



Congratulations to Black Hawk College East Campus students and coaches for winning the 2017 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Judging Conference

Sweepstakes Award!

This marks the ninth time Black Hawk College has garnered the top prize at the national judging conference. BHC students brought home the Sweepstakes Award in 1981-85, 1989, 2009 and 2016.

The 2017 conference attracted more than 850 students and faculty members from colleges and universities across the United States. Students competed in 13 agriculture-related competitions.

Black Hawk College won by having the highest combined team score for two-year schools. Iowa State University won for the four-year-schools.

"We are proud of the hard work and dedication our students showed during the NACTA contest," said Jodee Werkheiser, coach of the Computer Applications Team and Knowledge Bowl Team.

"This contest is an extension of the learning experience students receive at Black Hawk College East Campus."

Black Hawk College competed in 11 of the 13 competitions and won four – Ag Communications, Computer Applications, Horticulture and Soil Judging.

Thanks and congratulations to the Black Hawk College coaches:

- Drew Cotton, coach of the Ag Communications Team, Agribusiness Team and Equine Management Team
- Dr. Jeffry Hawes, coach of the Horticulture Team and Knowledge Bowl Team
- Dan Hoge and Tyler Gradert, coaches of the Livestock Judging Team, Livestock Management Team and Meat Judging Team

- Andrew Larson, coach of the Soils Team
- Jodee Werkheiser, coach of the Computer Applications Team and Knowledge Bowl Team
- Gary Werkheiser, coach of the Precision Agriculture Team

The 2017 NACTA Judging Conference was hosted by Kansas State University.

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