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**STATE WINNERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT RECOGNIZED AT THE 89th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 89th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 27-29, 2017.

Johnson Ngo from Pelham placed first in the individual CDE competition. In second place was Tan Tonge of Jefferson, followed by Ethan Thaxton of Oglethorpe County in third. Kirk Beacham of Colquitt County, Jacob Hamm of Lanier County, and Chandler Morris of Gilmer County placed fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively.

CDE awards are granted to FFA members and teams who have exhibited premier leadership, personal growth and career success in a variety of competitions. Participants in the Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event demonstrate the proper use of electrical tools, present a speech/demonstration on an electrical energy-related topic, answer problem solving questions pertaining to electrical wiring and rural electrification, and complete an assigned wiring problem based on *The National Electrical Code*.

The Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event was sponsored by the Georgia’s Electric Membership Cooperation.

All individual winners received a plaque and a cash award. The first place individual winner received a $1,000 scholarship. The second place individual received $750, and the third place individual received $500. Additionally, the advisor of the individual winner received a $250 cash prize.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. There are more than 600,000 FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 40,000 members, making it the third largest Association in the nation. The 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.

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