



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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Hudson FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE

The Hudson FFA Chapter from Hudson 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: Ross Droppert, Kelly Whipps, Nick Davis, and Holly Halstead. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Communications Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Nathan Wheeler, Steven Vavroch, Aly James, Kaylin Hansen, and Natalie Wheeler. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rick Swenson. Steven Vavroch, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 19 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 82 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 Hudson FFA, Hudson
- 2 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 3 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 4 Albia FFA, Albia
- 5 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 6 Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
- 7 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 8 Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids
- 9 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 10 Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Top 10 Individuals

- Steven Vavroch, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Holly Halstead, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Nathan Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Bailey Wright, East Sac FFA, Lake View
Nick Davis, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Kelly Whipps, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Aly James, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Megan Redmond, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Carrie Clark, Albia FFA, Albia
Maggie Patterson, Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Team Presentation

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Knowledge Test

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma Individual: Nathan Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

News Release Practicum

Nathan Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Press Release Practicum

Bailey Wright, East Sac FFA, Lake View

Broadcast Practicum

Megan Redmond, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Design Practicum

Holly Halstead, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Albia FFA, Albia
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Chariton FFA, Chariton
Midland FFA, Wyoming
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (562 to 498)

Estherville FFA, Estherville
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Washington FFA, Washington
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley

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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