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News Release

2020 Stars Over Iowa Winners Announced

ANKENY, IOWA—The 2020 Stars Over Iowa Winners were announced via the Iowa FFA Facebook on June, 11, 2020. A Star Over Iowa was selected in each of the four different areas: Agricultural Placement, Agribusiness, Agriscience, and Agricultural Production.

The 2020 Star in Ag Placement Winner is Gabe Knobloch of the West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood. Through his SAE, Gabe has learned both effective time management and the value of a strong work ethic. Both come in handy as he works at Fly'n K Berkshires. After graduation, Gabe plans on attending Lake Area Technical Institute to study Aviation Maintenance Technology.

Blake Frascht of the Charles City FFA Chapter is the Star in Ag Production winner. Blake's SAE consists of a partnership with his dad in their beef cow/calf, feeder cattle, and crop production operation. After high school he plans to stay on the farm and expand his operation.

Collin Witte of the West Fork FFA Chapter is the 2020 Star in Agribusiness winner. Collin owns and manages Collin's Lawn Care and Snow Removal. His company maintains many churches, cemeteries, and residential lawns. After high school, Collin plans to attend community college before transferring to Iowa State University.

The Star in Agriscience Winner is Chase Krug of the Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion. Chase has completed 14 research projects, including one as a USDA Wallace-Carver Fellow at Purdue University in the USDA-ARS Crop Production and Pest Control Research Unit. After completing his bachelor's degree from Iowa State University, Chase plans to pursue a PhD and become an Agriscience Researcher.

The Stars Over Iowa program is made possible with support from Beck's Hybrids through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The National FFA Foundation sponsors cash awards for the four overall star winners.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 16,100 student members as part of 246 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.