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Agriscience Students Show off Skills during FFA Competition

Jackson, Mich.—Career Center students demonstrated exceptional skill and talent at the recent state-wide FFA Agriculture Skills Competition held at several MSU campus facilities on April 15th. A total of six teams and nearly 25 students placed for medals during the competition, while one team of four students earned a place to compete in Nationals in October.

“I am very proud of all the students’ efforts in the FFA Agriculture Skills Competition,” said Jason Gehrke, Career Center Agriscience instructor. “Their hard work created a state-winning team, in addition to the many other medals and certifications—it is definitely a high note to end the year on.”

Competing in the Food Science category, East Jackson’s **Kelly Elsass** took home first place in the state, along with teammates **Lauren Bednarski** (third place), **Jamie Willis**, and **Samantha Husak**, each of Grass Lake. Their combined scores taken from both individual performance and a group project earned the competitors their place in the national competition.

Career Center students earned Gold and Silver awards in the Floriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Science categories. Additional competition highlights include East Jackson’s Nicole Wollet, who received her student Michigan Certified Florist certification during the competition.

More about FFA

Future Farmers of America (FFA) is one of the world’s largest student organizations. 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.

More about the Career Center’s Agriscience Course

The Career Center’s Agriscience class allows students to specialize in the study of plants and animals through practical, hands-on application that is balanced both in and out of the classroom. Students receive the basic foundational skills associated with the science of agriculture, and can then enhance those skills by selecting a more specific study in either plant or animal sciences.

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