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## **News Release**

# **CASCADE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2015 STATE FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

The Cascade FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids on June 9, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Marty Knepper, John Trumm, Austin Sanders, and Nichalos Welter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Milt Luckstead. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape 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: Carter Oldfield, J.T. Manjoine, Tyree Anfinson, and Auston Garrison. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. Carter Oldfield, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 12 chapters including 42 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, a landscape estimation practicum, a customer service activity, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), and situation assessment and solution.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Arysta LifeScience North America Corporation, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 4 Denison FFA Chapter
- 5 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 6 Newton FFA Chapter
- 7 Central City FFA Chapter
- 8 Oelwein FFA Chapter
- 9 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 10 Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- 1 Carter Oldfield, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 John Trumm, Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 3 Jarret Horn, Newton FFA, Newton
- 4 Jessica Meseck, Denison FFA, Denison
- 5 Tyree Anfinson, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 6 Christian Sturms, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 7 Abbie Gustafson, Denison FFA, Denison
- 8 Andrew Reynolds, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 9 Tristan Rinnert, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 10 Austin Sanders, Cascade FFA, Cascade

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

### **General Knowledge Exam**

Team: Denison FFA Chapter Individual: John Trumm, Cascade FFA, Cascade

### **Landscape Estimation Practicum**

Team: Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City Individual: Austin Sanders, Cascade FFA, Cascade

### **Customer Assistance**

Team: Denison FFA Chapter Individual: Jarret Horn, Newton FFA, Newton

### **Identification of Nursery Materials**

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts Individual: Andrew Reynolds, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

### **Assessment and Solutions**

Team: Cascade FFA Chapter Individual: John Trumm, Cascade FFA, Cascade

## **Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

### **Gold Teams (6)**

#### Score Range (1219 to 1055)

Cascade FFA Chapter  
Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
Denison FFA Chapter  
Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City  
Newton FFA Chapter

### **Silver Teams (4)**

#### Score Range (972 to 725)

Central City FFA Chapter  
Oelwein FFA Chapter  
MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton  
Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

### **Bronze Teams (2)**

#### Score Range (553 to 549)

Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion  
Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

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## **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 225 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.