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## News Release

# 2018 IOWA FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

90th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 23, 2018. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event (CDE). The first place individual for the event was Austin Gutknecht from the Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Andrew Johnson. The second place individual for the event was Grace Long from the Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jenny Lichty.

The Extemporaneous Speaking event requires participants to deliver a speech on one of the four agricultural topics after given 30 minutes to prepare a four-to-six minute speech. This event is designed to encourage the development of FFA members in the ability to speak, to think and to answer questions readily before an audience. The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking CDE was made possible with support from GROWMARK through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE are listed below.

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#### About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,300 student members as part of 235 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     | Austin Gutknecht   | Clarinda      | Gold   |
| 2     | Grace Long         | Huxley        | Gold   |
| 3     | Hannah Heit        | New Hampton   | Gold   |
|       | Hanna Schmitt      | Calmar        | Gold   |
|       | Hannah Spies       | Muscatine     | Gold   |

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Nicole Behrendt

Marissa Fuerstenberg

Kendall Snyder

Autumn Stowe

Dune Coddington

Summer Smith

Dayna Dodd

Dunlap

Nashua

Storm Lake

Akron

Corydon

Donnellson

Iowa Falls

Silver

Silver

Silver

Bronze

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