



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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Muscatine FFA Chapter Wins 2009 Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Development Event

The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Des Moines Area Community College on the Ankeny Campus, June 11, 2009. Members of the first place team included: Andrea Chatfield, Kinsey Edmonds, Mitchell Longtin, and Brenden McCleary. Their Ag Education instructors are Mr. Dave Tometich and Mr. Dave Fowler. The Denison FFA Chapter from Denison was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Lucas Ipsen, Kyle Rickers, Christina Riessen, and Michael Rothe. Their Ag Education instructors are Mr. Randall Kuhlmann, Tim Baughman, and Dana Weeda .

Kinsey Edmonds, from the Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 18 chapters including 60 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, landscape drawing, problem solving, plant identification, plant judging, plant disorder identification, and situation assessment and solution.

The Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Tim Doud, Neal Van Veen, and the horticulture students at Des Moines Area Community College.

Arysta LifeScience North America, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque. The Wapello FFA Chapter, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored all the awards for this event including: the Reserve Champion Team plaque; rosettes for the Top 10 teams and members of the Top 10 teams; rosettes for the Top 10 individuals; the Champion and Reserve Champion individual plaques; plaques for the top team and top individual in the following areas of the event: General Knowledge, Landscape Drawing, Problem Solving, Identification, Judging, Plant Disorder, Assessment and Solutions.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Denison FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Keota FFA Chapter
- 4 Tri-Star FFA Chapter
- 5 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 6 Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 7 Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA Chapter
- 8 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 9 Preston/East Central FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Elizabeth Mckillip, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Alex Harm, Denison FFA, Denison
Kellie Walters, Tri-Star FFA
Aaron Baughman, Denison FFA, Denison
Kyle Huber, Keota FFA, Keota
Zach Canarr, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Stacey Jones, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Magie Quail, Denison FFA, Denison
Jacob Hagan, Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA, Coon Rapids

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**General Knowledge****Team:** Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Alex Harm, Denison FFA, Denison**Landscape Drawing Practicum****Team:** Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Alex Harm, Denison FFA, Denison**Nursery Problem Solving****Team:** Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Alex Harm, Denison FFA, Denison**Identification of Plant Material****Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Elizabeth Mckillip, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine**Plant Disorders****Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Zach Canarr, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine**Assessment and Solutions****Team:** Preston/East Central FFA Chapter **Individual:** Larissa Ruchotzke, Preston/East Central FFA, Preston**Plant Selection****Team:** Denison FFA Chapter **Individual:** Alex Harm, Denison FFA, Denison

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (2)**Score Range (1093 to 1089)**

Denison FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (8)**Score Range (936 to 761)**

Keota FFA Chapter

Tri-Star FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton

Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA Chapter

East Sac FFA Chapter

Preston/East Central FFA Chapter

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (11)**Score Range (671 to 0)**

Cascade FFA Chapter

Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center

DeWitt Central FFA Chapter

Panorama FFA Chapter at Panora

Valley FFA Chapter at Elgin

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Colfax-Mingo FFA Chapter

South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City

West Central Valley FFA Chapter at Stuart

The Iowa FFA Association has 221 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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