



## **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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### **Muscatine FFA Chapter Wins 2012 State FFA Floriculture Career Development Event**

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College in Ankeny on June 12, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Tiffany Peterson, Ashley Hansen, Kirsten Sievert, and Abbie Gray. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dave Fowler, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Mr. Sam Paul. 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: Matt Kelly, Emma Baker, Katie Meyers, and Elizabeth Muncy. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris and Mr. Dick Brand. Ashley Hansen, 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, floral design, pesticide use and application, floral production, and a team activity.

The Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Goode Greenhouses. The Ball Horticultural Company through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

Kirkwood Community College hosted the event and provided a lunch to all participants. The Floriculture Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Lora Dodd-Brosseau and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 3 LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
- 4 Denison FFA Chapter
- 5 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Ashley Hansen, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Natalie Hanson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter  
Katie Hinshaw, Newton FFA Chapter  
Paul Wigg, Denison FFA Chapter  
Kristen Lowe, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

- 6 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 7 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 8 Newton FFA Chapter
- 9 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 10 East Sac FFA Chapter

- Katie Meyers, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Kaitlyn Goslar, MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- Kimberlee Ewart, Wapello FFA Chapter
- Emma Baker, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Matt Kelly, West Liberty FFA Chapter

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

#### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Ashley Hansen, Muscatine FFA Chapter

#### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** West Liberty FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Natalie Hanson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

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

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter **Individual:** Ashley Hansen, Muscatine FFA Chapter

#### **Floral Design**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Ashley Hansen, Muscatine FFA Chapter

#### **Floral Production**

**Team:** LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter **Individual:** Katie Hinshaw, Newton FFA Chapter

#### **Pesticides**

**Team:** Newton FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Katie Hinshaw, Newton FFA Chapter

#### **Team Activity**

**Team:** LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (10)**

Score Range (1146 to 899)

- Muscatine FFA Chapter
- West Liberty FFA Chapter
- LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
- Denison FFA Chapter
- MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Wapello FFA Chapter
- Newton FFA Chapter
- Cascade FFA Chapter
- East Sac FFA Chapter

#### **Silver Teams (7)**

Score Range (849 to 616)

- Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
- Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
- Oelwein FFA Chapter
- Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter
- Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
- Tripoli FFA Chapter

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

Score Range (523 to 134)

- West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
- New Hampton FFA Chapter
- Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
- North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with nearly 13,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 540,000 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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