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News Release

2015 IOWA FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

87th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Public Speaking Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2015. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event (CDE). The first place individual for the event was Kalee Leistikow from the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Ellen Doese. The second place individual for the event was Hailey Schmitz from the Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Ron Zelle and Tyler Mitchell.

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 Iowa FFA Public Speaking CDE was made possible with support from the 2003-04 Iowa FFA Officers through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Public Speaking CDE are listed below.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 225 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Kalee Leistikow	Fairbank	Gold
2	Hailey Schmitz	Nashua	Gold
3	Kayla Kaalberg	West Liberty	Gold
4	Megan Striegel	Thornburg	Gold

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Skyler Luzum

Victoria Giesken

Will Mellencamp

Katrina McCarty

Mia Konchalski

Ward Umbaugh

Hannah Buffington

Matt Van Engen

Calmar

Chariton

Clarinda

Everly

Pleasant Hill

Adair

Forest City

Sioux Center

Gold

Silver

Silver

Silver

Silver

Bronze

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