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## News Release

# 2022 IOWA FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

## 94th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Event was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 11, 2022. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Leadership Development Event (LDE). The first place individual for the event was Megan Clark from the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Amy Grantz and Ms. Jenna Stevens. The second place individual for the event was Clayton Ehlers from the Sioux Central FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Melanie Bloom.

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 LDE was made possible with support from GROWMARK through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Extemporaneous Speaking LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Megan Clark	DeWitt	Gold
2	Clayton Ehlers	Sioux Rapids	Gold
3	Morgan Mineart	Earlham	Gold
	Jason Wright	Clarinda	Silver
	Trey Voeller	Monroe	Silver
	Aiden Sullivan	Nashua	Silver
	Kirby Cook	Winthrop	Silver
	Allie Bouchard	Cherokee	Bronze
	Ava Vandaele	Fairbank	Bronze
	Hannah Bill	Parkersburg	Bronze
	George Martin	Shenandoah	Bronze
	Rachel Aird	West Liberty	Bronze

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### About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.