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News Release

MUSCATINE FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE

The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames in Iowa State University, Ames on June 8, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Tanner Gerard, Nicholas Holladay, Jacob Miller, and Aaron Scott. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Holland FFA Chapter from Orange City was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Michael Dekker, Collin Van Donkelaar, Evan Bomgaars, and Travis Te Grotenhuis. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Bob DeHaan. Michael Dekker, Holland FFA, Orange City, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 86 individuals from 25 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Caterpillar Dealers of Iowa--Altorfer and Ziegler through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Firestone Agricultural Tire Company and Caterpillar, Inc. sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Trent Wells and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 Holland FFA, Orange City
- 3 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 4 New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
- 5 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 6 Cascade FFA
- 7 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 8 Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
- 9 Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine
- 10 Monticello FFA, Monticello

Top 10 Individuals

- Michael Dekker, Holland FFA, Orange City
Jacob Miller, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Evan Bomgaars, Holland FFA, Orange City
Nicholas Holladay, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Jacob Lorenzen, Monticello FFA, Monticello
Dylan Schemmel, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Tanner Gerard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Micah Meyer, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Kody Bill, New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Aaron Scott, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems

Team: Holland FFA, Orange City **Individual:** Evan Bomgaars, Holland FFA, Orange City

Machinery & Equipment Systems

Team: Holland FFA, Orange City **Individual:** Alexander Delaney, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

Environmental & Natural Resource Systems

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine **Individual:** Jacob Miller, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Electrical Systems

Team: Holland FFA, Orange City **Individual:** Michael Dekker, Holland FFA, Orange City

Metals and Welding Systems

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine **Individual:** Blake Rochleau, Central Community FFA, Elkader

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine **Individual:** Michael Dekker, Holland FFA, Orange City

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (505 to 418)

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Holland FFA, Orange City
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Central Community FFA, Elkader
Cascade FFA
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (412 to 374)

Monticello FFA, Monticello
Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Bronze Teams (8)

Score Range (348 to 79)

Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
Griswold FFA, Griswold
ACGC FFA
Forest City FFA, Forest City
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Western Christian FFA, Hull
Independence FFA Chapter

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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 233 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.