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## **News Release**

# **South O'Brien FFA Wins Iowa FFA Biotechnology CDE**

AMES, Iowa--The South O'Brien FFA Chapter from Paullina was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 20, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Karlene Negus, J.C. Lange, Eric Koehlmoos, and Dylan Riedemann. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. The Boyden-Hull FFA Chapter from Hull was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Thomas Heitritter, Jamison Te Slaa, Tara Van Otterloo, and Mitchell Diekevers. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Brent Fedders. Chase Krug, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 32 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 Biotechnology. The 125 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including a general knowledge exam and an identification activity. The team members also collaborated in a team activity relating to biotechnology principles.

The Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Stacie Turnbull, and numerous other faculty and staff with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 2 Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
- 3 Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
- 4 IKM-Manning FFA, Manning
- 5 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 6 Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
- 7 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 8 Rockford FFA, Rockford
- 9 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 10 West Branch FFA, West Branch

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Chase Krug, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
- Jamison Te Slaa, Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
- Eric Koehlmoos, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- Karlene Negus, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- Collin Borkowski, IKM-Manning FFA, Manning
- Zahra Barkley, Monticello FFA, Monticello
- Allison O'Connor, Rockford FFA, Rockford
- Jacee DeVries, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- Cole Gilmore, West Marshall FFA, State Center
- Lindsey Bouska, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

## **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

### **Team Practicum**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

### **General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

**Individual:** Kylie Miracle, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

### **Identification**

**Team:** Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

**Individual:** Emma Wright, West Branch FFA, West Branch

#### **Gold Teams (14)**

##### Score Range (560 to 493)

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

IKM-Manning FFA, Manning

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Rockford FFA, Rockford

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

West Branch FFA, West Branch

New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

West Marshall FFA, State Center

Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

#### **Bronze Teams (10)**

##### Score Range (390 to 270)

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley

Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center

Creston FFA, Creston

#### **Silver Teams (8)**

##### Score Range (472 to 414)

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Cascade FFA, Cascade

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

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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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.