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News Release

MMCRU FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE

AMES, Iowa--The MMCRU FFA Chapter from Marcus was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University, Ames on April 17, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Sophie Hohbach, Kaden Neddermeyer, Torey Tentinger, and Emma Vasher. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Samantha Schroeder. The Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter from Tiffin was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jackson Arndt, Ryleigh Bode, Katie Evans, and Hannah Grabin . Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Alyssa Amelon and Ms. Bridget Buol. Kaden Neddermeyer, MMCRU FFA , was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 58 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Biotechnology. The 225 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including a general knowledge exam and an identification activity. The team members also collaborated in a team activity relating to biotechnology principles.

The Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Darling Ingredients through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Leah Sandall of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Andrea Rouse of Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC).

Top 10 Teams

- 1 MMCRU FFA
- 2 Clear Creek Amana
- 3 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 4 Dike-New Hartford FFA
- 5 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 6 Greene County FFA, Jefferson
- 7 Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- 8 Maquoketa Valley FFA
- 9 North Butler FFA, Greene
- 10 South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Top 10 Individuals

- Kaden Neddermeyer, MMCRU FFA
- June Volding, Dike-New Hartford FFA
- Sophie Hohbach, MMCRU FFA
- Claire Jonas, Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- Ryleigh Bode, Clear Creek Amana
- Jaelyn Gessner, Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- Jackson Arndt, Clear Creek Amana
- Rachel Rollinger, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- Kennedy Syhlman, Dike-New Hartford FFA
- Alexa Huber, Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum

Team: MMCRU FFA

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Individual: June Volding, Dike-New Hartford FFA

Identification

Team: Clear Creek Amana

Individual: Jackson Arndt, Clear Creek Amana

Gold Teams (19)

Score Range (788 to 565.5)

MMCRU FFA

Clear Creek Amana

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Dike-New Hartford FFA

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

Maquoketa Valley FFA

North Butler FFA, Greene

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Alburnett FFA, Alburnett

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Monticello FFA

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull

Bronze Teams (15)

Score Range (409.5 to 275)

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA

East Buchanan FFA at Winthrop

Interstate 35 FFA

Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg

New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

Mt. Pleasant FFA

Hillcrest Academy FFA, Kalona

Glidden-Ralston FFA, Glidden

Central Lyon FFA, Rock Rapids

West Hancock

North Polk FFA, Alleman

Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

North Scott Jr. High FFA at Eldridge

Spencer FFA, Spencer

Silver Teams (24)

Score Range (550 to 421.5)

Creston FFA, Creston

Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

St. Ansgar FFA

Clear Lake FFA

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Osage FFA, Osage

Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson

Hinton FFA Chapter

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Dowling Catholic FFA

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Rock Valley FFA

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Independence FFA, Independence

North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Collins-Maxwell FFA, Maxwell

Riceville FFA, Riceville

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more 19,000 student members as part of 260 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.