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News Release

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Local FFA Member Participates in State Event

Raleigh, NC- Emma Brown of the North Buncombe FFA Chapter participated in the Jim Graham FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event on June 20th, 2018, at the 90th North Carolina FFA State Convention held at the Raleigh Convention Center. Her FFA Advisors are Justin Gillespie and Dave Penland. After the 1st round of competition Emma found herself in the top 12 individuals in the state. After the completion of the 2nd and final round, the top 4 individuals in the state were announced and North Buncombe's Emma Brown was named. This resulted in Emma being recognized on stage during the final Awards ceremony of the state FFA convention. During the awards ceremony Emma was named the state winner and presented the FFA Creed to the entirety of the convention attendees.

Emma will compete at the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October. The Creed Speaking event is designed solely for members in the 9th grade. During the event, outstanding young FFA members are recognized for their ability to present the FFA Creed from memory. The participants are judged on their voice, stage presence, power of expression, and accuracy/ general effect.

Emma is the daughter of Steve and Jeanna Brown of Weaverville. Emma is actively involved in her youth group at Pleasant Hill Baptist church. She is active in her FFA chapter where she helps coordinate and attend chapter events. Emma also enjoys barrel racing and break away roping and has competed in many local, state, and National competitions in these timed events. We are proud of her diligence and hard work. Emma, Mr. Gillespie, and Mr. Penland would like to say a special thank you to the community clubs, local businesses, and individuals that worked with Emma as she prepared for the state competition. A special mention of retired Agriculture Education Teacher, Mr. Michael Joe Holt for donating many hours of his personal time to guide and prepare Emma in her preparation time.

The North Carolina FFA is a youth organization of over 19,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with nearly 330 local chapters across the state. 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.