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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Horse Evaluation 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Horse Evaluation 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. Shannon Cunningham of Oklahoma served as superintendent of the national 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 Dodge Trucks of Auburn Hills, Michigan; Kent Feeds, Inc. of Muscatine, Iowa, Tractor Supply Company of Brentwood, Tennessee and Wahl Clipper Corporation of Sterling, Illinois as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The team from Locust Grove HS FFA in Locust Grove, Oklahoma placed first in the National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event at the 82nd National FFA Convention. The team members were Robbie Williams, Bayley Bedford and Chance Cunningham and were coached by Joe Cunningham. The Oklahoma team placed first in competition against 44 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Oklahoma	Robbie Williams, Bayley Bedford, and Chance Cunningham, all of Locust Grove HS FFA
2nd Place--California	Austin Perry, Alexis Greene, Shaley Hunter, and Kailey Barlow, all of Clovis East. HS FFA
3rd Place--Wyoming	Brittany Clemetson, Sarah Frisbee, Keylee Sayler, and Zoey Taucher, all of Natrona

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	Co HS Casper FFA
4th Place--Kansas	Jessica Grinstead, Zach Langford, and Melissa Albert, all of Buhler HS FFA
5th Place--Oregon	Ashley Anderson, Holly Schriever, Eryn Vest, and Samantha Callahan, all of Molalla HS FFA
6th Place--Illinois	Lauren Wells, Nicole Hart, Jessica Andre, and Kenny Winebaugh, all of Herscher HS FFA
7th Place--Tennessee	Emily Kopko, Bobby Richards, Gina Locke, and Sydney Polk, all of Page High FFA
8th Place--Ohio	Arielle Bergman, Chelsey Keiser, Kelsey Gavit, and Amy Frantz, all of Versailles HS-FFA
9th Place--Colorado	Amber Franklin, Bailey Folker, Hannah Lage, and Elizabeth Zadel, all of Roosevelt HS FFA
10th Place--Idaho	Kayla Johnson, Jud Elkington, Melissa Cook, and Marsha Drake, all of Rigby HS-FFA

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Alexis Greene of Clovis East. HS FFA, CA
- 2nd Place-- Bayley Bedford of Locust Grove HS FFA, OK
- 3rd Place-- Robbie Williams of Locust Grove HS FFA, OK
- 4th Place-- Keylee Sayler of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
- 5th Place-- Holly Schriever of Molalla HS FFA, OR
- 6th Place-- Chelsey Keiser of Versailles HS-FFA, OH
- 7th Place-- Jessica Grinstead of Buhler HS FFA, KS
- 8th Place-- Chris Mackey of Madison County HS FFA, NC
- 9th Place-- Brittany Clemetson of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
- 10th Place-- Melissa Albert of Buhler HS FFA, KS

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Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Rogers HS FFA, AR	Versailles HS-FFA, OH
Clovis East. HS FFA, CA	Locust Grove HS FFA, OK
Roosevelt HS FFA, CO	Molalla HS FFA, OR
Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Page High FFA, TN
Herscher HS FFA, IL	Buffalo Gap HS - FFA, VA
Muscatine HS FFA, IA	Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
Buhler HS FFA, KS	

Silver Emblem Teams

Az Agribus & Eqn CTR FFA, AZ	Carson Valley FFA, NV
Joe E. Newsom High School-FFA, FL	N Burlington Co Regional HS FFA, NJ
White Co HS FFA, GA	Clayton HS-FFA, NM
Dekalb HS FFA, IN	Letchworth Ctrl Sch FFA, NY
Union Co HS FFA, KY	Madison County HS FFA, NC
Ponchatoula HS FFA, LA	Carrington HS FFA, ND
Essex Agricultural & Tech School - FFA, MA	Wolsey-Wessington FFA, SD
Rolla Avts FFA, MO	Decatur HS FFA, TX
Flathead HS FFA, MT	Medical Lake HS-FFA, WA
Laurel Concord High School - FFA, NE	Winneconne HS FFA, WI

