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## **News Release**

# **MUSCATINE FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE**

The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 7, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Samuel Reinier, Patrick Pendleton, Andrew Van Nice, and Brandyn Beemblossom. 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 Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The West Lyon FFA Chapter from Inwood was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Gabe Knobloch, Levi Metzger, Lucas Moser, and Tyren Ulmer. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Shauna Kill and Mr. Craig Winquist. Andrew Van Nice, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 81 individuals from 23 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Caterpillar Dealers of Iowa--Altorfer and Ziegler through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Firestone Agricultural Tire Company and Caterpillar, Inc. sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Trent Wells, Dr. Mark Hainline, and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames. Associated Generated Contractors of Iowa provided lunch to all participants.

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

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 3 Holland FFA, Orange City
- 4 Boone A&M FFA, Boone
- 5 Charles City FFA, Charles City
- 6 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 7 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 8 Red Oak FFA, Red Oak
- 9 Belle Plaine FFA
- 10 Cascade FFA

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- 1 Andrew Van Nice, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 Dakotah Patterson, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 3 Brandyn Beemblossom, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 4 Patrick Pendleton, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 5 Mason Perkins, Red Oak FFA, Red Oak
- 6 Levi Metzger, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 7 Jacob Stern, Boone A&M FFA, Boone
- 8 Dominique Bill, Charles City FFA, Charles City
- 9 Samuel Reinier, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 10 Gabe Knobloch, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

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

### **Structural Systems**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine      **Individual:** Samuel Reinier, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Machinery & Equipment Systems**

**Team:** Red Oak FFA, Red Oak      **Individual:** Dominique Bill, Charles City FFA, Charles City

### **Environmental & Natural Resource Systems**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine      **Individual:** Mason Perkins, Red Oak FFA, Red Oak

### **Electrical Systems**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine      **Individual:** John Wenke, Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

### **Metals and Welding Systems**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine      **Individual:** Andrew Van Nice, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine      **Individual:** Patrick Pendleton, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

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

### **Gold Teams (9)**

Score Range (509 to 421)

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Holland FFA, Orange City

Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Charles City FFA, Charles City

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Red Oak FFA, Red Oak

Belle Plaine FFA

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

Score Range (399 to 366)

Cascade FFA

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe

Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes

Keota FFA

ACGC FFA

### **Bronze Teams (5)**

Score Range (339 to 237)

West Marshall FFA, State Center

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

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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.