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News Release

2025 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

97th 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 14, 2025. Twelve individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first place individual for the event was Lily Moeller from the Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Molly Cleveringa and Mr. Mike Moller. The second place individual for the event was Jillian Hanson from the La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Carly Ahrendsen and Ms. Emily Damro.

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	Lily Moeller	Orange City	Gold
2	Jillian Hanson	LaPorte City	Gold
3	Macy Philipp	Epworth	Gold
	Alannah McKibben	Marengo	Gold
	Eleanor Sinclair	Williamsburg	Gold
	Karly Christensen	Winterset	Gold
	Kaylee Smith	Clarinda	Silver
	Zoey Hamilton	Leon	Silver
	Abby Schoning	Sheffield	Silver
	Grace Flannigan	Sloan	Silver
	Brooklynne Peterson	Griswold	Bronze
	Reagan Ham	Lake Mills	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.