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## News Release

# MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2026 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 9, 2026. Members of the first place team included: Dylan Randel, Chevelle Rider, Sam Potter, and Coen Navarro. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mr. Josh Day, Mrs. Alexa Coobs, and Ms. Dailyn Garrett. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Savannah Garcia, Rhealeigh Bauder, Hannah Krueger, and Caleb Bockelmann. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Tanner Thompson. Dylan Randel, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 15 chapters including 55 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 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 Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan
- 3 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 4 Newton FFA Chapter
- 5 Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin
- 6 Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
- 7 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 8 Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie
- 9 Independence FFA Chapter
- 10 La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

### Top 10 Individuals

- Dylan Randel, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Taylor Hirschman, Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center  
Savannah Garcia, Westwood FFA, Sloan  
Chevelle Rider, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Ian Pence, Newton FFA Chapter  
Abbi Siewert, Clear Creek Amana  
Gabryella Prins, Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center  
Benjamin Rosauer, La Porte-Dysart FFA, La Porte City  
Adam Gaul, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Sam Potter, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Dylan Randel, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Landscape Estimation**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Chevelle Rider, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Identification of Nursery Materials**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Dylan Randel, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Team Skills Challenge**

**Team:** Sioux Center FFA Chapter

### **Team Equipment Operation**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

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

### **Gold Teams (6)**

Score Range (1138 to 858)

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Newton FFA Chapter

Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

### **Silver Teams (5)**

Score Range (841 to 718)

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie

Independence FFA Chapter

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

### **Bronze Teams (4)**

Score Range (621 to 474)

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Nevada FFA Chapter

Glidden-Ralston FFA Chapter

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## **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,900 student members as part of 273 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.

