



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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State FFA Announces 2014 Stars Over Iowa Finalists

ANKENY, Iowa--The 2014 Stars Over Iowa Finalists were selected for recognition as part of the 86th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, April 27-29, 2014. Twenty-three finalists were selected in four different areas: Agricultural Placement, Agriscience, Agribusiness, and Agricultural Production. The finalists were selected from a pool of 686 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 4th General Session of the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference Tuesday, April 29th.

Stars Over Iowa finalists receive a plaque and a cash award. The Stars Over Iowa program is possible with support from DuPont Pioneer and SFP through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Listed below are the Stars Over Iowa Finalists.

Star Finalists in Agricultural Placement:

Bradley Aronson, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
Anthony Handlos, South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
Samuel Nunnikhoven, Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa
Kelly Puhmann, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
Wyatt Saeugling, Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
Dustin Schanbacher, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Star Finalists in Agriscience:

Micah Bajema, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Abby Collison, South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
Hannah Fisher, North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
Luis Galle, Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Eric Koehlmoos, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

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Star Finalists in Agribusiness:

Anna Baughman, Denison FFA, Denison
Joe Kann, Tri-Star FFA, Guttenberg
Jacob Steinbeck, Griswold Community FFA, Griswold
Brooke Thelen, Creston FFA, Creston
David Turnis, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Drayce Webster, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Star Finalists in Agricultural Production:

Joe DeVries, Tall Corn FFA, Latimer
Dayle Lantzky, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Kyle Payne, Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
Cody Ver Steeg, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Merritt Caviness, Orient-Macksburg FFA, Orient
Alex Alliger, Prairie Valley FFA, Gowrie

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