



## **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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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **Muscatine FFA Chapter Wins 2014 State FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event**

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids on June 10, 2014. Members of the first place team included: Connor Lawhead, Brady Eversmeyer, and Reese Kilburn. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Mr. Sam Paul. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Alyson Martens, Jack Walker, and Kimberlee Ewart. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Cole Rushing. Brady Eversmeyer, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 13 chapters including 42 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 Nursery/Landscape. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, a landscape estimation practicum, a customer service activity, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), and situation assessment and solution.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from the Wapello FFA Chapter. Arysta LifeScience North America, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

Kirkwood Community College hosted the event and provide lunch to all participants. The Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 3 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 4 Denison FFA Chapter
- 5 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 6 Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford
- 7 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 8 Washington FFA Chapter
- 9 Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
- 10 Grinnell FFA Chapter

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Brady Eversmeyer, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Kimberlee Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Reese Kilburn, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Alyson Martens, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Alex Boettger, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton  
Connor Lawhead, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Jack Walker, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Shawn Flanigan, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton  
Austin Wooster, Denison FFA, Denison  
Elyse Buysse, West Liberty FFA, West Liberty

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Austin Wooster, Denison FFA, Denison

### **Landscape Estimation Practicum**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Reese Kilburn, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Customer Assistance**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter **Individual:** Shawn Flanigan, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton

### **Identification of Nursery Materials**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Brady Eversmeyer, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Assessment and Solutions**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter **Individual:** Brady Eversmeyer, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (4)**

##### Score Range (1461 to 1110)

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

Denison FFA Chapter

#### **Silver Teams (5)**

##### Score Range (1058 to 831)

West Liberty FFA Chapter

Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford

Cascade FFA Chapter

Washington FFA Chapter

Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

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

##### Score Range (703 to 162)

Grinnell FFA Chapter

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Central City FFA Chapter

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 14,300 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of nearly 580,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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