Bronze Emblem Teams

Southside HS FFA, AL	Clarkdale, MS
Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT	Pinkerton Academy Clicking Cla, NH
Smyrna HS FFA, DE	Elizabethtown HS FFA, PA
Middletown HS FFA, MD	Laurens School Dist 55 HS FFA, SC
Ovid Elsie HS FFA, MI	Spanish Fork HS FFA, UT
Grand Rapids HS FFA, MN	Ripley HS FFA, WV

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Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Alanna Grossman of Az Agribus & Eqn CTR FFA, AZ	Kalee McRae of Flathead HS FFA, MT
Natalie Ozment of Az Agribus & Eqn CTR FFA, AZ	Thomas Spain of N Burlington Co Regional HS FFA, NJ
Jacqueline Bowen of Rogers HS FFA, AR	Cabrielle Allaire of Clayton HS-FFA, NM
Shelby Hampton of Rogers HS FFA, AR	Stephanie Reeves of Clayton HS-FFA, NM
Kailey Barlow of Clovis East. HS FFA, CA	Lauralea Glaser of Letchworth Ctrl Sch FFA, NY
Alexis Greene of Clovis East. HS FFA, CA	Chris Mackey of Madison County HS FFA, NC
Shaley Hunter of Clovis East. HS FFA, CA	Kelsey Gavit of Versailles HS-FFA, OH
Bailey Folker of Roosevelt HS FFA, CO	Chelsey Keiser of Versailles HS-FFA, OH
Amber Franklin of Roosevelt HS FFA, CO	Bayley Bedford of Locust Grove HS FFA, OK
Elizabeth Zadel of Roosevelt HS FFA, CO	Chance Cunningham of Locust Grove HS FFA, OK
Abigail Gerena of Joe E. Newsom High School-FFA, FL	Robbie Williams of Locust Grove HS FFA, OK
Amelia Amy Lawhorn of Joe E. Newsom High School-FFA, FL	Holly Schriever of Molalla HS FFA, OR
Kay Parker of White Co HS FFA, GA	Eryn Vest of Molalla HS FFA, OR
Melissa Cook of Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Padyn Scheer of Wolsey-Wessington FFA, SD
Kayla Johnson of Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Emily Kopko of Page High FFA, TN
Jessica Andre of Herscher HS FFA, IL	Gina Locke of Page High FFA, TN
Nicole Hart of Herscher HS FFA, IL	Bobby Richards of Page High FFA, TN
Lauren Wells of Herscher HS FFA, IL	Jordan Johnson of Decatur HS FFA, TX
Brooke Fruits of Dekalb HS FFA, IN	Tyler Lisby of Decatur HS FFA, TX
Ashley Tomlin of Muscatine HS FFA, IA	Ashlea Bowers of Buffalo Gap HS - FFA, VA
Melissa Albert of Buhler HS FFA, KS	Melissa Davick of Buffalo Gap HS - FFA, VA
Jessica Grinstead of Buhler HS FFA, KS	Gretchen Thompson of Buffalo Gap HS - FFA, VA
Zach Langford of Buhler HS FFA, KS	Brett Moriarty of Medical Lake HS-FFA, WA

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Caitlin Lambert of Ponchatoula HS FFA, LA

