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News Release

MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2021 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 on June 8, 2021. Members of the first place team included: James Sprague, McKenna Riess, Logan Rinnert, 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 Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kendal Pugh, Brelynn Randall, Bryar Runnells, and Owen Schreiner. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. Belinda Brain, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 15 chapters including 51 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, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), equipment operations practicums, and a team skills challenge.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible with support from Irvin Meier and the Wapello FFA Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation. 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 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 3 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 4 MMRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
- 5 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 6 Grinnell FFA Chapter
- 7 Denison FFA Chapter
- 8 Newton FFA Chapter
- 9 Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
- 10 Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull

Top 10 Individuals

- Belinda Brain, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Owen Schreiner, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
McKenna Riess, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Kendal Pugh, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Sydney Miedema, Unity Christian FFA
Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming
James Sprague, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Bryar Runnells, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Brelynn Randall, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Logan Rinnert, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

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

Landscape Estimation

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Belinda Brain, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Identification of Nursery Materials

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

Team Skills Challenge

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Team Equipment Operation

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1250 to 828)

Muscatine FFA Chapter
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
Grinnell FFA Chapter
Denison FFA Chapter
Newton FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range (786 to 557)

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull
Independence FFA Chapter
New Hampton FFA Chapter
Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Bronze Teams (1)

Score Range (289 to 289)

Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,500 student members as part of 248 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.