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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Nursery and Landscape 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Nursery and Landscape 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. Dr. Alan McDaniel of Virginia served as superintendent of this year's event.

The top three individuals and the national winning team members received scholarships to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice. The scholarships and the event are sponsored by Arysta LifeScience North America of Cary, North Carolina; Kubota Tractor Corporation of Torrance, California and STIHL Inc. of Virginia Beach, Virginia as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Merchants in the Indianapolis, Ind. area also donated and loaned plant materials for the CDE.

The team from Washington County HS FFA in Washington, Kansas placed first in the National FFA Nursery and Landscape Career Development Event at the 82nd National FFA Convention. The team members were Jesse Huber, Michael Welch, Brooke Stamm and Bonnie Bailey and were coached by John Kern. The Kansas team placed first in competition against 40 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Kansas

Jesse Huber, Michael Welch, Brooke Stamm, and Bonnie Bailey, all of Washington County HS FFA

2nd Place--Georgia

Thomas Burnham, Spencer Freeman, Morgan Strickland, and Nick Wood, all of Perry HS FFA

3rd Place--Florida

Kole Peterson, Ashley Leonard, Ryan Capps, and Lucas Worley, all of Lennard

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4th Place--Minnesota	Justin Simpson, Doreen Lorentz, Jacob Demarais, and Jackson Houston, all of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted HS FFA
5th Place--Iowa	Kinsey Edmonds, Mitchell Longtin, Brenden McCleary, and Andrea Chatfield, all of Muscatine HS FFA
6th Place--Missouri	Katlyn Britt-Rankin, Will Garrett, Brady Chasteen, and Russ Chambers, all of Columbia FFA
7th Place--Delaware	Ashley Brizendine, Eric Reid, Heather Lefner, and Lindsey Scott, all of Kent Polytech HS FFA
8th Place--Ohio	Justin Martin, Ashley Lewis, Casey Fuleky, and Andi Miteen, all of Sylvania Southview HS FFA
9th Place--Idaho	Joslyn Waters, Traci Lundquist, Cherokee Carrillo, and Michelle Mortimer, all of Rigby HS-FFA
10th Place--North Carolina	Josh Martin, Ricki Miles, Lonnie Nicholson, and Matt Dale, all of Southern Alamance HS FFA

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Jesse Huber of Washington County HS FFA, KS
- 2nd Place-- Michael Welch of Washington County HS FFA, KS
- 3rd Place-- Lucas Worley of Lennard FFA, FL
- 4th Place-- Justin Simpson of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted HS FFA, MN
- 5th Place-- Kinsey Edmonds of Muscatine HS FFA, IA
- 6th Place-- Nick Wood of Perry HS FFA, GA
- 7th Place-- Thomas Burnham of Perry HS FFA, GA
- 8th Place-- Spencer Freeman of Perry HS FFA, GA
- 9th Place-- Mitchell Longtin of Muscatine HS FFA, IA
- 10th Place-- Bonnie Bailey of Washington County HS FFA, KS

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Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Greenbrier HS FFA, AR	Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted HS FFA, MN
Kent Polytech HS FFA, DE	Columbia FFA, MO
Lennard FFA, FL	Southern Alamance HS FFA, NC
Perry HS FFA, GA	Sylvania Southview HS FFA, OH
Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Mcminnville HS FFA, OR
Muscatine HS FFA, IA	Sedro Woolley HS FFA, WA
Washington County HS FFA, KS	

Silver Emblem Teams

Atwater HS FFA, CA	Cape May Tech FFA, NJ
Glenbrook South HS FFA, IL	Towner HS Schultz FFA, ND
Woodlan FFA, IN	Cushing HS FFA, OK
Rockcastle County HS - FFA, KY	Gallatin HS FFA, TN
Cecil Co School Of Tech FFA, MD	Crowley FFA, TX
Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Marion HS-Hort FFA, VA
Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm FFA, MI	Hampshire Co. FFA, WV
Franklin FFA, NE	Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI
Churchill Co FFA, NV	

Bronze Emblem Teams

Red Mountain HS FFA, AZ	W B Saul HS Ag Sci-Philadelphi, PA
Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT	Lexington App Tech CTR FFA, SC
Calvin HS FFA, LA	Mitchell HS FFA, SD
Millsaps Vo Tech Sch FFA, MS	Weber HS FFA, UT
Mesa Vista HS-FFA, NM	Middlebury Union HS FFA, VT
Warwick Vly Central HS FFA, NY	

