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## News Release

# 2026 IOWA FFA EXPERIENCE THE ACTION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

## 98th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Experience the Action Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2026. 12 chapters participated in this year's LDE. The first place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael. The second place chapter for the event was the Grinnell FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Ashley Wolfe.

Team members developed enthusiastic presentations that marketed Agricultural Education and FFA. This program serves to inform and educate the general public regarding the benefits and activities of Ag Ed/FFA programs. The Experience the Action LDE is made possible with support from the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Partners.

The results from the Experience the Action LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Anna Nollman, Ethan Hayes, John Stultz, Carter Lampe, Kenley Harned, Sullivyn Bucknell, and Solauge Lopez	West Liberty	Gold
2	Lauren Loudon, Maggie Dayton, Alyssa Peterson, Keaton Iverson, Jamison Hidlebaugh, Conner Adkins, and Skylar Moyes	Grinnell	Gold
3	Taylor Rasmussen, Mataya Eighmy, Victoria Schutt-Andersen, Sydney Hanson, Makensey Henneman, and Haidyn Garrett	Clarinda	Gold
	Carl Bigelow, Mackenzie Brix, Hailey Craig, Malea Delashmutt, Erin Jacobsen, and Sydney Pohl	Ames	Silver
	Mckenzi Behrens, Keilyn Goodman, Jaelyn Johnson, Katie Scheffler, and Molly Stamp	Avoca	Silver
	Dennise Andrade Valles, Quinn Eastman, Rory Piscitelli, John Schoenfelder, Angela Sterling-Nelson, Harlie Thatcher, and Luke Stalzer	Marshalltown	Silver
	Aaron George, Elias George, Ryker Gritsch, Hunter Harderson, Caleb Langston, Owen Drahos, and James Musack	Van Horne	Silver
	Tynley Boussetlot, Alysha Buchanan, Quinn Levien, Drew Looney, Kara Olson, and Cy Schneider	Wheatland	Silver
	Corbyn Brodersen, Hadley Dosland, Cael Eckhardt, Jacob Eckhardt, Gage Gile, Landri Hansen, and Avery Edwards	Wyoming	Silver
	Adelyn Bruce, Sophie Dotzler, Jocelyn Goodrich, Haylen Jensen, and Taya Jensen	Bondurant	Bronze

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Bailey Ver Mulm, Elsie Westergard, and Kayla Van Wyk

Hawarden

Bronze

Nicole Gibbins, Lillyan Martin, Charlise Sibenaller, Gabrie Strom,  
Aubrey Naughton, and Chelsey Gibbins

Storm Lake

Bronze

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### **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,500 student members as part of 273 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](http://IowaFFA.com) and on social media.