



# Washington FFA Convention News



## Washington FFA Crowns New State Winning Individual in the Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event

**Pullman, WA;** Kyla Poland, of the Yelm FFA Chapter, was announced as the state winning individual for the Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event (LDE).

The Prepared Public Speaking LDE is designed to allow members an opportunity to prepare and present a speech on an agricultural subject they choose. Divisions available to choose from include but are not limited to agribusiness, animal systems, plant systems, environmental services, food products and processing, natural resource systems and power, as well as structural and technical systems. Speeches must range from 6-8 minutes in length, and penalties apply for contestants outside of this range. Competitors then answer questions for up to five minutes from a panel.

In preparation for this event, Poland not only had to prepare for her speech, but was also tasked with writing a manuscript. This manuscript had specifications such as font type, margins, and APA style guide governance.

With any competition, personal growth and learning are cornerstones of this experience—Prepared Public Speaking is no different.

Poland said, “What I’ve learned the most from Prepared is to believe in myself and be confident in myself. I think when I was younger I wasn’t always confident in the skills that I had and as I’ve gotten older I’ve learned to embrace my spark, and to embrace my fun side, and I just get to be more myself in everyday life.”

Poland will be moving forward to compete at the 2024 National Convention and Expo this October. She will have the opportunity to compete against speakers from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands for the national title.

Congratulations Kyla Poland and good luck at nationals!

The Washington FFA Association would like to extend our greatest thanks to Bayer Cropsience for their gracious sponsorship of this event.

Learn more about the [Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event](#).