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Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Jarrett Alexander of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR	Jacob Demarais of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted HS FFA, MN
Joseph Black of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR	Jackson Houston of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted HS FFA, MN
Ashley Brizendine of Kent Polytech HS FFA, DE	Doreen Lorentz of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted HS FFA, MN
Heather Lefner of Kent Polytech HS FFA, DE	Justin Simpson of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted HS FFA, MN
Eric Reid of Kent Polytech HS FFA, DE	Katlyn Britt-Rankin of Columbia FFA, MO
Ryan Capps of Lennard FFA, FL	Russ Chambers of Columbia FFA, MO
Ashley Leonard of Lennard FFA, FL	Brady Chasteen of Columbia FFA, MO
Kole Peterson of Lennard FFA, FL	Will Garrett of Columbia FFA, MO
Lucas Worley of Lennard FFA, FL	Ricki Miles of Southern Alamance HS FFA, NC
Thomas Burnham of Perry HS FFA, GA	Lonnie Nicholson of Southern Alamance HS FFA, NC
Spencer Freeman of Perry HS FFA, GA	Brandon Fenner of Towner HS Schultz FFA, ND
Morgan Strickland of Perry HS FFA, GA	Cameron McBeth of Towner HS Schultz FFA, ND
Nick Wood of Perry HS FFA, GA	Casey Fuleky of Sylvania Southview HS FFA, OH
Cherokee Carrillo of Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Ashley Lewis of Sylvania Southview HS FFA, OH
Traci Lundquist of Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Justin Martin of Sylvania Southview HS FFA, OH
Joslyn Waters of Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Kyla Patty of McMinnville HS FFA, OR
Kinsey Edmonds of Muscatine HS FFA, IA	Philip Pursel of McMinnville HS FFA, OR
Mitchell Longtin of Muscatine HS FFA, IA	Brianna Grigsby of Crowley FFA, TX
Brenden McCleary of Muscatine HS FFA, IA	Christopher Gore of Marion HS-Hort FFA, VA
Bonnie Bailey of Washington County HS FFA, KS	Jessica Deboer of Sedro Woolley HS FFA, WA

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Jesse Huber of Washington County HS FFA, KS

