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**STATE WINNERS IN THE FLORAL DESIGN CAREER DEVELOPMENT
EVENT RECOGNIZED AT THE 98TH GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Floral Design Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 98th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 22-25, 2026.

In the senior division, Callie Bridges of Oglethorpe County placed first at the state competition, followed by Elizabeth Ledford of Jackson-Empower and Jacee Brock of Bainbridge finishing second and third, respectively.

In the junior division, Briana Araiza of Ben Hill placed first, followed by Delilah Cook of Peach County and Lorelei West of Lowndes County finishing second and third, respectively.

CDE and LDE awards are granted to FFA members and teams who have exhibited premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in a variety of competitions. The Floral Design CDE tests students' knowledge in floral plant identification, knowledge of the floral industry, and the ability to complete a specific floral design.

The junior and senior Floral Design Career Development Event divisions were sponsored by Georgia FFA Alumni & Supporters & the Mims Family in Memory of Mrs. Betty Mims.

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 over 1 Million FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 80,000 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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