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News Release

MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2023 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 13, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Jenna Lovstad, Caleb Teed, and Kale Wiebel. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, and Mrs. Alexa Coobs. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Zachary Rabe, Kienna Lassen, and Lily Moeller. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Molly Cleveringa. Caleb Teed, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 18 chapters including 65 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, Adam Boysen 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 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 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 3 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 4 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 5 Grinnell FFA Chapter
- 6 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 7 New Hampton FFA Chapter
- 8 Denison FFA Chapter
- 9 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 10 Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Caleb Teed, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Zachary Rabe, Holland FFA, Orange City
Skyler Beck, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Jenna Lovstad, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Kale Wiebel, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Ariel King, Unity Christian FFA
Danielle Dykstra, Unity Christian FFA
Aidan Moreno, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Lily Moeller, Holland FFA, Orange City
Jayson Ruley, Midland FFA, Wyoming

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City **Individual:** Caleb Teed, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Landscape Estimation

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Caleb Teed, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Identification of Nursery Materials

Team: Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City **Individual:** Caleb Teed, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Team Skills Challenge

Team: Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Team Equipment Operation

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (4)

Score Range (2485 to 1972)

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (1099 to 838)

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

Nevada FFA Chapter

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

Silver Teams (9)

Score Range (1555 to 1240)

Grinnell FFA Chapter

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Denison FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

Charles City FFA Chapter

Pella FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 19,200 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 and on social media.