



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*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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Denison FFA Chapter Wins 2011 State FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event

The Denison FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny on June 9, 2011. Members of the first place team included: Laura Bonker, Derek Rothe, Caleb Schroeder, and Katharina Wigg. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Randall Kuhlmann, Ms. Dana Weeda, and Mr. Tim Baughman. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Elizabeth Mckillip, Jacob Koch, Skylar Pieper, and Nick Morgan. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dave Fowler, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Mr. Sam Paul. Katharina Wigg, Denison FFA, Denison, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 10 chapters including 35 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Nursery/Landscape. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, a landscape estimation practicum, a landscape drawing activity, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), and situation assessment and solution.

The Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Randall Voss and Commercial Horticulture staff from Des Moines Area Community College.

Arysta LifeScience North America, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque. All plaques and rosettes (team and individual), travel money for the Champion Team and event materials were all made possible through the Wapello FFA Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

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Top 10 Teams

- 1 Denison FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Keota FFA Chapter
- 4 Oelwein FFA Chapter
- 5 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 6 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 7 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 8 Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
- 9 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 10 Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton

Top 10 Individuals

Katharina Wigg, Denison FFA, Denison
Elizabeth Mckillip, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Caleb Schroeder, Denison FFA, Denison
Derek Rothe, Denison FFA, Denison
Kyle Huber, Keota FFA, Keota
Kay Drenkhahn, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto FFA, Mapleton
Jacob Koch, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Tyler Bouslog, Keota FFA, Keota
Emma Kroeger, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Bryan Rau, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Specialty Areas – Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Katharina Wigg, Denison FFA, Denison

Landscape Estimation Practicum

Team: Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Elizabeth Mckillip, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Landscape Drawing Activity

Team: Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Tyler Rau, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Identification of Nursery Materials

Team: Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Jacob Koch, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Assessment and Solutions

Team: Keota FFA Chapter **Individual:** Tyler Bouslog, Keota FFA, Keota

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1380 to 835)

Denison FFA Chapter
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Keota FFA Chapter
Oelwein FFA Chapter
Cascade FFA Chapter
Wapello FFA Chapter
East Sac FFA Chapter
Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

Silver Teams (2)

Score Range (620 to 596)

Sioux Central FFA Chapter
Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton

The Iowa FFA Association has 221 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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