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News Release

North Polk FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE

AMES, Iowa--The North Polk FFA Chapter from Alleman was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University, Ames on April 12, 2022. Members of the first place team included: Kynsly Gehling, Dillon Hanlon, Aidan Kelsick, and Hannah Renshaw. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jessica Hebert. The Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter from Edgewood was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Lucas Rezende, Jack Wiskus, and Avery Wessel. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Carmen Wille. Kynsly Gehling, North Polk FFA, Alleman, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 62 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 237 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 from Darling Ingredients through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Leah Sandall of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 North Polk FFA, Alleman
- 2 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 3 MMCRU FFA
- 4 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 5 Clear Creek Amana
- 6 Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- 7 Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- 8 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 9 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 10 T-55 FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- Kynsly Gehling, North Polk FFA, Alleman
- Kaden Neddermeyer, MMCRU FFA
- Claire Jonas, Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- Lucas Rezende, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- Avery Wessel, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- Halle Laursen, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- Jayson Ruley, Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Aidan Kelsick, North Polk FFA, Alleman
- Sophie Hohbach, MMCRU FFA
- Hannah Renshaw, North Polk FFA, Alleman

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum

Team: Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

General Knowledge Examination

Team: North Polk FFA, Alleman **Individual:** Kynsly Gehling, North Polk FFA, Alleman

Identification

Team: Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Individual: Kjersten Ouverson, Clear Lake FFA

Gold Teams (19)

Score Range (740 to 603.5)

North Polk FFA, Alleman
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
MMCRU FFA
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Clear Creek Amana
Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Midland FFA, Wyoming
T-55 FFA
Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton
Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
North Butler
MFL MarMac FFA, Monona
Hillcrest Academy FFA, Kalona
South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Highland FFA, Riverside

Silver Teams (19)

Score Range (597 to 505)

East Union FFA, Afton
Maquoketa Valley FFA
South O'Brien FFA
Chariton FFA, Chariton
Kingsley-Pierson FFA, Kingsley
Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank
West Fork FFA
North Scott FFA at Eldridge
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Alburnett FFA, Alburnett
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA
Lake Mills FFA, Lake Mills
North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Clear Lake FFA
Mt. Pleasant FFA
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
East Sac FFA, Lake View

Bronze Teams (22)

Score Range (498.5 to 253)

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Osage FFA, Osage
Rock Valley FFA
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
East Buchanan FFA at Winthrop
Estherville FFA, Estherville
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Western Christian FFA, Hull
Central Lyon FFA, Rock Rapids

Monticello FFA
Glidden-Ralston FFA, Glidden
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
IKM-Manning FFA, Manning
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more 18,300 student members as part of 252 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.