



# Iowa FFA Association

## *The FFA Mission*

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **2008 IOWA FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

80th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Event was held at Hilton Coliseum, Ames, on Monday, April 14, 2008. Twelve individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place individual for the event was Artyom Rayev from the Mid-Prairie FFA Chapter at Wellman. Their agriculture education instructor is Ms. Elsa Schmidt. The second place individual for the event was Jessica Clark from the Albia FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor is Mr. Daryl Schofield.

The Extemporaneous Speaking event required participants to deliver a speech on one of the three agricultural topics after given 30 minutes to prepare a four-to-six minute speech. This event is designed to encourage the development of FFA members in the ability to speak, to think and to answer questions readily before an audience. This year's event was sponsored by Farm News, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a

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national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

Listed below are the results for the Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Event.

<b>Place</b>	<b>FFA Member Name(s)</b>	<b>Chapter P. O.</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1	Artyom Rayev	Wellman	Gold
2	Jessica Clark	Albia	Gold
3	Amber Nachtman	Manchester	Gold
	Ryan Schroeder	Coon Rapids	Gold
	Rachel Black	Akron	Silver
	Holden Asmus	Buffalo Center	Silver
	Jenni Ihrig	Maquoketa	Silver
	Matthew Reed	Sheffield	Silver
	Jesse Van De Krol	Sully	Silver
	Mitch Schulte	Van Horne	Silver
	Tiffany Hoffman	Carroll	Bronze
	Micheal Dischiler	Rockwell City	Bronze

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