



CONTACT

Scott Johnson
Executive Director
Iowa FFA Association
scott.johnson@iowaffa.com
515-965-7376
www.iowaffa.com

News Release

Iowa FFA Announces 2023 Stars Over Iowa Finalists

ANKENY, Iowa--The 2023 Stars Over Iowa Finalists were selected for recognition as part of the 95th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, April 16-18, 2023. Twenty finalists were selected in four different areas: Agribusiness, Agricultural Placement, Agricultural Production and Agriscience. The finalists were selected from a pool of 682 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 4th General Session of the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference Tuesday, April 18th.

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:

Jaden Spear, Algona
Eldon Kurt, Cascade
Justin Nierling, Decorah
Kyle Harold, West Branch
Abbie Gahring, Williamsburg
Jayda Thomsen, Wyoming

Star Finalists in Agriscience:

Dain Moermond, South O'Brien, Paullina
Lauren Cherne, Beckman Catholic, Dyersville

Star Finalists in Agricultural Placement:

Zachary Chambers, Charles City
Wilson Diep, North Scott, Eldridge
Grant Wagner, South O'Brien, Paullina
Natalie Byrnes, Little Switzerland, Waukon
Trenton Iburg, Williamsburg
Megan Forret, Calamus Wheatland, Wheatland

Star Finalists in Agricultural Production:

Brady Frascht, Charles City
Luke Holdgrafer, Northeast, Goose Lake
Tara Knapp, West Lyon, Inwood
Lizabeth Hamann, MVAO, Mapleton
Ben Roberts, Williamsburg
Hannah Fishwild, Midland, Wyoming

###

About Iowa FFA Association

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