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News Release

Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE

AMES, IA--The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event (CDE) held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 12, 2022. Members of the first place team included: Madison Van Zee, Alivia Cline, Camryn Brennan, and Makenna Johannes. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms Hannah Garland. They will represent Iowa at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. The Midland FFA Chapter from Wyoming was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Isabelle Ricketts, Sophia Coates, Karley Schaefer, and Hannah Fishwild. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Jen Westphal and Ms. Jamie Christiansen.

FFA members from 20 chapters participated in this year's career development event. The event provided students the opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of agricultural communications. The 80 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in web design, video production, journalistic writing, and opinion writing, as well as presenting a team media plan. High individual for the web design practicum was Madison Van Zee, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma. Alivia Cline, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma was named the high individual for the video production practicum. Top journalistic writing practicum winner was Nora Mitchell, Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson. Skyler Young, Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville won the opinion writing practicum. Each practicum winner was awarded with a plaque.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Communications CDE was made possible with support from Iowa Farmer Today through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Champion and reserve champion teams were presented with plaques and rosettes. Plaques were also presented to the champion practicum team, top written plan and top presentation. Plaques were also presented to the champion practicum team, top written plan team and top presentation team. Other top ten teams were also presented with rosettes.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 3 Wayne FFA, Corydon
- 4 Cedar Rapids Prairie
- 5 Ogden FFA
- 6 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 7 Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
- 8 Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson
- 9 Humboldt FFA, Humboldt
- 10 Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Wayne FFA, Corydon

Team Presentation

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Team Practicums

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Web Design Practicum

Madison Van Zee, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Video Producer Media Practicum

Alivia Cline, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Journalistic Writer Practicum

Nora Mitchell, Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson

Opinion Writer Practicum

Skyler Young, Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (7)

Score Range (734.5 to 626.5)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Wayne FFA, Corydon

Cedar Rapids Prairie

Ogden FFA

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (620 to 602.5)

Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson

Humboldt FFA, Humboldt

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

WACO FFA

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Bronze Teams (8)

Score Range (590.5 to 558.5)

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

Starmont FFA, Arlington

Osage FFA, Osage

Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

Independence FFA, Independence

Nevada FFA, Nevada

Maquoketa Valley FFA

ACGC FFA

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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.