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**STATE WINNERS IN THE JOB INTERVIEW CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT RECOGNIZED AT THE 90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Job Interview Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 26-28, 2018.

Vaidehi Patel of Colquitt County placed first in the individual CDE competition. The state runner-up was Emily Leonard of Echols County, followed by Marin Lonnee of Oconee County finishing third.

CDE awards are granted to FFA members and teams who have exhibited premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in a variety of competitions. The Job Interview CDE is an individual event designed for the development, practice, and demonstration of skills needed in seeking employment in the agricultural industry. Each part of the event simulates “real world” activities pertaining to the agriculture industry.

The Job Interview Career Development Event was sponsored at the state level by Golden Peanut & Tree Nuts.

All individual winners received a plaque and a cash award. The first place individual winner received $500 travel money to attend the National FFA Convention and a $100 cash award. The second place individual received $50, and the third place individual received $25. Additionally, the advisor of the state winning individual received a $100 cash award.

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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