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## News Release

# WEST LIBERTY FFA CHAPTER WINS 2022 STATE FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 14, 2022. Members of the first place team included: Seth Axsom, Sophie Buysse, Pearson Hall, and Ava Morrison. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Danika Garrett, Makenna Kopf, Maggie Halloran, and Haley Thomas. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms. Ashley Wiebe. Seth Axsom, West Liberty FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 41 chapters including 140 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 with support from Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Donors.

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

### Top 10 Teams

- 1 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 4 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 5 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 6 Maquoketa FFA Chapter
- 7 Williamsburg FFA Chapter
- 8 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 9 Albia FFA Chapter
- 10 Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

### Top 10 Individuals

- Seth Axsom, West Liberty FFA Chapter  
Ava Morrison, West Liberty FFA Chapter  
Bryson Stockman , Montezuma FFA Chapter  
Pearson Hall, West Liberty FFA Chapter  
Sydney Reiter, Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville  
Sophie Buysse, West Liberty FFA Chapter  
Ashton Coder, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
Haley Thomas, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Hannah Fishwild, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming  
Danika Garrett, Muscatine FFA Chapter

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Seth Axsom, West Liberty FFA Chapter

### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Seth Axsom, West Liberty FFA Chapter

### **Identification of Plant Material**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Seth Axsom, West Liberty FFA Chapter

### **Floral Design**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Bryson Stockman , Montezuma FFA Chapter

### **Floral Production**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter      **Individual:** Seth Axsom, West Liberty FFA Chapter

### **Team Activity**

**Team:** Williamsburg FFA Chapter

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

### **Gold Teams (12)**

Score Range (1133 to 800.5)

West Liberty FFA Chapter  
Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Montezuma FFA Chapter  
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming  
Maquoketa FFA Chapter  
Williamsburg FFA Chapter  
Sioux Center FFA Chapter  
Albia FFA Chapter  
Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville  
West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood  
MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

### **Bronze Teams (8)**

Score Range (594.5 to 282.5)

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville  
GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin  
Cherokee FFA Chapter  
Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter  
New Hampton FFA Chapter  
Independence FFA Chapter  
Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco  
Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull

### **Silver Teams (18)**

Score Range (799.5 to 626.5)

Turkey Valley FFA Chapter at Jackson Junction  
Nevada FFA Chapter  
Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader  
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge  
Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne  
Humboldt FFA Chapter  
Alburnett FFA Chapter  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter  
Clear Lake FFA Chapter  
Decorah FFA Chapter  
Central Lyon FFA Chapter at Rock Rapids  
Denison FFA Chapter  
MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus  
West Fork FFA Chapter  
Charles City FFA Chapter  
La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City  
St. Ansgar FFA Chapter  
Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more 18,600 student members as part of 254 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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.