



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 15, 2011. Members of the first place team included: Kendra Cranston, Natalie Wheeler, Aly James, Halley Ogan, and Tyler Swenson. 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: Stefanie Newhouse, Jenna Brandhorst, Grant Wolfe, Hope Petry, and Ali Taplin. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. Natalie Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 20 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 88 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.

The Iowa Soybean Association and 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 Clay Central FFA, Everly
- 4 Grinnell FFA, Grinnell
- 5 Valley FFA, Elgin
- 6 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 7 Albia FFA, Albia
- 8 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 9 Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
- 10 Monticello FFA, Monticello

Top 10 Individuals

Natalie Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Hope Petry, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Jenna Brandhorst, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Bailey Wright, East Sac FFA, Lake View
Stefanie Newhouse, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Halley Ogan, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Stacey Geerdes, Clay Central FFA, Everly
Tyler Rau, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Maggie Patterson, Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids
Jenny Olson, Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Team Presentation

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Knowledge Test

Team: Hudson FFA, Hudson Individual: Stefanie Newhouse, Hudson FFA, Hudson

News Release Practicum

Maddie Oliver, Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Press Release Practicum

Natalie Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Broadcast Practicum

Brandon White, Clay Central FFA, Everly

Design Practicum

Hope Petry, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (7)

Score Range (767.8 to

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Clay Central FFA, Everly

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (647 to

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Grinnell FFA, Grinnell
Valley FFA, Elgin
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Albia FFA, Albia

Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Osage FFA, Osage
Estherville FFA, Estherville

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (574 to

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

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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