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## News Release

# Iowa FFA Announces 2018 Stars Over Iowa Finalists

ANKENY, Iowa--The 2018 Stars Over Iowa Finalists were selected for recognition as part of the 90<sup>th</sup> Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, April 22-24, 2018. Eighteen finalists were selected in four different areas: Agribusiness, Agricultural Placement, Agricultural Production and Agriscience. The finalists were selected from a pool of 672 FFA members that will earn the Iowa FFA Degree—the highest honor the Iowa FFA Association can bestow upon an FFA member.

The star awards recognize students who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through their career development programs and demonstrated outstanding management skills. These finalists will be interviewed and an overall winner in each area will be announced on stage during the 4<sup>th</sup> General Session of the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Stars Over Iowa finalists receive a plaque and a cash award. The Stars Over Iowa program is possible with support from Beck's Hybrids through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Listed below are the Stars Over Iowa Finalists.

### Star Finalists in Agribusiness:

Cale Pellett, Atlantic FFA, Atlantic  
Ashley Kurt, Cascade FFA, Cascade  
Cole Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi  
Kohl Moser, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood  
Taylor Nydegger, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

### Star Finalists in Agricultural Placement:

Kayla Hospodarsky, Alburnett FFA, Alburnett  
Collin Costello, North Scott FFA, Eldridge  
Shelby Mathes, Murray FFA, Murray  
Grant Ries, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton  
Emma Fryauf, West Branch FFA, West Branch  
Colton Homan, Easton Valley FFA, Preston

### Star Finalists in Agricultural Production:

Tristan Travis, Creston FFA, Creston  
Lauren Mosher, Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center  
Cody Voss, Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell  
Calvin Schlosser, Colfax-Mingo FFA, Colfax  
Dexter Knobloch, Hawkeye FFA, West Bend  
Tanner Menne, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

### Star Finalists in Agriscience:

Shelby Westhoff, Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,200 student members as part of 235 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.