



# 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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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **2009 IOWA FFA DISCUSSION MEET CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

#### 81st Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Discussion Meet Leadership Event was held at the Events Center, Des Moines, on Friday, April 17, 2009. Six individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place individual for the event was Zach Morris from the Anamosa FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Ryan Holthaus. The second place individual for the event was Alyssa Louwsma from the Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Patrick Powers.

Participants of the Ag Discussion Meet were responsible to exchange ideas and information in an effort to solve problems inherent in the topics. Students had to take a problem or need and work through all options, while testing and implementing new ideas. The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored this year's event.

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,

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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.

Listed below are the results for the Discussion Meet Leadership Event.

<b>Place</b>	<b>FFA Member Name(s)</b>	<b>Chapter P. O.</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1	Zach Morris	Anamosa	Gold
2	Alyssa Louwsma	Eddyville	Gold
3	Brady McNeil	DeWitt	Silver
	Michelle Thole	Manchester	Silver
	Neil Krummen	Sioux Rapids	Silver
	Hannah Hix	LaPorte City	Bronze

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