



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

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Denison FFA Chapter Wins 2012 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 Kirkwood Community College in Ankeny on June 12, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Drew Haase, Lexi Houston, Timothy Riessen, and Calvin Snitker. 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 Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Emma Kroeger, Alyson Martens, Jack Walker, and Sean Mears. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Irvin Meier. Calvin Snitker, Denison FFA, Denison, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 9 chapters including 31 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 Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from the Iowa Nursery Landscape Association, Arysta LifeScience North America, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

Kirkwood Community College hosted the event and provide lunch to all participants. The Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

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Top 10 Teams

- 1 Denison FFA Chapter
- 2 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 3 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 4 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 6 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 7 Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
- 8 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 9 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
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Top 10 Individuals

Calvin Snitker, Denison FFA, Denison
Timothy Riessen, Denison FFA, Denison
Emma Kroeger, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Kay Drenkhahn, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
Joe Petersen, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Cory Knepper, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Lexi Houston, Denison FFA, Denison
Shawn Flanigan, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
Jack Walker, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Alex Bottger, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Kay Drenkhahn, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton

Landscape Estimation Practicum

Team: Cascade FFA Chapter **Individual:** Cory Knepper, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Landscape Drawing Activity

Team: East Sac FFA Chapter **Individual:** Timothy Riessen, Denison FFA, Denison

Identification of Nursery Materials

Team: Wapello FFA Chapter **Individual:** Emma Kroeger, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Assessment and Solutions

Team: Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Calvin Snitker, Denison FFA, Denison

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (1321 to 996)

Denison FFA Chapter
Wapello FFA Chapter
MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Cascade FFA Chapter
East Sac FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (2)

Score Range (733 to 581)

Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (1)

Score Range (200 to 200)

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter

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

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