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News Release

LOUISA-MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER AT LETTS WINS 2019 STATE FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 11, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Cody Calvelage, Gage Connor, Jeremy Neiswonger, and Jayden Seefeldt. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Grace Bowman-Carpenter, Patrick Pendleton, Makenzi Day, and Alexandria Gray. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, and Mr. Josh Day. Cody Calvelage, Louisa-Muscatine FFA, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 13 chapters including 44 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, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), situation assessment and solution, and a team skills challenge.

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 and Farm Credit Services of America through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Newton FFA Chapter
- 4 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 5 Lone Tree FFA Chapter
- 6 MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
- 7 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 8 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 9 West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
- 10 Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull

Top 10 Individuals

- Cody Calvelage, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Jeremy Neiswonger, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Gage Connor, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Patrick Pendleton, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Grace Bowman-Carpenter, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Makenzi Day, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Alicia Miller, Newton FFA, Newton
Alexandria Gray, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Kyle Oolman, Unity Christian FFA
Jenna Smith, Newton FFA, Newton

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Cody Calvelage, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Landscape Estimation

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Cody Calvelage, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Identification of Nursery Materials

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Cody Calvelage, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Team Skills Challenge

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Team Equipment Operation

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (4)

Score Range (1054 to 743)

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Newton FFA Chapter
Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (643 to 527)

Lone Tree FFA Chapter
MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (499 to 128)

Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
Cascade FFA Chapter
Alburnett FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,600 student members as part of 242 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.