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News Release

2025 IOWA FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

97th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 14, 2025. Twelve individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first place individual for the event was Luke Boyle from the West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Matt Lansing. The second place individual for the event was Matthew Hardy from the South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Randi Koehler and Ms. Katie Bush.

The Extemporaneous Speaking event requires participants to deliver a speech on one of the four agricultural topics after given 30 minutes to prepare a four-to-six minute speech. This event is designed to encourage the development of FFA members in the ability to speak, to think and to answer questions readily before an audience. The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking LDE is made possible with support from GROWMARK through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Extemporaneous Speaking LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Luke Boyle	Epworth	Gold
2	Matthew Hardy	Lake City	Gold
3	Paul Kading	Greenfield	Gold
	Nicholas Bernhard	Jackson Junction	Silver
	Rylee Vohs	Moville	Silver
	Andrew Johnston	Murray	Silver
	Lyndon Norton	Pella	Silver
	Erica Will	Wheatland	Silver
	Aiden Anderson	Gowrie	Bronze
	Emma Haan	Parkersburg	Bronze
	Clark Spencer	Stanton	Bronze
	Charlotte Sieren	Wellman	Bronze

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,300 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.