



Virginia FFA 2009 State Convention “Same Traditions, New Ambitions”

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners – Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Blacksburg, Virginia -- Winners of the State FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event were announced June 22, 2009 at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Elizabeth Trammell of the Randolph Henry FFA placed first in the Virginia FFA Senior Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE. **Whitney Perkins of the Louisa County FFA** placed second. Trammell received a plaque sponsored in honor of E.M. Pennington, \$100 check sponsored nationally by the American Farm Bureau Federation and a senior state plaque sponsored by Southern States Cooperative and a partially-paid trip to compete at the National FFA Convention.

Top Individuals

- 1st Place- Elizabeth Trammell of the Randolph Henry FFA
- 2nd Place- Whitney Perkins of the Louisa County FFA
- 3rd Place- Cecelia Parks of the Turner Ashby FFA

CDEs focus on student success. Career opportunities abound within today’s agribusiness and agriscience industries. The key to achievement lies in the ability to think critically, communicate clearly and perform effectively. The Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE requires students to become confident in their public speaking abilities and research various agricultural topics to write and present an informative speech. They are given a topic and thirty minutes to write a speech then present it to a panel of judges for content and presentation.

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