Sarah Torres of Ponchatoula HS FFA, LA

Brittany Clemetson of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY

Keylee Saylor of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY

Silver Emblem Individuals

Sara Aungst of Az Agribus & Eqn CTR FFA, AZ

Savannah Grise of Az Agribus & Eqn CTR FFA, AZ

Morgan Bowen of Rogers HS FFA, AR

Austin Perry of Clovis East. HS FFA, CA

Hannah Lage of Roosevelt HS FFA, CO

Alixandra Borgert of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT

Jordan Iovino of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT

Amber Caldwell of Smyrna HS FFA, DE

Amber McClelland of Joe E. Newsom High School-FFA, FL

Erica Hare of White Co HS FFA, GA

Jud Elkington of Rigby HS-FFA, ID

Lauren Rowe of Dekalb HS FFA, IN

Keeley Carlson of Muscatine HS FFA, IA

Anne Dahms of Muscatine HS FFA, IA

Margaret LoBianco of Muscatine HS FFA, IA

Whitney Carr of Union Co HS FFA, KY

Maggie Downen of Union Co HS FFA, KY

Claire Hardesty of Union Co HS FFA, KY

Nicole Frazer of Ponchatoula HS FFA, LA

Ashley Blorstad of Middletown HS FFA, MD

Katie Gubbels of Laurel Concord High School - FFA, NE

Lacey Shupe of Carson Valley FFA, NV

Brianna Smith of Carson Valley FFA, NV

Danielle Taylor of Pinkerton Academy Clicking Cla, NH

Gillian Armstrong of N Burlington Co Regional HS FFA, NJ

Matthew Bassett of N Burlington Co Regional HS FFA, NJ

Gianna Grupp of N Burlington Co Regional HS FFA, NJ

Bethany Riley of Clayton HS-FFA, NM

Hannah Walker of Clayton HS-FFA, NM

Caitlin Seymour of Letchworth Ctrl Sch FFA, NY

Jennifer Hensley of Madison County HS FFA, NC

Erin Mattson of Carrington HS FFA, ND

Abigail Polries of Carrington HS FFA, ND

Anna Richter of Carrington HS FFA, ND

Arielle Bergman of Versailles HS-FFA, OH

Amy Frantz of Versailles HS-FFA, OH

Ashley Anderson of Molalla HS FFA, OR

Samantha Callahan of Molalla HS FFA, OR

Tiffany Crowder of Laurens School Dist 55 HS FFA, SC

Leah Cypher of Wolsey-Wessington FFA, SD

Konnar Miller of Middletown HS FFA, MD	Sydney Polk of Page High FFA, TN
Melissa Bowers of Essex Agricultural & Tech School - FFA, MA	Shelby Argo of Decatur HS FFA, TX
Samantha Gertz of Essex Agricultural & Tech School - FFA, MA	Jordan Lane of Decatur HS FFA, TX
Michele Millard of Essex Agricultural & Tech School - FFA, MA	Garrick Liddiard of Spanish Fork HS FFA, UT
Molly Budge of Ovid Elsie HS FFA, MI	Jailee Pace of Spanish Fork HS FFA, UT
Katie Maynard of Ovid Elsie HS FFA, MI	Holly Shelton of Buffalo Gap HS - FFA, VA
Allan Hafeman of Grand Rapids HS FFA, MN	Ashley Holznagel of Medical Lake HS-FFA, WA
Stephanie Lidholm of Grand Rapids HS FFA, MN	Kayleen Oliver of Medical Lake HS-FFA, WA
Emily Rasmussen of Grand Rapids HS FFA, MN	Samantha Williams of Medical Lake HS-FFA, WA
Meagan Lee of Clarkdale, MS	Justin Birthisel of Ripley HS FFA, WV
Brittany Dodd of Rolla Avts FFA, MO	Samantha Carney of Ripley HS FFA, WV
Rachael Lowe of Rolla Avts FFA, MO	Josh LaMarche of Winneconne HS FFA, WI
Amanda Smith of Rolla Avts FFA, MO	Ally McDonald of Winneconne HS FFA, WI
Trista Wise of Flathead HS FFA, MT	Sarah Frisbee of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
Alison Davey of Laurel Concord High School - FFA, NE	Zoey Taucher of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
Emily Gubbels of Laurel Concord High School - FFA, NE	

