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NEWS RELEASE

Local FFA members selected to compete nationally FFA members will compete in Veterinary Science event

INDIANAPOLIS [August 2012] – A local FFA chapter recently was selected to compete for national recognition in a career development event at October's 85th National FFA Convention.

The _____ FFA Chapter from _____ (town/city) will send members to Indianapolis as they vie for national honors in the area of Veterinary Science. National support for the Veterinary Science CDE is provided by Pfizer Animal Health. FFA members who will represent the chapter in the contest include _____

(member names). The chapter advisor is _____.

Veterinary Science is one of 24 career development event areas, covering job skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Pilot event participants will have their veterinary science knowledge tested in the written exam as well as in the breed, equipment and parasite identification. Members also demonstrate hands-on skills in the clinical and handling/restraining practicums. This event allows participants to utilize high level knowledge in math and science. CDEs help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly, and perform effectively in a competitive job market.

"The pilot event has been met with much enthusiasm and excitement from FFA members interested in pursuing a career in veterinary science," said Melissa Dunkel, CDE education specialist.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 540,739 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,489 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership**, **personal growth** and **career success** through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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