



## 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 Veterinary Science. National support for the Veterinary Science CDE is provided by Zoetis with additional support provided by the Association of American Vet Medical Colleges. FFA members who will represent the chapter in the event include Alyssa Cowan, Amanda Meier, Casey Burmeister, and Kendra Hoerth. The chapter advisor is Candice Franks.

Veterinary science is one of 24 national CDE areas, covering job skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Teams demonstrate technical competency with small and large animals by completing a written exam, critical thinking scenario questions, identifications and hands-on practicums. Teams conduct research, based on an annual topic, using the help of local veterinarians and demonstrate different roles of the veterinary team to a panel of judges. This event allows participants to utilize high-level knowledge in math and science. CDEs help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly and perform effectively in a competitive job market.

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