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News Release

MONTEZUMA FFA CHAPTER WINS 2021 STATE FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Montezuma FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 8, 2021. Members of the first place team included: Camryn Brennan, Alivia Cline, Makenna Johannes, and Madison Van Zee. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rick Swenson. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The West Liberty FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Addyson Lehman, Amerie Alvarado, Nellie Stagg, and Paige Werling. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael. Makenna Johannes, Montezuma FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 30 chapters including 102 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 Bob Smith and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College with additional support from Brianna Lundvall. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. Cyndi Elwick, Taylor Greko, Shane Mairets, and Alexis Miller served as official judges of the floral design components of the event.

The Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was made possible with support from 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 Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 2 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 3 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 5 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 6 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 7 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 8 West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
- 9 La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City
- 10 Decorah FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Makenna Johannes, Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 2 Matthew Reisen, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Addyson Lehman, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 4 Camryn Brennan, Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 5 Hope Saroka, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 6 Amerie Alvarado, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 7 Paige Werling, West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 8 Ashton Coder, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 9 Haley Wakeland, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 10 Taylor Shipley, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Montezuma FFA Chapter **Individual:** Rebecca Beaman, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Montezuma FFA Chapter **Individual:** Matthew Reisen, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Identification of Plant Material

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Amerie Alvarado, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Floral Design

Team: West Liberty FFA Chapter **Individual:** Addyson Lehman, West Liberty FFA Chapter

Floral Production

Team: Montezuma FFA Chapter **Individual:** Hannah Fishwild, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Team Activity

Team: Montezuma FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1046.5 to 837.5)

Montezuma FFA Chapter
West Liberty FFA Chapter
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
Sioux Central FFA Chapter
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Bronze Teams (12)

Score Range (593.5 to 161.5)

MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter
Turkey Valley FFA Chapter at Jackson Junction
Humboldt FFA Chapter
Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
New Hampton FFA Chapter
Cherokee FFA Chapter
Tri-Star FFA Chapter
Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull
West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center
Denison FFA Chapter
Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (784 to 625)

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City
Decorah FFA Chapter
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne
Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
East Sac FFA Chapter
Clear Lake FFA Chapter
Nevada FFA Chapter
Charles City FFA Chapter
Albia FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,500 student members as part of 248 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.

