



## 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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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

### Maquoketa FFA Chapter Wins 2012 State FFA Horse Career Development Event

The Maquoketa FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids on June 12, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Amber Nigh, Morgan Crossland, Sierra Rauch, and Jannell Huebbe. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Gary Bruns and Ms. Jennifer Nabb. They will represent Iowa at the National Horse Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Cascade FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Josie Mcquillen, Skylar Hosch, Elle Hoffman, and Lillie Beringer. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Milt Luckstead. Elle Hoffman, Cascade FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 33 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Equine Science. The 105 individual contestants evaluated halter and performance classes. They also answered questions over the classes and gave oral reasons to explain their placings. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Cargill Animal Nutrition and Kirkwood Community College. RAM Truck Brand, Tractor Supply Company, and Wahl Clipper Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

Kirkwood Community College hosted the event and provided a lunch to all participants. The Horse Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Megan Green, Nellie Wilson and other faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College. Special thank you to Long Creek Outfitters, Leon, Iowa for providing the tack for the Tack ID event.

#### Top 10 Teams

- 1 Maquoketa FFA Chapter
- 2 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 3 Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco
- 4 Denison FFA Chapter
- 5 Spencer FFA Chapter
- 6 Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
- 7 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 8 North Fayette FFA Chapter at West Union
- 9 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
- 10 Baxter FFA Chapter

#### Top 10 Individuals

- Elle Hoffman, Cascade FFA Chapter
- Taylor Small, Spencer FFA Chapter
- Sierra Rauch, Maquoketa FFA Chapter
- Shena Geisinger, Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- Jannell Huebbe, Maquoketa FFA Chapter
- Josie Mcquillen, Cascade FFA Chapter
- Jane Hoffmann, Denison FFA Chapter
- Sarah Stewart, Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
- Jordyn Bolinger, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
- Amy Monroe, Iowa Falls-Alden FFA Chapter

**Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

**Halter Classes**

**Team:** South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell      **Individual:** Shelby Keyes, Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

**Performance Classes**

**Team:** Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco      **Individual:** Kate Grover, Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

**Oral Reasons and Questions**

**Team:** Maquoketa FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Taylor Small, Spencer FFA Chapter

**Problem Solving**

**Team:** Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

**Gold Teams (11)**

Score Range (1449 to 1328)

Maquoketa FFA Chapter  
 Cascade FFA Chapter  
 Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco  
 Denison FFA Chapter  
 Spencer FFA Chapter  
 Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill  
 Muscatine FFA Chapter  
 North Fayette FFA Chapter at West Union  
 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter  
 Baxter FFA Chapter  
 South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell

**Bronze Teams (6)**

Score Range (974 to 502)

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman  
 North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon  
 Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville  
 Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter  
 Central Lee FFA Chapter at Donnellson  
 Wapello FFA Chapter

**Silver Teams (14)**

Score Range (1320 to 1180)

Iowa Falls-Alden FFA Chapter  
 Sioux Central FFA Chapter  
 Newton FFA Chapter  
 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon  
 AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley  
 Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter  
 OA-BCIG FFA Chapter  
 South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina  
 Dallas Center-Grimes FFA Chapter at Grimes  
 Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell  
 Charles City FFA Chapter  
 Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon  
 West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center  
 South Tama FFA Chapter at Tama

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with nearly 13,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 540,000 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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