Brooke Stamm of Washington County HS FFA, KS

Michael Welch of Washington County HS FFA, KS

Matthew Hoadley of Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm FFA, MI

Anna Martin of Sedro Woolley HS FFA, WA

Kaitlyn Borisch of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI

Ryan Spaude of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI

Silver Emblem Individuals

Sarai Bartolotta of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR

Ashley Lewis of Greenbrier HS FFA, AR

Terilyn Bettencourt of Atwater HS FFA, CA

Stefani Dias of Atwater HS FFA, CA

Christina Willman of Atwater HS FFA, CA

Ryan Long of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT

Lindsey Scott of Kent Polytech HS FFA, DE

Christina Fagundes of Churchill Co FFA, NV

Jessica Fagundes of Churchill Co FFA, NV

Jimmie Ferguson of Cape May Tech FFA, NJ

Katie Mumford of Cape May Tech FFA, NJ

Mariah Galvez of Mesa Vista HS-FFA, NM

Kenneth Sandoval of Mesa Vista HS-FFA, NM

Matt Dale of Southern Alamance HS FFA, NC

Michelle Mortimer of Rigby HS-FFA, ID

Josh Martin of Southern Alamance HS FFA, NC

Jake Bell of Glenbrook South HS FFA, IL

Brady Prellwitz of Towner HS Schultz FFA, ND

Marina Botnari of Glenbrook South HS FFA, IL

Andi Miteen of Sylvania Southview HS FFA, OH

Monica Gunther of Glenbrook South HS FFA, IL

Ashleigh Pittser of Cushing HS FFA, OK

Ka Ram Kim of Glenbrook South HS FFA, IL

Ashlea Smith of Cushing HS FFA, OK

Celeste Grubaugh of Woodlan FFA, IN

Robbie Smith of Cushing HS FFA, OK

Emily Gruber of Woodlan FFA, IN

Jacquelyn Unger of Mcminnville HS FFA, OR

Erin Gruber of Woodlan FFA, IN

Jasmine Gibson of W B Saul HS Ag Sci-Philadelphia, PA

Andrea Chatfield of Muscatine HS FFA, IA

Tyreek Harris of W B Saul HS Ag Sci-Philadelphia, PA

Steven Brown of Rockcastle County HS - FFA, KY

Tyrell Smith of W B Saul HS Ag Sci-Philadelphia, PA

Dustin Reynolds of Rockcastle County HS - FFA, KY	Amanda Kyzer of Lexington App Tech CTR FFA, SC
Amanda Swinney of Rockcastle County HS - FFA, KY	Tim Roark of Lexington App Tech CTR FFA, SC
Steven Mason of Cecil Co School Of Tech FFA, MD	Collin Gronseth of Mitchell HS FFA, SD
Maberon Meadows of Cecil Co School Of Tech FFA, MD	Garrett Weidner of Gallatin HS FFA, TN
Sarah Racine of Cecil Co School Of Tech FFA, MD	Rachel Younkin of Gallatin HS FFA, TN
Dylan Tomblin of Cecil Co School Of Tech FFA, MD	Kaci Geiken of Crowley FFA, TX
Jonas Amaral of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Shelby Hayes of Crowley FFA, TX
Ethan Dangelo of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Drew Hill of Weber HS FFA, UT
Nicole Forsyth of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Zach Sullivan of Middlebury Union HS FFA, VT
Tedd Bergeron of Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm FFA, MI	Ethan Harris of Marion HS-Hort FFA, VA
Joshua Thomas of Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm FFA, MI	Jon Wymer of Marion HS-Hort FFA, VA
Daniel Hill of Franklin FFA, NE	Stacey Lindsay of Sedro Woolley HS FFA, WA
Jessica Loeffelholz of Franklin FFA, NE	Audreanna Haines of Hampshire Co. FFA, WV
Kate Schluntz of Franklin FFA, NE	Brooke Morris of Hampshire Co. FFA, WV
Adam Vetter of Franklin FFA, NE	Helen Riley of Hampshire Co. FFA, WV

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Jesus Lopez of Red Mountain HS FFA, AZ	Michelle Giani of Warwick Vly Central HS FFA, NY
Victoria Payne of Red Mountain HS FFA, AZ	Peter Pascoe of Warwick Vly Central HS FFA, NY
Julio Rivera of Red Mountain HS FFA, AZ	Maggie Smith of Warwick Vly Central HS FFA, NY
Brandon Walker of Red Mountain HS FFA, AZ	Kevin Vollmer of Towner HS Schultz FFA, ND

Lilliana Reyes of Atwater HS FFA, CA	Heather Pearce of Cushing HS FFA, OK
Cooper Brown of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT	Ricky Madison of W B Saul HS Ag Sci-Philadelphi, PA
Julia Patterson of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT	Blaine Clarkson of Lexington App Tech CTR FFA, SC
Rachael Purdy of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT	Dillin Price of Lexington App Tech CTR FFA, SC
Bridgett Friend of Woodlan FFA, IN	Cole Johnson of Mitchell HS FFA, SD
Tiffany Burke of Calvin HS FFA, LA	Courtney Nolz of Mitchell HS FFA, SD
Drew Howell of Calvin HS FFA, LA	Tasha Paulson of Mitchell HS FFA, SD
Alexis Sampey of Calvin HS FFA, LA	Racheal Gregory of Gallatin HS FFA, TN
Patrick Curran of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Seth Tennant of Gallatin HS FFA, TN
Tyler Sieler of Lenawee Vo Tech Center Pm FFA, MI	Suzanna Salas of Crowley FFA, TX
Betty Janay Bardwell of Millsaps Vo Tech Sch FFA, MS	Carlie Huenke of Weber HS FFA, UT
Kimberly Boyd of Millsaps Vo Tech Sch FFA, MS	Alea Johnson of Weber HS FFA, UT
Justin McClain of Millsaps Vo Tech Sch FFA, MS	Shelby Miller of Weber HS FFA, UT
Dalvin Robertson of Millsaps Vo Tech Sch FFA, MS	Steven Patterson of Middlebury Union HS FFA, VT
Jacklyn Burchard of Churchill Co FFA, NV	Holly Attaway of Hampshire Co. FFA, WV
Carly Hilton of Cape May Tech FFA, NJ	Deanna Cahoon-Draus of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI
Kristen Archuleta of Mesa Vista HS-FFA, NM	Kayla Steffel of Oconto Falls HS FFA, WI
Katie Brosnan of Warwick Vly Central HS FFA, NY	

The National FFA Nursery and Landscape CDE is a competitive activity in which FFA members test their knowledge and skills in nursery practices and landscaping. Contestants must complete a general knowledge exam testing horticultural principles

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including plant anatomy, production, marketing, turf, landscape design and maintenance. Each participant must also complete practicums involving a landscape drawing, landscape estimating, plant propagation or potting, identification of plants, disorders and equipment. Each team competed on local and state levels to earn the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

This event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national convention in which FFA members apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

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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