



## **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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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter Wins 2011 State FFA Floriculture Career Development Event**

The Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny on June 9, 2011. Members of the first place team included: Amy Andrews, Willow Huber, Paula Kalina, and Rylie Pflughaupt. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Louise Fleming. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Paisley Conlon, Kysa Moore, Kelsey Morgan, and Brittany Weber. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Benson. Jeffery Benton, Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from chapters including 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, corsage making, pinching plants, handling hazardous situations, dish gardens, and a team activity.

The Floriculture Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Randell Voss, Lynn Schaffer and Commercial Horticulture Faculty at Des Moines Area Community College.

The Ball Horticultural Company through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque. All plaques and rosettes (team and individual), travel money for the Champion Team and event materials were all made possible by Hy-Vee Inc. and Goode Greenhouses through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 2 Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 3 Denison FFA Chapter
- 4 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 West Liberty FFA Chapter

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- 1 Jeffery Benton, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Amy Andrews, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 3 Willow Huber, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 4 Kelsey Morgan, Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 5 Josie McMinemee, Denison FFA Chapter

- 6 Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion
- 7 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 8 Gilbert FFA Chapter
- 9 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 10 Wapello FFA Chapter

- Paisley Conlon, Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- Taylor Clinton, Denison FFA Chapter
- Dakota Even, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Tyler Bunting, Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion
- Jordan Volkert, Denison FFA Chapter

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

**General Knowledge**

**Team:** Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter    **Individual:** Amy Andrews, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

**Problem Solving**

**Team:** Denison FFA Chapter    **Individual:** Taylor Clinton, Denison FFA Chapter

**Identification of Plant Material**

**Team:** Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton    **Individual:** Paisley Conlon, Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton

**Floral Design**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter    **Individual:** Willow Huber, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

**Floral Production**

**Team:** Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter    **Individual:** Jeffery Benton, Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Pesticides**

**Team:** Denison FFA Chapter    **Individual:** Jordan Volkert, Denison FFA Chapter

**Team Activity**

**Team:** North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

**Gold Teams (12)**

Score Range (1083 to 854)

- Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Maple Valley FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- Denison FFA Chapter
- Muscatine FFA Chapter
- West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion
- Cascade FFA Chapter
- Gilbert FFA Chapter
- East Sac FFA Chapter
- Wapello FFA Chapter
- Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland
- Davis-Rodgers FFA Chapter at Shenandoah

**Silver Teams (11)**

Score Range (836 to 596)

- Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- Valley FFA Chapter at Elgin
- Griswold FFA Chapter
- Colfax-Mingo FFA Chapter
- Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
- North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
- West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
- Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center
- Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA Chapter

**Bronze Teams (4)**

Score Range (527 to 489)

- Earlham FFA Chapter
- Anamosa FFA Chapter
- Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

New Hampton FFA Chapter

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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