Bronze Emblem Individuals

JD Boatwright of Southside HS FFA, AL	Julia Morrow of Flathead HS FFA, MT
Logan Pentecost of Southside HS FFA, AL	Kelsey Ovik of Flathead HS FFA, MT
Savannah Peterson of Southside HS FFA, AL	Diana Cordano of Carson Valley FFA, NV
Ariel Rollins of Southside HS FFA, AL	Jessica Nalder of Carson Valley FFA, NV
Janae Wilson of Rogers HS FFA, AR	Rachel Goulding of Pinkerton Academy Clicking Cla, NH
Shelby Roger of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT	Ashley Lamontagne of Pinkerton Academy Clicking Cla, NH
Elizabeth Saccardi of Housatonic Vly Reg HS FFA, CT	Taylor Robison of Pinkerton Academy Clicking Cla, NH

Jen Hurlock of Smyrna HS FFA, DE	Bethany Glaser of Letchworth Ctrl Sch FFA, NY
Casse Rhodes of Smyrna HS FFA, DE	Dean Fox of Madison County HS FFA, NC
Logan Renew of Joe E. Newsom High School-FFA, FL	Ben Rice of Madison County HS FFA, NC
Taylor Burrell of White Co HS FFA, GA	Brent Schimelfenig of Carrington HS FFA, ND
Marsha Drake of Rigby HS-FFA, ID	Allison Diamond of Elizabethtown HS FFA, PA
Kenny Winebaugh of Herscher HS FFA, IL	Kristin Hamer of Elizabethtown HS FFA, PA
Amanda Landers of Dekalb HS FFA, IN	James Noel of Elizabethtown HS FFA, PA
Amber Snyder of Dekalb HS FFA, IN	Amy Stoddard of Elizabethtown HS FFA, PA
Callie Ratley of Union Co HS FFA, KY	Melvin McClellion of Laurens School Dist 55 HS FFA, SC
Kenzi Brigham of Middletown HS FFA, MD	Alison Stokes of Laurens School Dist 55 HS FFA, SC
Elaine Lowman of Middletown HS FFA, MD	Bo Mutchelknaus of Wolsey-Wessington FFA, SD
Jessica Segal of Essex Agricultural & Tech School - FFA, MA	Mariah Waters of Wolsey-Wessington FFA, SD
Natalie Hofferbert of Ovid Elsie HS FFA, MI	Tyrel Prior of Spanish Fork HS FFA, UT
April Sutliff of Ovid Elsie HS FFA, MI	Jessica Swenson of Spanish Fork HS FFA, UT
Abby Rukavina of Grand Rapids HS FFA, MN	Mollie Villers of Ripley HS FFA, WV
Justin Hyde of Clarkdale, MS	Peggy Winter of Ripley HS FFA, WV
Collin Kent of Clarkdale, MS	Christian Krueger of Winneconne HS FFA, WI
Ashley LaKatos of Clarkdale, MS	Sumer Opinker of Winneconne HS FFA, WI
Abbie Turner of Rolla Avts FFA, MO	

The top ten individuals in Halter Placing were:

Chelsey Keiser
Keylee Sayler
Padyn Scheer

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Ashley Blorstad
Bobby Richards
Kelsey Gavit
Gretchen Thompson
Amber Caldwell
Tiffany Crowder
Matthew Bassett

The top ten individuals in Performance Placing were:

Eryn Vest
Elizabeth Zadel
Emily Kopko
Natalie Ozment
Jordan Johnson
Anna Richter
Abigail Polries
Brittany Dodd
Caitlin Seymour
Alexis Greene

The top ten individuals in presenting Oral Reasons were:

Alexis Greene
Robbie Williams
Chris Mackey
Bayley Bedford
Keylee Sayler
Jessica Grinstead
Lauren Wells
Holly Schriever
Austin Perry
Brittany Clemetson

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The National FFA Horse Evaluation CDE is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and evaluate horses. Event components include eight selection classes that consisted of four halter classes and four performance classes. Students also give four sets of oral reasons with two sets coming from each evaluation class. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

The 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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