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## **News Release**

# **MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2015 STATE FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids on June 9, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Rachel Schoer, Chelsea Harris, Molly Haller, and Meghan Rickels. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Haddie Anderson, Belinda Heckman, Gracie Danner, and Jaida Dalton. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris and Mr. Dick Brand. Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 22 chapters including 73 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 Floriculture. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, problem solving and decision making, plant identification, floral design, pesticide use and application, floral production, and a team activity.

The Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Lora Dodd-Brosseau and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants.

The Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Goode Greenhouses. The Ball Horticultural Company and Bayer Crop Science through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 3 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 4 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 5 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 6 Denison FFA Chapter
- 7 Washington FFA Chapter
- 8 Red Oak FFA Chapter
- 9 Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter
- 10 East Sac FFA Chapter

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- 1 Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Molly Haller, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Gracie Danner, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 4 Belinda Heckman, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 5 Jaida Dalton, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 6 Chelsea Harris, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 7 Erin Cantrell, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 8 Jessica Alderson, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 9 Katherine Harris, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 10 Maria Pendleton, Red Oak FFA Chapter

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Identification of Plant Material**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Floral Design**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Floral Production**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Molly Haller, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Pesticides**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Team Activity**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter

## **Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

### **Gold Teams (11)**

#### Score Range (1239 to 877)

Muscatine FFA Chapter  
West Liberty FFA Chapter  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter  
Mediapolis FFA Chapter  
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
Denison FFA Chapter  
Washington FFA Chapter  
Red Oak FFA Chapter  
Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter  
East Sac FFA Chapter  
LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

### **Silver Teams (9)**

#### Score Range (859 to 478)

Cascade FFA Chapter  
Creston FFA Chapter  
St. Ansgar FFA Chapter  
Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi  
Oelwein FFA Chapter  
North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union  
South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton  
Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter

### **Bronze Teams (4)**

#### Score Range (305 to )

East Union FFA Chapter at Afton  
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 225 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.