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News Release

Midland FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE

DES MOINES, Iowa--The Midland FFA Chapter from Wyoming was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa Events Center, Des Moines on April 19, 2021. Members of the first place team included: Hope Saroka, Chiara Dusanek, Trenton Rickels, and Bryce Rushford. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Jen Westphal and Ms. Jamie Christiansen. The West Branch FFA Chapter from West Branch was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jaclyn Bloem, Lila Krall, Madison Hatfield, and Sylvia Skriver. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Renee Thompson. Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 54 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 205 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 Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Stacie Turnbull of York College and Leah Sandall of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 2 West Branch FFA, West Branch
- 3 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 4 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 5 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 6 North Polk FFA, Alleman
- 7 Central City-Springville FFA, Central City
- 8 T-55 FFA
- 9 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 10 Wilton FFA, Wilton

Top 10 Individuals

- Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Sylvia Skriver, West Branch FFA, West Branch
Lacey Hennick, Central City-Springville FFA, Central City
Isaiah Hammerand, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Trenton Rickels, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Eli Powers, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Jaclyn Bloem, West Branch FFA, West Branch
Lindsey Fischer, T-55 FFA
Claire Jonas, Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Ellie Lentz, Central City-Springville FFA, Central City

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum

Team: West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Midland FFA, Wyoming

Individual: Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming

Identification

Team: Midland FFA, Wyoming

Individual: Ryan Boeding, Wilton FFA, Wilton

Gold Teams (18)

Score Range (668.75 to 515.5)

Midland FFA, Wyoming

West Branch FFA, West Branch

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

North Polk FFA, Alleman

Central City-Springville FFA, Central City

T-55 FFA

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Wilton FFA, Wilton

Dowling Catholic FFA

East Buchanan FFA at Winthrop

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA

Hillcrest Academy FFA, Kalona

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon

Silver Teams (18)

Score Range (503.75 to 438)

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Kingsley-Pierson FFA, Kingsley

Indianola FFA, Indianola

Chariton FFA, Chariton

Rock Valley FFA

MMCRU FFA

Highland FFA, Riverside

Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull

South O'Brien FFA

East Sac FFA, Lake View

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Gilbert FFA

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

Central Lyon FFA, Rock Rapids

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Bronze Teams (18)

Score Range (427.25 to 264)

Clear Creek Amana

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Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Monticello FFA

Starmont FFA, Arlington

Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

West Fork FFA

Independence FFA

North Butler

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
Maquoketa Valley FFA
North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,300 student members as part of 248 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.