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News Release

WEST LIBERTY FFA CHAPTER WINS 2017 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 13, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Katie Schneider, Cora Wickham, Parker Werling, and Olivia Crook. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Megan Rauen, and Ms. Michele McMichael. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Erin Cantrell, Madison Novotny, Kailey Lazenby, and Brianna Lundvall. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Melissa Heeren and Mrs. Louise Fleming. Katie Schneider, West Liberty FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 24 chapters including 86 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 coordinated and conducted by Lora Dodd-Brosseau and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants.

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.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 2 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 3 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 5 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 6 Keota FFA Chapter
- 7 Lone Tree FFA Chapter
- 8 West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
- 9 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 10 LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Katie Schneider, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Erin Cantrell, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Samantha George, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Brianna Lundvall, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Cora Wickham, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Kristy Thomann, Lone Tree FFA Chapter
- Parker Werling, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- Karie Klingensmith, West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
- Lexi Donath, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Kirsten Buitter, Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Katie Schneider, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter

Individual: Ashley Kurt, Cascade FFA Chapter

Identification of Plant Material

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter

Individual: Cora Wickham, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Floral Design

Team: Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Individual: Brianna Lundvall, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Floral Production

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter

Individual: Karie Klingensmith, West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Team Activity

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (1082 to 925)

West Liberty FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Keota FFA Chapter

Lone Tree FFA Chapter

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (864 to 736)

MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus

East Sac FFA Chapter

Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Denison FFA Chapter

St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Cascade FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (686 to 377)

Creston FFA Chapter

Washington FFA Chapter

Marengo FFA Chapter

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter

Anamosa FFA Chapter

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

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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.