



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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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 Iowa State University in Ames on April 24, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Colleen Johnston, Courtney Petersen, Katelyn Gregory, and Abigail Nelson. 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, Juliann Finn, Jenna Brandhorst, and Hope Petry. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. Katelyn Gregory, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 18 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 72 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 Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
- 5 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 6 Estherville FFA, Estherville
- 7 Valley FFA, Elgin
- 8 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 9 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 10 Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Top 10 Individuals

- Katelyn Gregory, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Abigail Nelson, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Alex Sobotka, Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
Courtney Petersen, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Stefanie Newhouse, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Hope Petry, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Jenna Brandhorst, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Brianna Folsom, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Rebecca White, Clay Central FFA, Everly
Tyler Shuck, Clay Central FFA, Everly

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Clay Central FFA, Everly

Team Presentation

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Knowledge Test

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

News Release Practicum

Stefanie Newhouse, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Press Release Practicum

Juliann Finn, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Broadcast Practicum

Jenna Brandhorst, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Design Practicum

Hope Petry, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (794.5 to 578.5)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Clay Central FFA, Everly

Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Estherville FFA, Estherville

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range (555.5 to 510)

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Indianola FFA, Indianola

Valley FFA, Elgin
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Harlan FFA, Harlan

Bronze Teams (3)

Score Range (499 to 424)

Earlham FFA, Earlham
Creston FFA, Creston
Winterset FFA, Winterset

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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