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News Release

2025 IOWA FFA AG CSI LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

97th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag CSI Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 14, 2025. Nine chapters participated in this year's LDE. The first place chapter for the event was the Montezuma FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms Hannah Garland. The second place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael.

Ag Career & Science Investigation, Ag CSI, is a Leadership Development Event that challenges Middle School FFA members to explore the diverse career options in agriculture. Ag CSI also challenges students to think creatively to develop solutions to future agriculturally related issues. This is a Leadership Development Event for 7th and 8th grade Iowa FFA members. The Iowa FFA Ag CSI LDE is made possible with support from Ag Processing Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag CSI LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Abigail Bos, Alyssa Bos, Ava DeWeese, Tait Henkle, and Annie Mathes	Montezuma	Gold
2	Melanie Gilmore, Molly Garcia, Kaelyn Feldman, Lorelei Christensen, Bristol Polito, and Anna Nollman	West Liberty	Gold
3	Noah Fastert, Tyler Ellingson, Jace Palmer, and Karsen Juelsgaard	Audubon	Gold
	Carly Danner, Isaac Helmich, Kendal Larsen, Ayson Ponce-Santos, Tatum Bates, and Macie Barbour	Estherville	Silver
	Phoenix Brewer, Braelynn Hansen, Meredith Mulligan, and Logan Schaben	Harlan	Silver
	Layla Hanthorn, Gibson Graham, Ajae Mendenhall, Luke Saylor, and Matthew Easton	Leon	Silver
	Lilly Wright, Grant Flaherty, Trevor Eckels, Elijah Clarke, Drake Werner, and Bentley Smith	Murray	Bronze
	Madelyn Naumann, Gracie Hovick, Nathaniel Goodwin, Michaela Kinyon, and Maryanne Thomas	Nevada	Bronze
	Beau Brauhn, Johnny Madsen, Isaac Nelson, and Vance Sangwin	Sioux Rapids	Bronze

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,300 student members as part of 270 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 and on social media.