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# News Release

# **Iowa FFA Announces 2021 Stars Over Iowa Finalists**

ANKENY, Iowa--The 2021 Stars Over Iowa Finalists were selected for recognition as part of the 931<sup>rd</sup> Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa, April 18-20, 2021. Twenty-three finalists were selected in four different areas: Agribusiness, Agricultural Placement, Agricultural Production and Agriscience. The finalists were selected from a pool of 621 FFA members that will earn the Iowa FFA Degree—the highest honor the Iowa FFA Association can bestow upon an FFA member.

The star awards recognize students who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through their career development programs and demonstrated outstanding management skills. These finalists will be interviewed and an overall winner in each area will be announced on stage during the 4<sup>th</sup> General Session of the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Stars Over Iowa finalists receive a plaque and a cash award. The Stars Over Iowa program is possible with support from Beck's Hybrids through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Listed below are the Stars Over Iowa Finalists.

## Star Finalists in Agribusiness:

Justin Heyer, Charles City FFA, Charles City Josie Travis, Creston FFA, Creston Ellie Anderson, Indianola FFA, Indianola Kirk Moser, West Lyon FFA, Inwood Elliot Scheaffer, Sheldon FFA, Sheldon Jensen Orr, Midland FFA, Wyoming

#### Star Finalists in Agriscience:

Hailey Rossmiller, North Scott FFA, Eldridge Ella Hommel, Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center Reagan Gibson, Panorama FFA, Panora Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina Dalayna Brugman, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids Jasmyn Hoeger, Beckman Catholic FFA, Dyersville

#### Star Finalists in Agricultural Placement:

Taylor McCreedy, Atlantic FFA, Atlantic Hunter Thompson, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood Kesley Holdgrafer, Northeast FFA, Goose Lake Kolton Eisma, West Sioux FFA, Hawarden Talin Knobloch, West Lyon FFA, Inwood Michael DeJong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

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Star Finalists in Agricultural Production:

Drew Staudt, Charles City FFA, Charles City Colby Carlson, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda Julia Schechinger, Harlan FFA, Harlan Jenna Tlach, Indianola FFA, Indianola Kaleb Brouwer, T-55 FFA, Reinbeck Zachary Schoelerman, Spencer FFA, Spencer

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#### **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 16,300 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.