

Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

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2010 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

82 nd Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at the Events Center, Des Moines, on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Twelve chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place chapter for the event was the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dan Smicker. The second place chapter for the event was the St. Ansgar FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Andy Johnson.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored this year's event.

The Iowa FFA Association has 221 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a

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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.

Listed below are the results for the Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s) Patrick Diedrich, Carrie Demmon, Madison Cousins, Renée Christiansen, Jennifer Lane, and William Hunter	Chapter P. O. DeWitt	Rating Gold
2	Bradford Bisbee, Mitchell Butler, Nicole Johnson, Tyler Levan, Taryn Tesch, and Robbie Hulshizer	St. Ansgar	Gold
3	Nich Aberle, Jessica Mcevoy, Jenna Schade, Brandon Waring, Hillary Holub, and Liza Walling	Troy Mills	Gold
4	Elizabeth Stewart, Ashley Stewart, Emily Bouska, Schae Greenzweig, Tiffany Deetz, and Jamie Onken	Charles City	Gold
5	Kristin Rueter, Kaleb Marshall, Matt Lyon, Molly Davison, Jon Bopes, and Rosa Bormann	Maquoketa	Gold
	Andrea Hodgson, Nick Davenport, Taylor Earles, Meghan Parman, Katie Van Wyk, and Jake Maggard	Colfax	Silver
	Brad Day, Joshua Doran, Stacey Geerdes, Chelsea Heikens, Nick Roghair, and Evan Mccarty	Everly	Silver
	Ben Bruck, Ashley Johannsen, Dajsa Deuel, Matt Stessman, Alex Schaben, and Kyle Arkfeld	Harlan	Silver
	Miriam Free, Mandi Johnson, Kacie Partridge, Aaron Rohlf, Marie Scott, and Shawna Wiggins	Lake View	Silver
	Reid Mickunas, Sarah Phillips, Braxton Thompson, Andrea Bailey, Jessica Lopez, and Katie McPherren	Des Moines	Bronze
	Matt Derifield, Bj Henderson, Devin Marvets, Chelsea Schreck, David Woodson, and Ashley Zech	Oelwein	Bronze
	Aaron Brown, Nate Carr, Alex Davis, Tessa Mittag, Shelby Roberts, and Branden Sammons	Orient	Bronze