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News Release

Iowa FFA Announces 2016 Stars Over Iowa Finalists

ANKENY, Iowa--The 2016 Stars Over Iowa Finalists were selected for recognition as part of the 88th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, April 17-19, 2016. Twenty-two finalists were selected in four different areas: Agricultural Placement, Agriscience, Agribusiness, and Agricultural Production. The finalists were selected from a pool of 693 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 19th.

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

Listed below are the Stars Over Iowa Finalists.

Star Finalists in Agricultural Placement:

Justin Bartling, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Kelwin Knobloch, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Jacob Manternach, Osceola Big Chief FFA, Osceola
Evan Nilles, Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
Colton Selvy, Albia FFA, Albia
Korey Vogel, South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City

Star Finalists in Agriscience:

Hanna Bjelica, Charles City FFA, Charles City
Trygve Lien, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Jessica Meseck, Denison FFA, Denison
Samantha Reicks, New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Bethany Schnieders, West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Tristan Verdoom, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Star Finalists in Agribusiness:

Blake Ohm, New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Clayton Saeugling, Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
David Trumm, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Rob Vial, Red Oak FFA, Red Oak

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Star Finalists in Agricultural Production:

Nathan Arthur, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA, Sumner
Kaitlyn Boyer, Osceola Big Chief FFA, Osceola
Josh Carlson, Central Plains FFA, Gowrie
James Evans, Mormon Trail FFA, Garden Grove
Brad Holdgrafer, Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Trey Riessen, OABCIG FFA, Ida Grove

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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 226 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.