



# West Central FFA

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Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, Career Success

## NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



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Grade: Senior

Current Offices: Chapter Secretary

CDE's: National Ag Comm 2009, National Job Interview 2011 Ag Issues

Favorite FFA Memory:

"Competing in National Ag Comm in 2009."



Liz Renner, Maty Skinner, Shannon Miller, Wyatt DeJong, Anthony Even, Justin Boll and Breanna Gray back stage at the 84th National FFA Convention.

Indianapolis, IN was the site of the 84th National FFA Convention. Liz Renner earned a Bronze medal in the National Extemporaneous Speaking CDE. A Bronze medal was also awarded to Shannon Miller in the National Job Interview CDE. Members advanced to national competition by winning their respective events at the State CDEs. West Central FFA members enjoyed many things about this year's convention, but mostly, we loved seeing our own Wyatt DeJong, National FFA Vice President on stage and in action! We spent our convention week visiting the Career Show, attending leadership workshops, listening to teams compete in various CDEs and attending convention sessions. Over 53,000 FFA members called Indianapolis home during the convention.

# WCFFA MEMBERS ADVANCE TO STATE CDE'S

On November 15, 2011, FFA members from nine area schools competed in the District VII Leadership CDE's (Career Development Events). At stake, a trip to the State Leadership CDE's in Pierre in December. The top three individuals and the top two teams in each CDE qualify for the state competition. Members competing from West Central included:

Extemp Speaking - Rachel Schartz - 1st, Adrew Kapperman- alternate

Prepared Public Speaking - Melinda Knuth- 2nd, Jorry Lammers - 3rd  
Job Interview - Melinda Knuth - 1st, Maty Skinner - 2nd

Creed Speaking - Sara Waldner - 3rd, Dean Knuth - 4th

Ag Sales - Jorry Lammers - 5th, Gerrit Pearson - 7th

Ag Broadcasting - Liz Renner - 1st, Riley Olson - 2nd



Market Plan team of Melinda Knuth, Dean Knuth, Rachel Schartz - 2nd

Ag Issues team of Breanna Gray, Anthony Even, Dan Kapperman, Shannon Miller, Liz Renner, Joe Schartz and Maty Skinner - 1st.

First place individuals and teams at the State Leadership CDE's will advance to represent South Dakota in October in Indianapolis in the National CDE's.

District Officers were elected based upon an interview process. Serving for the 2011-12 year from West Central are Student Advisor - Justin Boll, Reporter – Maty Skinner; West Central, Vice President - Ellie Peterson and President - Liz Renner.



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