



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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2011 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

83rd Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Public Speaking Leadership Event was held at the Events Center, Des Moines, on Thursday, April 14, 2011. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event.

The first place individual for the event was Brad Pickhinke from the East Sac FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Scott Johnson and Ms. Larissa Rupnow.

The second place individual for the event was Ashley Tomlin from the Muscatine FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dave Fowler and Mr. Dave Tometich.

This event is designed to develop rural and agricultural leadership, to provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and to stimulate interest along such lines. The prepared public speaking event requires participants to write and deliver a six-to-eight minute speech in front of a panel of judges. Scoring is based on the written manuscript, the delivery of the speech and the answers to questions. The 2003-04 Iowa FFA Officers, 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 Public Speaking Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Brad Pickhinke	Lake View	Gold
2	Ashley Tomlin	Muscatine	Gold
	Theresa Fitzgerald	Boone	Gold
	Kylie Miller	Kalona	Gold
	Kansas Thorp	Marion	Gold
	Lucas Deiber	Denison	Silver
	Caroline Knoblock	Hartley	Silver
	Lauren Engley	Indianola	Silver
	Erin Gilligan	Nevada	Silver
	Sarah Al-Mazroa	Winterset	Silver
	Tia Campbell	Clarinda	Bronze
	Jessica McDonald	Manchester	Bronze

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