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News Release

MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2017 STATE FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Muscatine 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 13, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Carter Oldfield, Kaleigh Bell, Elaina Lee, and Allen Tian. 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 Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Newton FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jaden Adams, Logan Chandler, Lindsay Campbell, and Laura Townsend. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. James Horn. Carter Oldfield, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 10 chapters including 33 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 with support from the Wapello FFA Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation. 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 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Newton FFA Chapter
- 3 Denison FFA Chapter
- 4 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 5 Grinnell FFA Chapter
- 6 Independence FFA Chapter
- 7 West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
- 8 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 9 Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi
- 10 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Carter Oldfield, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 Max Wetzell, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 3 Erin Miedema, Unity Christian FFA
- 4 Nicole Van Roekel, Unity Christian FFA
- 5 Allen Tian, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 6 Nicole Arment, Grinnell FFA
- 7 Hannah Holdsworth, Denison FFA, Denison
- 8 Logan Chandler, Newton FFA, Newton
- 9 Jaden Adams, Newton FFA, Newton
- 10 Lindsay Campbell, Newton FFA, Newton

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Denison FFA Chapter Individual: Hannah Holdsworth, Denison FFA, Denison

Landscape Estimation Practicum

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter Individual: Nicole Van Roekel, Unity Christian FFA

Customer Assistance

Team: Grinnell FFA Chapter Individual: Paige Zhorne, Grinnell FFA

Identification of Nursery Materials

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter Individual: Carter Oldfield, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Assessment and Solutions

Team: Denison FFA Chapter Individual: Carter Oldfield, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (4)

Score Range (1242 to 1125)

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Newton FFA Chapter

Denison FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (940 to 633)

Grinnell FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Cascade FFA Chapter

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Bronze Teams (1)

Score Range (431 to 431)

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

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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.