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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Job Interview 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Job Interview Career Development Event (CDE) were announced Friday at the annual awards banquet. The event was held in conjunction with the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Ms. Linda Story of Kentucky served as superintendent of the national event.

The top four individuals will receive scholarships to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice. The scholarships and the job interview event are sponsored by the National FFA Foundation.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Chacey Schoepel of Fairview HS-FFA, OK
- 2nd Place-- Drew Nash of White House Heritage FFA, TN
- 3rd Place-- Heather Harder of Colfax HS FFA, WA
- 4th Place-- Abby Settje of Wilmot HS FFA, SD
- 5th Place-- Holly Ward of Seminole Co FFA, GA
- 6th Place-- Maddie Dunlap of Maxwell HS FFA, CA
- 7th Place-- Benjamin Zelle of Waverly-Shell Rock HS FFA, IA
- 8th Place-- Rachel Kenley of Palmer HS FFA, AK

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Rachel Kenley of Palmer HS FFA, AK

Chacey Schoepel of Fairview HS-FFA, OK

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Maddie Dunlap of Maxwell HS FFA, CA
Holly Ward of Seminole Co FFA, GA

Abby Settje of Wilmot HS FFA, SD
Drew Nash of White House Heritage FFA, TN

Benjamin Zelle of Waverly-Shell Rock HS
FFA, IA

Heather Harder of Colfax HS FFA, WA

Silver Emblem Individuals

Kalea Taylor of Highland HS FFA, AZ
Bailey McHenry of Karval HS FFA, CO
Michele Goodfellow of De Land Sr FFA, FL
Hannah Pieper of Dakota Comm HS-FFA, IL
Amanda Downey of Boonville High School
FFA, IN
Kaden Roush of Smith Center HS FFA, KS

Kristen Goralczyk of Shepherd HS FFA, MT
Meradith Ganow of Norris, NE
Leevon Lacy of Woodstown HS FFA, NJ
Bryan Curtis of T-S-t New Visions, NY
Christine Taylor of Lakeview Sr. HS FFA, OR

Alexandra Kalwa of Harford Tech FFA, MD
Edwin Santana of Essex Agricultural & Tech
School - FFA, MA
Tera Koebel of River Valley Sch FFA, MI
Rachel Frank of Spring Valley-Wykoff FFA,
MN

Lauren Woloohojian of Exeter West
Greenwich HS FFA, RI
Shelby Thomas of Gilmer HS FFA, TX
Mckena Woolstenhulme of South Summit HS
FFA, UT
Mynika Martin of Jefferson HS FFA, WV
Lauren Holterman of Watertown HS FFA, WI

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Mike Schneider of Nonnewaug HS- Woodbury
FFA, CT
Patricia Dombrowki of Kent Polytech HS
FFA, DE
Julie Obermeyer of Emmett HS-FFA, ID

Ashley Fritsch of Scott Co HS FFA, KY
Robert Aycock of Clarkdale, MS
Aly Reynolds of Wells FFA, NV

Kayla Smith of Weddington High School FFA,
NC
Courtney Bischof of Lisbon HS FFA, ND

Dominique Randall of W B Saul HS Ag Sci-
Philadelphi, PA
Kyle Hodges of Clover HS FFA, SC
Addie Guthrie of Strasburg HS FFA, VA

The job interview CDE is a competitive activity that tests student's ability to perform effectively throughout the entire job application process. The participants prepare a resume, cover letter and complete a written application. They also participate in phone, one-on-one and panel job interviews as part of the competition.

The event, held at the Crowne Plaza 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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