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News Release

Iowa FFA Announces 2017 Stars Over Iowa Finalists

ANKENY, Iowa--The 2017 Stars Over Iowa Finalists were selected for recognition as part of the 89th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, April 9-11, 2017. Eighteen finalists were selected in three different areas: Agricultural Placement, Agribusiness, and Agricultural Production. The finalists were selected from a pool of 646 FFA members that will earn the Iowa FFA Degree—the highest honor the Iowa FFA Association can bestow upon an FFA member.

The star awards recognize students who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through their career development programs and demonstrated outstanding management skills. These finalists will be interviewed and an overall winner in each area will be announced on stage during the 4th General Session of the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference Tuesday, April 11th.

Stars Over Iowa finalists receive a plaque and a cash award. The Stars Over Iowa program is possible with support from Beck's Hybrids through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Listed below are the Stars Over Iowa Finalists.

Star Finalists in Agricultural Placement:

Amanda Engelken, Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
Peyton Schmitt, Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
Quinton Fellingner, Monticello FFA, Monticello
Nathan Zumbach, North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
Chase Janss, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Grace Kerr, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Star Finalists in Agribusiness:

John Trumm, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Keaton Minnick, Central Trail FFA, Leon
Mary Cheney, English Valley FFA, North English
Robby McKeeman, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Nolan Wehr, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
Tatum Kahler, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Star Finalists in Agricultural Production:

Drake Hook, Wayne FFA, Corydon
Todd Holdgrafer, Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Spencer Arnold, Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
Cole Spain, Postville FFA, Postville
Marta Grant, Easton Valley FFA, Preston
Cole Fishwild, Midland FFA, Wyoming

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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, on Facebook, and Twitter.