



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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West Liberty FFA Chapter Wins 2014 State FFA Floriculture Career Development Event

The West Liberty 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 10, 2014. Members of the first place team included: Matt Kelly, Emma Baker, Katie Meyers, and Kyleigh Becker. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris and Mr. Dick Brand. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Hailey Bowers, Zack Andersen, Dacoda Ricketts, and Rachel Schoer. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Mr. Sam Paul. Katie Meyers, West Liberty 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 and Bayer Crop Science 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 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 4 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 5 Newton FFA Chapter
- 6 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 7 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 8 Denison FFA Chapter
- 9 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 10 LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Katie Meyers, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Matt Kelly, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Zack Andersen, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Emma Baker, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Hailey Bowers, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Rachel Schoer, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Emily Cashman, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Ellie Rethmeier, Newton FFA Chapter
- Jessica Alderson, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Kyleigh Becker, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Zack Andersen, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Matt Kelly, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Identification of Plant Material

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Zack Andersen, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Floral Design

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Emma Baker, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Floral Production

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Connor Warrick, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

Pesticides

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Syndey Walker, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Team Activity

Team: East Sac FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (1256 to 872)

West Liberty FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

East Sac FFA Chapter

Newton FFA Chapter

Cascade FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

Denison FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (850 to 722)

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

Gilbert FFA Chapter

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

Nevada FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (567 to 234)

West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Marengo FFA Chapter

Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 14,300 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of nearly 580,000 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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