



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agriculture Communications Career Development Event held at Des Moines Convention Center in Des Moines on April 17, 2009. Members of the first place team included: Courtney Latcham, Shannon Sutfin, Katy Mckee, Alexa Wheaton, and Alex Peck. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rick Swenson. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Communications Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Hudson FFA Chapter from Hudson was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Samantha Henke, Shelby Seekins, Jodi Sorensen, Haley Hospodarsky, and Cassie Bakker. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. Jodi Sorensen, Hudson FFA, Hudson, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 21 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 Agriculture Communications. The 94 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in news writing, broadcasting, graphic/photo editing, as well as presenting a team communications project proposal. A written examination was included along with a copy editing activity.

DTN/The Progressive Farmer, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the plaque for the winning team. The Iowa Farmer Today, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored plaques for the the Champion and Reserve Champion Individuals, and the top team and individuals in the practicum areas of Press Release, News Release, Broadcasting, Design, Knowledge Test, and the Project Proposal and Presentation. They also sponsored the rosettes for the top ten individuals, top ten teams, members of the top ten teams, and the Reserve Champion Team plaque and a cash donation for the winning team to travel to the National FFA Convention.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Hudson FFA, Hudson
- 3 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 4 Grinnell FFA, Grinnell
- 5 Albia FFA, Albia
- 6 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 7 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 8 Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
- 9 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 10 Chariton FFA, Chariton

Top 10 Individuals

Jodi Sorensen, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Jenni Ihrig, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Alexa Wheaton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Samantha Henke, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Courtney Latcham, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Crystal Havel, Grinnell FFA, Grinnell
Megan Engel, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Haley Hospodarsky, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Justin Stewart, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Ashley Phelps, Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Team Presentation

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Knowledge Test

Team: Hudson FFA, Hudson Individual: Courtney Latcham, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

News Release Practicum

Samantha Henke, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Press Release Practicum

Shannon Sutfin, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Broadcast Practicum

Jodi Sorensen, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Design Practicum

Alexa Wheaton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (4)

Score Range (812.5 to 765.5)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range

Albia FFA, Albia

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Grinnell FFA, Grinnell

Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Chariton FFA, Chariton

Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (623 to 459)

Preston/East Central FFA, Preston

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

East Union FFA, Afton

West Marshall FFA, State Center

Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Cascade FFA, Cascade

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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