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## **News Release**

# **Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE**

AMES, IA--The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma 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 16, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Brady Boulton, Claire Erselius, Luke Erselius, and Broox Stockman. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms Hannah Garland. They will represent Iowa at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. The Williamsburg FFA Chapter from Williamsburg was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Erin Driscoll, Olivia Kelting, Lilly Ness, and Clara Sinclair. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Bridget Mahoney.

FFA members from 21 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 84 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 . was named the high individual for the video production practicum. Top journalistic writing practicum winner was . 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 Partners. 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 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
- 3 Sioux Central FFA at Sioux Rapids
- 4 Osage FFA, Osage
- 5 Belle Plaine FFA
- 6 Clear Lake FFA
- 7 Greene County FFA, Jefferson
- 8 Lone Tree FFA
- 9 North Union FFA, Armstrong
- 10 Davis County FFA, Bloomfield

### **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma Individual:

Team Practicums

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Team Presentation

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (7)**

Score Range (642 to 441)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg

Sioux Central FFA at Sioux Rapids

Osage FFA, Osage

Belle Plaine FFA

Clear Lake FFA

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

#### **Silver Teams (7)**

Score Range (426 to 413)

Lone Tree FFA

North Union FFA, Armstrong

Davis County FFA, Bloomfield

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Maquoketa Valley FFA

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

#### **Bronze Teams (7)**

Score Range (407 to 317)

AC/GC FFA

Central Springs

Ogden FFA

Monticello FFA

Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell

Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield

Independence FFA, Independence

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### About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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.