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News Release

WEST LIBERTY FFA CHAPTER WINS 2022 STATE FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 14, 2022. Members of the first place team included: Cael Daufeldt, Cole Daufeldt, Caden Laughlin, and Cameron Iske. 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 Nursery/Landscape 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: Camden Furnas, Isabella Zigament, William Eichelberger, and Landin McCrery. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms. Ashley Wiebe. Cole Daufeldt, West Liberty FFA, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 18 chapters including 63 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 the Wapello FFA Chapter and the 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 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 4 Denison FFA Chapter
- 5 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 6 MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
- 7 New Hampton FFA Chapter
- 8 Grinnell FFA Chapter
- 9 Independence FFA Chapter
- 10 West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Cole Daufeldt, West Liberty FFA
- 2 Cael Daufeldt, West Liberty FFA
- 3 Caden Laughlin, West Liberty FFA
- 4 Jocelyn Muilenburg, Unity Christian FFA
- 5 Kaden Neddermeyer, MMCRU FFA
- 6 Cameron Iske, West Liberty FFA
- 7 Camden Furnas, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 8 Isabella Zigament, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 9 Payton Henningsen, Denison FFA, Denison
- 10 Madison Stephens, Denison FFA, Denison

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Individual: Jocelyn Muilenburg, Unity Christian FFA

Landscape Estimation

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter

Individual: Caden Laughlin, West Liberty FFA

Identification of Nursery Materials

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Cole Daufeldt, West Liberty FFA

Team Skills Challenge

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter

Team Equipment Operation

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (1112 to 822)

West Liberty FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Denison FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus

Bronze Teams (2)

Score Range (542 to 521)

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Nevada FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (776 to 578)

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Grinnell FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

Charles City FFA Chapter

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

Monticello FFA Chapter

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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, on Facebook, and Twitter.