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## News Release

# LOUISA-MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER AT LETTS WINS 2025 STATE FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 10, 2025. Members of the first place team included: Kurtis Corbin, Jacob Downey, Lillian Bishop, and Owen Hayburn. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Avalynn Miller, Alice Thrasher, Elle Iske, and Kylee Daufeldt. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael. Kurtis Corbin, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 46 chapters including 169 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, Hannah Dunlap and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. Official judges of the floral design components of the event include Karen Garrett, Angela Woodhouse and Stacie Hoag from Flowers on the Avenue as well as Jill Kinsinger, former graduate of the Floral Careers program at Kirkwood.

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 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 2 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 3 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 5 New Hampton FFA Chapter
- 6 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 7 Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader
- 8 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 9 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 10 Cedar Rapids Prairie FFA Chapter

### Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Kurtis Corbin, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 2 Elle Iske, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 3 Kensley Paul, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 Cater Wagg, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 Avalynn Miller, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 6 Lillian Bishop, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 7 Kassidi Brunssen, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 8 Sophia Hunter, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 9 Jacob Downey, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 10 Blair Scherf, Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader

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

#### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City **Individual:** Kienna Lassen, Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City

#### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Kurtis Corbin, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

#### **Identification of Plant Material**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Kurtis Corbin, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

#### **Floral Design**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Kenzie Hammond, Wapello FFA Chapter

#### **Floral Production**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Kurtis Corbin, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

#### **Team Activity**

**Team:** Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

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

#### **Gold Teams (13)**

##### Score Range (2121 to 1609)

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
West Liberty FFA Chapter  
Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City  
New Hampton FFA Chapter  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter  
Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader  
Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City  
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming  
Cedar Rapids Prairie FFA Chapter  
Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston  
Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville  
MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

#### **Bronze Teams (15)**

##### Score Range (942.5 to 534)

Springville-Lisbon FFA Chapter  
East Sac FFA Chapter  
Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne  
Winterset FFA Chapter  
OABCIG FFA Chapter FFA Chapter  
Glidden-Ralston FFA Chapter  
West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

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

##### Score Range (1532 to 978.5)

Wapello FFA Chapter  
Williamsburg FFA Chapter  
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge  
Charles City FFA Chapter  
Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin  
Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland  
Maquoketa FFA Chapter  
Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi  
Humboldt FFA Chapter  
Postville FFA Chapter  
West Branch FFA Chapter  
Belmond-Klemme FFA Chapter  
Boone A&M FFA Chapter  
Ottumwa FFA FFA Chapter  
GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin  
Bondurant-Farrar FFA Chapter  
Ames FFA Chapter  
South Tama County FFA Chapter at Tama

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### **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more 20,500 student members as part of 271 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) and on social media.