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News Release

2024 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

96th 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 15, 2024. 12 individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first place individual for the event was Nora Mitchell from the Hudson FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. The second place individual for the event was Anna Mussig from the GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Erin Murty.

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	Nora Mitchell	Hudson	Gold
2	Anna Mussig	Garwin	Gold
3	Chloe Zittergruen	Thornburg	Gold
	Lauren Phillips	Centerville	Gold
	Brody Knapp	Akron	Silver
	Bailey Nordyke	Clarinda	Silver
	Karlee Vander Hamm	Hawarden	Silver
	Leah McCormick	Jefferson	Silver
	Isabell Olsasky	Liberty Center	Silver
	Rebekah Lower	Goose Lake	Bronze
	Ashley Muhs	Osage	Bronze
	Brock Soppe	West Union	Bronze

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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.