsburg	Gold
4	Madison Cooley	Parkersburg	Gold
	Lola Comes	Atlantic	Silver
	Emma Lihs	Bondurant	Silver
	Ameleah Mckenna	Charles City	Silver
	Katy Schmitz	Harlan	Silver
	Kenna Wiese	Holstein	Silver
	Olivia Hanson	LaPorte City	Silver
	Lilian Buie	Packwood	Silver
	Tye Miller	West Liberty	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, on Facebook, and Twitter.