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## **News Release**

# **West Liberty FFA Named 2017 Iowa FFA Supreme National Chapter**

ANKENY - The Iowa FFA Supreme National Chapter Award Program will be held during the 89<sup>th</sup> Iowa FFA Leadership Conference in Ames, on April 9-11, 2017. 34 chapters participated in this year's award program. The first-place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. The Agricultural Education Instructors/FFA Advisors are Mr. Zach Morris and Mr. Dick Brand. The second-place chapter for the event was the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter. The Agricultural Education Instructor/FFA Advisor is Mrs. Ellen Doese.

The National Chapter Award program encourages participating chapters to plan activities and carry them out with a successful Program of Activities. Chapters are recognized for outstanding achievement in the areas of Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture. The National Chapter Awards are sponsored by John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Two FFA Chapters were recognized for outstanding achievement in the three development areas. The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the winner in Growing Leaders and Building Communities as well as the Overall Winner. The Brokaw FFA Chapter was named the top Strengthening Agriculture Division Winner. The top 23 FFA Chapters in Iowa will advance to the National FFA competition and will be recognized at the 90<sup>th</sup> National FFA Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

A complete list of results is included on page two of this release.

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## **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 232 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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.

Chapter Name	Chapter PO	Rating	Ranks	Winner
West Liberty	West Liberty	Gold	1	Overall Winner, Growing Leaders, and Building Communities Div. Winners
Wapsie Valley	Fairbank	Gold	2	
Westwood	Sloan	Gold	3	
Brokaw	Clarinda	Gold	4	Strengthening Agriculture Division Winner
North Linn	Troy Mills	Gold	5	
Webster City	Webster City	Gold	6	
Oelwein	Oelwein	Gold	7	
East Buchanan	Winthrop	Gold	8	
Panorama	Panora	Gold	9	
Marengo	Marengo	Gold	10	
Vinton Shellsburg	Vinton	Gold	11	
AGWSR	Ackley	Gold	12	
Griswold	Griswold	Gold	13	
North Fayette Valley	West Union	Gold	14	
Creston	Creston	Gold	15	
Independence	Independence	Gold	16	
Decorah	Decorah	Gold	17	
Mid-Prairie	Wellman	Gold	18	
Nashua-Plainfield	Nashua	Gold	19	
Audubon	Audubon	Gold	20	
Sibley-Ocheyedan	Sibley	Gold	21	
Benton Community	Van Horne	Gold	22	
LaPorte-Dysart	LaPorte City	Gold	23	
Central Trail	Leon	Gold	24	
South Winneshiek	Calmar	Gold	25	
Starmont	Arlington	Silver		
Belmond-Klemme	Belmond	Silver		
Indianola	Indianola	Silver		
Manson-NW Webster	Manson	Silver		
Sioux Center	Sioux Center	Silver		
Waverly-Shell Rock	Waverly	Silver		
ACGC	Guthrie Center	Bronze		
East Sac	Lake View	Bronze		
Newton	Newton	Bronze		