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News Release

MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2019 STATE FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 11, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Allen Tian, Dailyn Garrett, McKenna Riess, and Belinda Brain. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, and Mr. Josh Day. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Montezuma FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Elise Boulton, Mia Boulton, Dylan Holland, and Brayden Stockman. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. Belinda Brain, Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 24 chapters including 85 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 Bob Smith and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College with additional support from Brianna Lundvall. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. Cyndi Elwick, Taylor Greko, Shane Mairets, and Alexis Miller served as official judges of the floral design components of the event.

The Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Farm Credit Services of America.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 3 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 4 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 5 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 6 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 7 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 8 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 9 Central Lyon FFA Chapter at Rock Rapids
- 10 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Belinda Brain, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Dailyn Garrett, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Mia Boulton, Montezuma FFA Chapter
- Allen Tian, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Owen Schreiner, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- Addison Cline, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Elise Boulton, Montezuma FFA Chapter
- McKenna Riess, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Martha Pace, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Brayden Stockman, Montezuma FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Dailyn Garrett, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Montezuma FFA Chapter **Individual:** Mia Boulton, Montezuma FFA Chapter

Identification of Plant Material

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Brayden Stockman, Montezuma FFA Chapter

Floral Design

Team: Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter **Individual:** Kabe Boysen, Wapello FFA Chapter

Floral Production

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Belinda Brain, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Team Activity

Team: Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1107.5 to 933.1)

Muscatine FFA Chapter
Montezuma FFA Chapter
West Liberty FFA Chapter
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
Wapello FFA Chapter
Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull
Tall Corn FFA Chapter
Rockford FFA Chapter
Cascade FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (863.1 to 701.2)

Central Lyon FFA Chapter at Rock Rapids
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
West Fork FFA Chapter
Belle Plaine FFA Chapter
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
Denison FFA Chapter
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center
LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
Cherokee FFA Chapter

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,600 student members as part of 242 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.