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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners - Employment Skills 2025

INDIANAPOLIS- Winners of the National FFA Employment Skills Leadership Development Event (LDE) were announced Thursday during the fourth session of the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis. Dr. Kirk Swortzel of Mississippi State University served as superintendent of the event.

The top four individuals received cash awards to recognize their success in the event.

The employment skills event helps FFA members develop, practice and demonstrate essential skills needed for employment in the industry of agriculture. The event simulates real-world activities used by employers, providing participants with practical job search and interview experience, helping them prepare for future careers in agriculture.

The event, held at the Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis, is one of many educational activities at the National FFA Convention & Expo in which FFA members practice the lessons taught in agricultural education classes.

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Makena Blalock of Sonoraville FFA, GA
- 2nd Place-- Katelyn Green of Cedar FFA, UT
- 3rd Place-- Joleena Ibarra of Temecula-Saint Jeanne Catholic FFA, CA
- 4th Place-- Lillian Hulse of Minneapolis FFA, KS

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

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| Tanya Martinez of Beauregard FFA, AL | Joleena Ibarra of Temecula-Saint Jeanne Catholic FFA, CA |
| Kalena Diaz of Odessa FFA, DE | Makena Blalock of Sonoraville FFA, GA |
| Lillian Hulse of Minneapolis FFA, KS | Timothy Farmer of Taylor County FFA, KY |
| Jillian McLaughlin of Lincoln Academy FFA, ME | Rachel Noble of South Lenoir FFA, NC |
| Darla Fesmire of Oklahoma Union FFA, OK | Alexander Wise of Baker FFA, OR |
| Katelyn Green of Cedar FFA, UT | Levi Knopp of Ripley FFA, WV |

Silver Emblem Individuals

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| Jacqueline Denney of Palmer FFA, AK | Hannah Baker of Mountain Home FFA, AR |
| Freya Evans of Stamford Regional FFA, CT | Nicholas Campbell of Florida Virtual FFA, FL |
| Alia Schmidt of Easton Valley FFA, IA | Carter Moore of Sugar-Salem FFA, ID |
| Dana Frederick of Church Point FFA, LA | Phoenix Olivier of Bristol FFA, MA |
| Jackson Mansolillo of Howard County FFA, MD | Taylor Berkner of Sleepy Eye FFA, MN |

Kennedy Lyson of Baker FFA, MT
Morrison Sawyer-Lemeris of Seacoast School of
Technology FFA, NH
Addison Derry of John Glenn FFA, OH
Sapana Das of Chuckey-Doak FFA, TN
Isabelle Davenport of River Falls FFA, WI

Sabrina Haas of Napoleon FFA, ND
Haydn Jones of Cuba-Rushford FFA, NY
Addison Wydock of Conway FFA, SC
KYLA POLAND of Yelm FFA, WA
Dani Santee of Riverton FFA, WY

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Nevaeh Guerrero of Globe FFA, AZ
Taylor Crouch of Maroa-Forsyth FFA, IL
Christian Siegel of Columbia FFA, MO
Shelby Moran of Northern Burlington FFA, NJ
Paige Reynolds of Ponaganset FFA, RI
Emma Alexander of Louisa FFA, VA

Dalen Calistro of Waipahu FFA, HI
Taylor Lautermilch of Camden Frontier FFA, MI
Evelyn Alvarado of West Jones FFA, MS
Toriona Bowers of Shanksville-Stonycreek FFA, PA
Atlee Olson of Belle Fourche FFA, SD
Frank MacTavish of Middlebury Union FFA, VT

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