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News Release

WEST LIBERTY FFA CHAPTER WINS 2018 STATE FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 12, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Haylee Lehman, Madison Law, Taylor Vandusen, and Marissa McMichael. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris and Ms. Michele McMichael. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Sarah Mckillip, Alexis Donath, Allen Tian, and Dailyn Garrett. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. Brianna Lundvall, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 18 chapters including 63 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 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 4 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 5 Lone Tree FFA Chapter
- 6 Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 7 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
- 8 Central Lyon FFA Chapter at Rock Rapids
- 9 Denison FFA Chapter
- 10 MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus

Top 10 Individuals

- Brianna Lundvall, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Madison Law, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Kristy Thomann, Lone Tree FFA Chapter
- Leah Henderson, MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
- Allen Tian, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Emma Schaap, Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- Sarah Mckillip, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Noelle Kerns, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
- Mariah Bleeker, Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- Marissa McMichael, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Amanda Armstrong, Montezuma FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City **Individual:** Emma Schaap, Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Identification of Plant Material

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Madison Law, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Floral Design

Team: Lone Tree FFA Chapter **Individual:** Gracie Greiner, Washington FFA Chapter

Floral Production

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Allen Tian, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Team Activity

Team: Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (1098 to 1001)

West Liberty FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Lone Tree FFA Chapter

Montezuma FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (7)

Score Range (949 to 792)

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter

Central Lyon FFA Chapter at Rock Rapids

Denison FFA Chapter

MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus

LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Washington FFA Chapter

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (710 to 391)

Marengo FFA Chapter

M-F-L-Mar-Mac FFA Chapter at Monona

Cascade FFA Chapter

Belle Plaine FFA Chapter

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 15,400 student members as part of 235 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.