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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 21, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Allison Wheeler, Austin Henry, and Erin Cooper. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. They will represent Iowa at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in October. The Independence FFA Chapter from Independence was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Emily Robinson, Syd Etten, and Haylee Lau. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Rachael Emig.

FFA members from 16 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 48 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in feature story writing, electronic media and graphic design as well as presented a team media plan. High individual for the writing practicum was Nicholas Morgan from the Roland-Story FFA Chapter. Heidi Kaestner from the Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne was named the high individual for the electronic media practicum. Top design practicum was Carolyn Truman from the Cascade FFA Chapter. Each practicum winner was awarded with a plaque.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Communications CDE was made possible with support from Iowa Soybean Association and 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 Independence FFA Chapter
- 3 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 4 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 5 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 6 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 7 Tri-County FFA, Thornburg
- 8 North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- 9 Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
- 10 Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Tri-County FFA, Thornburg

Team Presentation

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Writing Practicum

Allison Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Electronic Media Practicum

Rainie Hoogendoorn, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Graphic DesignPracticum

Sarah Siglin, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (527 to 477)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Independence FFA Chapter

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range (469.5 to 413)

Tri-County FFA, Thornburg

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Bronze Teams (3)

Score Range (397 to 305.5)

Albia FFA Chapter, Albia

Murray FFA, Murray

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 225 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.