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News Release

GILBERT FFA CHAPTER FFA CHAPTER WINS 2021 STATE FFA HORSE CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Gilbert FFA Chapter FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 8, 2021. Members of the first place team included: Jaden Rydl, Jordan Rydl, Makayla Britcher, and Piper Soma. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Jon Davis and Mrs. Carolyn Miller. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Emily King, Leah Cortez, Rebecca Potter, and Madeline Fisher. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, and Mr. Josh Day. Olivia Brcka, Clear Lake FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 26 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Equine Science. The 87 individual contestants evaluated halter and performance classes. They also answered questions over the classes and gave oral reasons to explain their placings. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Horse Career Development Event was coordinated and held at the Iowa Equestrian Center in Cedar Rapids. The official judge was Heather Angle-Gardner of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Gilbert FFA Chapter FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
- 4 Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
- 5 Clear Lake FFA Chapter
- 6 New Hampton FFA Chapter
- 7 Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
- 8 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 9 Interstate 35 FFA Chapter at Truro
- 10 West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Top 10 Individuals

- Olivia Brcka, Clear Lake FFA Chapter
- Kaitlyn Calkhoven, Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- Karley Schaefer, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- Leah Thier, Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
- Makayla Britcher, Gilbert FFA Chapter FFA Chapter
- Jordan Rydl, Gilbert FFA Chapter FFA Chapter
- Cadence Horn, Newton FFA Chapter
- Jaden Rydl, Gilbert FFA Chapter FFA Chapter
- Leah Cortez, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Maria Kruse, Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Halter Classes

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Jessica Tuttle, Cherokee FFA Chapter

Performance Classes

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Madison Stief, Cherokee FFA Chapter

Oral Reasons and Questions

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Jordan Rydl, Gilbert FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1172 to 1088)

Gilbert FFA Chapter FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Clear Lake FFA Chapter

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (961 to 593)

Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull

Danville FFA Chapter

Starmont FFA Chapter at Arlington

East Sac FFA Chapter

Charles City FFA Chapter

Cherokee FFA Chapter

Greene County FFA Chapter at Jefferson

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (1079 to 995)

Interstate 35 FFA Chapter at Truro

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Atlantic FFA Chapter

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Newton FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Denison FFA Chapter

Boone A&M FFA Chapter

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