



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 ISU, Ames on April 15, 2008. Members of the first place team included: Emily Cashman, Victor Bushong, Hilary Iverson, and Audrey Wheeler. 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, Shelby Seekins, Jodi Sorensen, Haley Hospodarsky, and Sammy Green. Their agriculture education instructor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. Victor Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 22 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 92 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. The Iowa Farmer Today, 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. They also sponsored the rosettes for the top ten individuals, top ten teams, members of the top ten teams, and 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 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 4 Chariton FFA, Chariton
- 5 Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
- 6 Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
- 7 Osage FFA, Osage
- 8 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 9 West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 10 East Union FFA, Afton

Top 10 Individuals

- Victor Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Samantha Henke, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Shelby Seekins, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Jodi Sorensen, Hudson FFA, Hudson
Audrey Wheeler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Hilary Iverson, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Jordan Street, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Emily Cashman, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Megan Engel, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Beth Engel, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Project Proposal

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Team Presentation

Hudson FFA, Hudson

Knowledge Test

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma Individual: Victor Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

News Release Practicum

Samantha Henke, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Press Release Practicum

Victor Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Broadcast Practicum

Jodi Sorensen, Hudson FFA, Hudson

Design Practicum

Brittany Wiit, Northeast FFA, Goose Lake

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (821 to

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (637.5 to 597.5)

West Marshall FFA, State Center

Hudson FFA, Hudson
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Chariton FFA, Chariton
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Osage FFA, Osage
Roland-Story FFA, Story City

East Union FFA, Afton
North Polk FFA, Alleman
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
Albia FFA, Albia
West Fork FFA
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range

Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Rockford FFA, Rockford
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley

Participation Teams (1)

Monticello FFA, Monticello

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 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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