

Congratulations to the BHC Soil Judging Team for being undefeated in Fall 2022! The team took first place at two regional American Society of Agronomy contests in two states.



The team won both the Region 5 Soil Judging Contest hosted Oct. 2-7 by Iowa State University in northwest Iowa and the Region 3 contest hosted Oct. 20-22 by the University of Illinois in central Illinois.

At the Region 3 contest, Carli Wright won 1st place individual. At the Region 5 contest, Cal Larson took 2nd place individual.

The Fall 2022 BHC Soil Judging Team members are:

- Cassidy Bravette of Hooppole, IL
- Madi Casteel of Cambridge, IL
- Meg Fowler of Aledo, IL
- Addi Hicks of Buda, IL
- Carson Holmes of Joy, IL
- Chase Howell of Laura, IL
- Emma Johnson of Knoxville, IL
- Cal Larson of Altona, IL
- Cameron Pace of Cambridge, IL
- Jacob Roth of Tiskilwa, IL
- Carli Wright of Bradford, IL
- Gunnar Wuebben of Albany, IL

The team is coached by Andrew Larson and Brandon Hall.

What is soil judging?

“Soil judging provides an opportunity for students to study soils through direct experience in the field,” according to the American Society of Agronomy Region 5 Soil Judging Handbook.

“Students learn to describe soil properties, identify different kinds of soils and associated landscape features, and interpret soil information for agriculture and other land uses. These skills are developed by studying a variety of soils formed from a wide range of parent materials and vegetation in different topographic settings.”

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