



## 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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### **Jesup FFA Chapter Wins 2010 State FFA Floriculture Career Development Event**

The Jesup FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny on June 10, 2010. Members of the first place team included: Chelsea Bearbower, Cally Bengston, Kristen Orth, and Lauren Riensche. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Bruce Bearinger. 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: Kinsey Edmonds, Jesse Krueger, Kathryn Temple, and Katelyn Bunn. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dave Fowler and Mr. Dave Tometich. Kortney Wagner, Wapello FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from chapters including 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, corsage making, pinching plants, handling hazardous situations, dish gardens, and a team activity.

The Floriculture Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Tim Doud, Neal Van Veen, Lynn Schaffer and the horticulture students at Des Moines Area Community College.

The Ball Horticultural Company through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque. The Iowa Florist Association, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the plaque for the Reserve Champion Team. Goode Greenhouses, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Team plaques in the following areas: General Knowledge Examination, Problem Solving and Decision Making, Identification of Plant Materials and the Team Activity and plaques for the Champion and Reserve Champion Individuals. Hy-Vee, Inc., through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Individual plaques in the following event areas: General Knowledge Examination, Problem Solving and Decision Making, and Identification of Plant Materials; Rosettes for the Top 10 Individuals, Top 10 Teams and members of the Top 10 teams. Hy-Vee, Inc. also sponsored the plant materials for the event and a cash award for the Champion Team to travel and participate in the National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana. Additional travel money to the National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was provided by DeJong Greenhouses through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

## **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Jesup FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 4 Denison FFA Chapter
- 5 Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 6 Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 7 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 8 DeWitt Central FFA Chapter
- 9 Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland
- 10 Cascade FFA Chapter

## **Top 10 Individuals**

- Kortney Wagner, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Lauren Riensche, Jesup FFA Chapter  
Natalie Wheeler, Montezuma FFA Chapter  
Kristen Orth, Jesup FFA Chapter  
Kathryn Temple, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Kinsey Edmonds, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Paisley Conlon, Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton  
Chelsea Bearbower, Jesup FFA Chapter  
Tim Hinkle, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Laura Bohnker, Denison FFA Chapter

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Jesup FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Lauren Riensche, Jesup FFA Chapter

### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Lauren Riensche, Jesup FFA Chapter

### **Identification of Plant Material**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Natalie Wheeler, Montezuma FFA Chapter

### **Floral Design**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Kinsey Edmonds, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Floral Production**

**Team:** Mediapolis FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Alissa Erickson, Mediapolis FFA Chapter

### **Pesticides**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Bailey Wright, East Sac FFA Chapter

### **Team Activity**

**Team:** Denison FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

### **Gold Teams (13)**

#### **Score Range (1286 to 1007)**

- Jesup FFA Chapter  
Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Wapello FFA Chapter  
Denison FFA Chapter  
Montezuma FFA Chapter  
Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton  
Mediapolis FFA Chapter  
DeWitt Central FFA Chapter  
Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland  
Cascade FFA Chapter  
Valley FFA Chapter at Elgin  
West Liberty FFA Chapter

### **Silver Teams (12)**

#### **Score Range (984 to 787)**

- East Sac FFA Chapter  
West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester  
Davis-Rodgers FFA Chapter at Shenandoah  
Tri-Star FFA Chapter  
Griswold FFA Chapter  
Preston/East Central FFA Chapter  
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill  
Maquoketa FFA Chapter  
Colfax-Mingo FFA Chapter  
South Tama FFA Chapter at Tama  
Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda  
Panorama FFA Chapter at Panora

Riceville FFA Chapter

**Bronze Teams (9)**

Score Range (723 to 289)

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center

South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina

Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion

CAL-Dows FFA Chapter at Latimer

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter

Emmetsburg FFA Chapter

Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA Chapter

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