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News Release

2026 IOWA FFA JOB INTERVIEW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

98th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Job Interview Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2026. 12 individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first 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. Emily Damro and Mrs. Carly Ahrendsen. The second place individual for the event was Macy Philipp from the West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Matt Lansing and Ms. Nichole Simon.

Members participating in the Job Interview Leadership Development Event had to demonstrate their ability in filling out a job application form, writing a letter of application, preparing a resume, interviewing properly, answering questions clearly, and presenting the proper impression. The Iowa FFA Job Interview LDE is made possible with support from Christensen Farms through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Job Interview LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Jillian Hanson	LaPorte City	Gold
2	Macy Philipp	Epworth	Gold
3	Rhianna Murty	Garwin	Gold
	Drew Vorhes	Greene	Gold
	Rylee Robson	Guthrie Center	Gold
	Clara Funk	Hartley	Silver
	Jacie Campbell	Mount Pleasant	Silver
	Natalie Johnson	Red Oak	Silver
	Perry Lehman	West Liberty	Silver
	Jordan Kluver	Holstein	Bronze
	Reese Agan	Knoxville	Bronze
	Gwenyth Backus	West Des Moines	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 and on social media.