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## **Louisiana FFA Members Compete in 2021 State Leadership Development Events**

LAKE CHARLES, La. (*Thursday, December 16, 2021, Louisiana FFA Association*) – Louisiana FFA members gathered at McNeese State University to compete in the State Leadership Development Events (LDEs). To be eligible for competition, members qualified through parish, district, and area competitions this fall. The top two students or teams from each area were invited to participate in the state events.

The focus of the events is leadership development for students. The benefits received from participating in an LDE include public speaking skills, communication strategies, leadership growth, confidence, memorization skills, and teaching strategies. The winner of each event will represent Louisiana at the National FFA Convention next October.

Here are the results:

### Creed Speaking sponsored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Isaac Lejeune, Jennings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nate Bellanger, Central Lafourche
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Emily Jones, Winnfield
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Mkye Francis, Opelousas

### Employment Skills

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Morgan Green, Florien
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grace Manuel, Florien
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Allie Hubbard, Northshore
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Iris Lormand, Acadiana

### Extemporaneous Public Speaking

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Peyton Little, Winnfield
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cesilee Oliver, Kinder
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cassidy Kelley, Ruston
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Carol Chandler, LaSalle

### Geaux Teach Ag sponsored by the Louisiana Teach Ag Campaign

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Andyn Zammit, Jennings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Natalie Espinosa, St. Amant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eliza Persons, Jennings
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Breanna Graham, East Ascension

Gulf of Mexico Public Speaking sponsored by the Sabine River Authority

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Morgan Green, Florien
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sydney Bruchhaus, Elton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Breland Martin, Winnfield
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Nigel Kinsey, Ruston

Parliamentary Procedure

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Winnfield
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Elton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Acadiana
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ruston

Prepared Public Speaking sponsored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Thomas Knight, Jennings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Colton Conley, Natchitoches Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lauren Poole, Winnfield
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jillian Lantz, Jennings

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The Louisiana FFA Association is composed of over 10,000 student members from 202 FFA chapters in 51 parishes. 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. FFA operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress, and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. For more, visit the Louisiana FFA Association online at [www.laffa.org](http://www.laffa.org) and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.