



Wapsie FFA Leaders Attend District Conference

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June - Each year the Northeast District and Iowa FFA officers plan and facilitate Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conferences for FFA members in the Northeast District. Hawkeye Community College welcomed FFA chapters from all over the Northeast district on June 7th, 2017. From Wapsie Valley FFA attending were: President-Erika Jeanes, Vice President-Jacob Risse, Secretary-Julia LaRue, Treasurer-Jacob Joerger, Reporter-Lydia Martins and Sentinel-Olivia Willey.

While at Hawkeye Community College on June 7th, district and state officers lead four interactive workshops for FFA Chapter leaders, many of which are officers, for the annual COLT Conference. The workshops facilitated were developing local FFA Chapter programs focused in the areas of advocating for the agriculture industry, connecting with stakeholders, recruiting for the local chapter, and working as a cohesive team. FFA leaders also received training relative to their specific officer duties within the local chapter.

“I felt the COLT conference provided us the opportunity to learn more about our duties as officers and gave us a chance to learn more about the FFA organization and program”, stated Erika Jeanes, Chapter President.

Northeast District President, Rachel Zumbach, stated, “COLT conference provides a chance for FFA members to learn more about their responsibility as a local leader and is a conference for members to meet and connect with state, district and other chapter officers.”

COLT conference programming is designed as a two-year rotation of local leaders training. The focus areas of next year’s program include agriculture literacy, time management, professionalism, and self-confidence. The goal is to engage FFA members in learning about the tools that would allow them to be successful in anything they are part of through high



school and beyond.

Caption: The Wapsie Valley FFA Officers attended the COLT conference held at Hawkeye Community College. Shown are (L-R): Erika Jeanes-President, Jacob Risse-Vice President, Julia LaRue-Secretary, Jacob Joerger-Reporter, Olivia Willey-Sentinel.