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News Release

UNITY CHRISTIAN FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE

The Unity Christian FFA Chapter from Orange City was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on May 20th, 2025. Members of the first place team included: Bryce Fedders, Deker Mulder, Caden Oolman, and Lane Scholten. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dennis Benson and Ms. Sherri Boostma. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The St. Ansgar FFA Chapter from St. Ansgar was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Aden Franzen, Hale Dieterich, Aidan Jenkins, and Braden Halvorson. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Davis. Levi Reiter, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 162 individuals from 44 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 Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Titan Machinery through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Jon Davis and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Association of General Contractors of Iowa provided lunch for all participants and staff.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Unity Christian FFA
- 2 St. Ansgar FFA
- 3 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 4 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 5 Newton FFA Chapter
- 6 East Union FFA, Afton
- 7 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 8 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 9 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 10 Holland FFA, Orange City

Top 10 Individuals

- Levi Reiter, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Bryce Fedders, Unity Christian FFA
Aidan Jenkins, St. Ansgar FFA
Ethan Gibbs, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Caden Oolman, Unity Christian FFA
Ronald Riemenschneider, East Union FFA, Afton
Aden Franzen, St. Ansgar FFA
Andrew Machin, Newton FFA Chapter
Will Deutmeyer, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems

Team: St. Ansgar FFA **Individual:** Hale Dieterich, St. Ansgar FFA

Machinery & Equipment Systems

Team: St. Ansgar FFA **Individual:** Levi Reiter, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Environmental & Natural Resource Systems

Team: Unity Christian FFA **Individual:** Levi Reiter, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Electrical Systems

Team: Unity Christian FFA **Individual:** Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Metals and Welding Systems

Team: Charles City FFA, Charles City **Individual:** Hunter Northrup, Charles City FFA, Charles City

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Unity Christian FFA **Individual:** Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (15)

Score Range (436 to 347)

Unity Christian FFA
St. Ansgar FFA
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Newton FFA Chapter
East Union FFA, Afton
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Holland FFA, Orange City
Charles City FFA, Charles City
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
Gilbert FFA
Indianola FFA, Indianola
Moravia FFA, Moravia

Bronze Teams (15)

Score Range (318 to 230)

Keokuk FFA
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Central Plains FFA, Gowrie
Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe
GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
MVAO FFA
North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Silver Teams (14)

Score Range (346 to 322)

Waterloo FFA
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Alburnett FFA, Alburnett
Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Sioux Central FFA at Sioux Rapids
Pella FFA, Pella
Riceville FFA, Riceville
OABCIG
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
South O'Brien FFA
Independence FFA, Independence
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic

Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland
South Hardin FFA, Eldora
Boone A&M FFA, Boone
Bison FFA, Buffalo Center
Mt. Pleasant FFA
Maquoketa Valley FFA
Belle Plaine FFA

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 20,400 student members as part of 270 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 and on social media.