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News Release

Keota FFA Wins 2024 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Keota FFA Chapter from Keota was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on October 10, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Ayden Galindo, Jack Greiner, Jacob Libe, and Jackson Vittetoe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Zach Jamison. The Brokaw FFA Chapter from Clarinda was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Aidan Johnson, Gabby Derry, Alexis Clark, and Jillian Dammann. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Logan Henry, and Mrs. Emma Cutler. Clark Spencer, Stanton was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The top five teams will represent Iowa at the National Land Judging Event in May in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Sigourney FFA, Sigourney; Davis County FFA, Bloomfield; and Louisa-Muscatine FFA will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 30 chapters, including 120 individuals 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 Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Heartland Co-op through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy and the Iowa State 450 Farm served as the host site for the event. Kent Berns, 450 farm manager, was host for the event. The Iowa State University Soils Judging Team and several PhD students in Soil Science served as pit monitors. Amber Anderson of Iowa State University coordinated the event. The official judges were Rich Pope, Adam Subora, Lee Burras and Amber Anderson.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Keota FFA
- 2 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 3 Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
- 4 Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
- 5 Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 6 Unity Christian FFA
- 7 Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
- 8 South O'Brien FFA
- 9 English Valleys FFA, North English
- 10 Grinnell FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- Clark Spencer, Stanton
Jackson Vittetoe, Keota FFA
Alexis Clark, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Tristan Bircher, Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
Ayden Galindo, Keota FFA
Sedric Lamb, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Gabe Moermond, South O'Brien FFA
Ava Moline, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Jack Greiner, Keota FFA
Gabby Derry, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Individual: Alexis Clark, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Pit Evaluation

Team: Keota FFA

Individual: Tristan Bircher, Davis County FFA, Bloomfield

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (14)

Score Range (477 to 413)

Keota FFA

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Davis County FFA, Bloomfield

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Unity Christian FFA

Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

South O'Brien FFA

English Valleys FFA, North English

Grinnell FFA

East Union FFA, Afton

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Stanton

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (409 to 353)

Riverside FFA, Oakland

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Turkey Valley at Jackson Junction

Central Plains FFA, Gowrie

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA

Holland FFA, Orange City

Griswold FFA, Griswold

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (341 to 295)

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Cascade FFA

Clear Lake FFA

Central Trail FFA, Leon

Knoxville FFA, Knoxville

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 20,000 student members as part of 267 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.