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News Release

South Winneshiek FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE

AMES, Iowa--The South Winneshiek FFA Chapter from Calmar was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University, Ames on April 15, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Katrina Hageman, Kelsey Timp, Autumn Schmitt, and Kendric Langreck. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Melissa Hageman. The Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter from Tiffin was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jackson Arndt, Ryleigh Bode, Katie Evans, and Hannah Grabin. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Alyssa Amelon and Ms. Morgan Hibbs. Kelsey Timp, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 62 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Biotechnology. The 237 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including a general knowledge exam and an identification activity. The team members also collaborated in a team activity relating to biotechnology principles.

The Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Darling Ingredients through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Leah Sandall of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Andrea Rouse of Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC).

Top 10 Teams

- 1 South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
- 2 Clear Creek Amana
- 3 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 4 Dike-New Hartford FFA
- 5 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 6 Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- 7 Linn-Mar FFA
- 8 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 9 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 10 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Top 10 Individuals

- Kelsey Timp, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Jayson Ruley, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Autumn Schmitt, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Kendra Gibbs, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Jaclyn Gessner, Roland-Story FFA, Story City
June Volding, Dike-New Hartford FFA
Claire Jonas, Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Sahana Nagarajan, Linn-Mar FFA
Hannah Grabin, Clear Creek Amana
Lauren Fleshner, North Butler FFA, Greene

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum

Team: Clear Creek Amana

General Knowledge Examination

Team: South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Individual: Jayson Ruley, Midland FFA, Wyoming

Identification

Team: Clear Creek Amana

Individual: Charlotte Sieren, Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

Gold Teams (16)

Score Range (774 to 576)

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Clear Creek Amana

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Dike-New Hartford FFA

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

Linn-Mar FFA

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Hinton FFA Chapter

Marshalltown FFA

East Buchanan FFA at Winthrop

North Butler FFA, Greene

Denison FFA, Denison

Albia FFA Chapter, Albia

Bronze Teams (17)

Score Range (423.5 to 262.5)

HLV, Victor

Spencer FFA, Spencer

Pella FFA, Pella

South O'Brien FFA

Postville FFA

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Central Springs

St. Ansgar FFA

Centerville FFA, Centerville

Glidden-Ralston FFA, Glidden

North Polk FFA, Alleman

South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City

Interstate 35 FFA

Hillcrest Academy FFA, Kalona

Estherville FFA, Estherville

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes

Silver Teams (29)

Score Range (565.5 to 438)

Clear Lake FFA

Davis County FFA, Bloomfield

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Rock Valley FFA

Monticello FFA

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Maquoketa Valley FFA

MFL MarMac FFA, Monona

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Chariton FFA, Chariton

Alburnett FFA, Alburnett

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

North Scott Jr. High FFA at Eldridge

New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

Ogden FFA

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA

Independence FFA

West Hancock FFA, Britt

Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

LeMars FFA

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more 19,800 student members as part of 263 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.