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

Employment Skills
1st – Morgan Green, Florien
2nd – Grace Manuel, Florien
3rd – Allie Hubbard, Northshore
4th – Iris Lormand, Acadiana

Extemporaneous Public Speaking
1st – Peyton Little, Winnfield
2nd – Cesilee Oliver, Kinder
3rd – Kassidy Kelley, Ruston
4th – Carol Chandler, LaSalle

Geaux Teach Ag sponsored by the Louisiana Teach Ag Campaign
1st – Andyn Zammit, Jennings
2nd – Natalie Espinosa, St. Amant
3rd – Eliza Persons, Jennings
4th – Breanna Graham, East Ascension

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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.
Gulf of Mexico Public Speaking sponsored by the Sabine River Authority
1st – Morgan Green, Florien
2nd – Sydney Bruchhaus, Elton
3rd – Breland Martin, Winnfield
4th – Nigel Kinsey, Ruston

Parliamentary Procedure
1st – Winnfield
2nd – Elton
3rd – Acadiana
4th – Ruston

Prepared Public Speaking sponsored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
1st – Thomas Knight, Jennings
2nd – Colton Conley, Natchitoches Central
3rd – Lauren Poole, Winnfield
4th – 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 and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.