



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Communications CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agriculture Communications Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 17, 2007. Members of the first place team included: Kaylee Doll, Camie Widmer, Zach James, and Matt Vavroch. Their agriculture education instructor is Mr. Rick Swenson. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Communications Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Hudson FFA Chapter from Hudson was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Samantha Henke, Allison Koch, Kelsey Reiter, Amy Lichty, and Courtney Seekins. Their agriculture education instructor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. Mickey Williams, Midland FFA, Wyoming, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 13 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 Agriculture Communications. The 55 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in news writing, broadcasting, graphic/photo editing, as well as presenting a team communications project proposal. A written examination was included along with a copy editing activity.

Successful Farming-Agriculture Online, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the plaque for the winning team. Morgan & Myers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored plaques for the the Champion and Reserve Champion Individuals, and the top team and individuals in the practicum areas of Press Release, News Release, Broadcasting, Design, Knowledge Test, and the Project Proposal and Presentation. Morgan & Myers also sponsored the rosettes for the top ten individuals, top ten teams, and for members of the top ten teams. The Iowa Farmer Today, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Reserve Champion Team plaque and a cash donation for the winning team to travel to the National FFA Convention.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Hudson FFA, Hudson
- 3 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 4 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 5 Baxter FFA, Baxter
- 6 Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
- 7 Osage FFA, Osage
- 8 North Polk FFA, Alleman
- 9 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 10 Cascade FFA Cascade

Top 10 Individuals

- Mickey Williams, Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Camie Widmer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Amy Lichty, Hudson FFA, Hudson
- Kaylee Doll, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Allison Koch, Hudson FFA, Hudson
- Mackenzie LaGrange, Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
- Matt Vavroch, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Hope Holm, Osage FFA, Osage
- Zach James, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Samantha Henke Hudson FFA Hudson

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Written Proposal

Team: North Polk FFA, Alleman

Team Presentation

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma **Individual:** Kaylee Doll, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

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Team: Hudson FFA, Hudson **Individual:**

News Story: Mickey Williams, Midland FFA, Wyoming

Press Release: Camie Widmer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Radio Broadcast: Holly O'Connell, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Graphic Design: Amy Lichty, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (4)

Score Range

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range

Baxter FFA, Baxter

Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree

Osage FFA, Osage

North Polk FFA, Alleman

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Bronze Teams (3)

Score Range

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 495,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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