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## Press Release

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**PHOTO ATTACHED:** *From left to right:* Shelbi Kendrick, Dylan Granger, Anna Mari Alvarez and Blake Alvarez are members of one of two Northeast High School FFA teams. They will be going to the state competition in November.

### **NHS Wins Big In Three FFA Career Development Events**

**Baton Rouge, LA. – Northeast High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) students** have done it again! **One of the school's FFA Chapter teams** (there are two) has been very successful in **the last three regional career development competitions**, placing first at Louisiana Tech, second at University Louisiana at Lafayette and second at Nicholls State University. **The competitions focused on land judging.**

**Now the students are on their way to the state land judging competition, slated November 5 at McNeese State University in Lake Charles.** Before they leave, they have one last practice Career Development Events on **October 30** at Northeast High School. This particular event is on land judging.

**More than 35 teams of teen FFA members competed in the three recent Career Development Events, including the annual land judging competition, held in October.** The idea of a land judging contest was invented by three Oklahoma conservationists in 1942. They decided which soil qualities could be judged and developed score cards to test skills. In the FFA competition, student teams match skills in judging the adaptability of land for various purposes, including farming, range management and home site construction. **Louisiana sends the top five placing teams from its state contest (on November 5 this year) each year to the National Invitational.**

"The contestants take turns examining the soil in pits and trenches dug especially for the contest," said Barret Hargrave, the school's FFA advisor, of the land judging event. He noted the skills the teens test at the contest involve principles that can be valuable in career fields like environmental and agricultural management, natural resource conservation, home building and construction. The actual land judging competition site remains a secret until contest day, so no one has an unfair advantage.

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