



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 2013 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 Cedar Rapids on June 11, 2013. Members of the first place team included: marrisa Harris, Megan Harris, Shelby Poole, and Alexis Elgatian. 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 Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Natalie Hanson, Sarah Ternus, Emily Samuelson, and Kristen Lowe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Louis Beck. Katie Hinshaw, Newton 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 LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
- 3 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 4 Newton FFA Chapter
- 5 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Katie Hinshaw, Newton FFA Chapter
- Shelby Poole, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Kristen Lowe, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
- Emma Baker, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Natalie Hanson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

6 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon	Emily Cashman, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
7 Denison FFA Chapter	Matt Kelly, West Liberty FFA Chapter
8 Des Moines FFA Chapter	Megan Harris, Muscatine FFA Chapter
9 Cascade FFA Chapter	Ellie Rethmeier, Newton FFA Chapter
10 East Sac FFA Chapter	Dakota Lyddon, Des Moines FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Shelby Poole, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Shelby Poole, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Identification of Plant Material

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Shelby Poole, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Floral Design

Team: LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter **Individual:** Kristen Lowe, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Floral Production

Team: Des Moines FFA Chapter **Individual:** Megan Harris, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Pesticides

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

Team Activity

Team: Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1156 to 1006)

Muscatine FFA Chapter
 LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
 West Liberty FFA Chapter
 Newton FFA Chapter
 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
 Denison FFA Chapter
 Des Moines FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (942 to 767)

Cascade FFA Chapter
 East Sac FFA Chapter
 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
 North Fayette FFA Chapter at West Union
 Oelwein FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (639 to 305)

West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
 Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter
 Indianola FFA Chapter
 Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
 Marengo FFA Chapter
 North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
 Wapello FFA Chapter

The Iowa FFA Association has 216 local chapters with over 13,400 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 550,000 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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