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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Extemporaneous Public Speaking 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event (CDE) were announced Friday during the seventh session of the national FFA convention. The event was held in conjunction with the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Dennis Wallace of Washington served as the superintendent of this year's national event.

The top four individuals received scholarships to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice. The scholarships and the extemporaneous public speaking event are sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation of Washington, D.C. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Carson States of Silverton HS FFA, OR
- 2nd Place-- Elizabeth Trammell of Randolph-Henry High School FFA, VA
- 3rd Place-- Sarah Saulsbury of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
- 4th Place-- Eric Kamler of Geneva-Fillmore Central FFA, NE

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Eric Kamler of Geneva-Fillmore Central FFA, NE Elizabeth Trammell of Randolph-Henry High School FFA, VA

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Carson States of Silverton HS FFA, OR

Sarah Saulsbury of Natrona Co HS Casper
FFA, WY

Silver Emblem Individuals

Mikaela Serafin of Tulare HS FFA, CA

Danielle Sanok of Tri Valley Central HS FFA,
NY

Emily Brown of Union County HS Lake
Butler Sr, FL

Alannah Abrams of Liberty Benton HS FFA,
OH

Amanda Wilder of Meridian HS-FFA, ID

Marty Jones of Owasso FFA, OK

Michael Mardesen of Griswold HS FFA, IA

Molly Walmer of E Lebanon Co HS FFA, PA

Kelli Fulkerson of Branch Area Careers Center
FFA, MI

Syrena Flowers of Liberty Tech Magnet HS
FFA, TN

Shannon Watson of Clinton AVTS FFA, MO

Cody Howard of Yelm HS FFA, WA

Bronze Emblem Individuals

James William Haynes of Tallassee HS FFA,
AL

Marjorie Schleper of Upsala HS FFA, MN

Lydney Davis of Queen Creek HS FFA, AZ

Brandon Cutrer of Puckett High FFA, MS

Katie McGehee of Ozark HS FFA, AR

Jasper Fitzgerald of Red Lodge HS FFA, MT

Jayce Tappy of Prairie Jr Sr HS-FFA, CO

Derek Boucher of Winnisquam Reg HS FFA,
NH

Heather Dahlin of Trumbull Regional, CT

Morgan Taylor of Phillipsburg HS FFA, NJ

Shaun Palmer of Cape Henlopen HS FFA, DE

Joel Ferguson of Carrizozo FFA, NM

Cody Ashcroft of Bleckley Co HS FFA, GA

Zach McNamara of Crest HS FFA, NC

Paige Prehoda of Heyworth FFA, IL

Jandi Schmitz of Harvey HS FFA, ND

Jennifer Amstutz of Adams Central HS FFA,
IN

Stephanie Johnson of Hanna Westside -
Anderson FFA, SC

Garrett Lister of Marysville HS FFA, KS

Casey Janisch of Clark HS FFA, SD

Sarah Flatt of Russell Co HS-FFA, KY

Scott Landers of Chisum HS FFA, TX

Cody Quebedeaux of Thibodaux HS FFA, LA

LaChelle Lewis of South Summit HS FFA, UT

Brandi Rossignol of Caribou Technology
Center-Caribou FFA, ME

Tara Barber of Middlebury Union HS FFA,
VT

Caitlin Slife of Frederick HS FFA, MD

Eleanor Porter of Roane Co FFA, WV

Stephanie Hobbs of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA Lauren Stemper of Random Lake HS FFA, WI

The National FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to prepare and present a factual speech on a specific agricultural issue in a well thought out and logical manner. Members select one topic from a choice of categories, have thirty minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech, and respond to five minutes of questions following delivery.

This event, held at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members - all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture - as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. 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 National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U. S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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