



Local FFA chapter to compete nationally in career development event

INDIANAPOLIS (Wednesday, August 3, 2016/National FFA Organization.) – A local FFA chapter recently was selected to compete for national recognition in an FFA Career Development Event at the 89th National FFA Convention & Expo.

The Badger HS FFA Chapter from Lake Geneva will send members to Indianapolis as they vie for national honors in the area of Prepared Public Speaking. National support for the Prepared Public Speaking CDE is provided by Monsanto. FFA members who will represent the chapter in the event include Braden Kundert. The chapter advisor is Larry Plapp.

Prepared public speaking is one of 24 national CDE areas, covering job skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Prepared public speaking allows members to select an agriculture-related topic that interests them, research that topic and put together a creative, informative and interesting speech. Speakers are evaluated on the speech's content and composition, along with delivery and production. National participants will advance through preliminary and semifinal rounds, with the top four speakers competing in the final round of the national event. CDEs help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly and perform effectively in a competitive job market.

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