



## **Iowa FFA Association**

### **The FFA Mission**

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

State of Iowa  
Department of Education  
Bureau of Technical & Vocational Education  
Grimes State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147  
Contact: Alan Spencer (515-281-4706)

**NEWS RELEASE**  
For Immediate Release

### **Muscatine FFA Chapter Wins 2006 Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event**

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Des Moines Area Community College on the Ankeny Campus, June 15, 2006. Members of the first place team included: Felicia Wilder, Sam Crews, Leah Keefe, and Morgan Hatfield. Their Ag Education instructors are Dave Tometich and Dave Fowler. The Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Megan Mairet, Kelsey Gittings, Chad Lihs, and Jeffrey Walker. Their Ag Education instructor is Irvin Meier. Jessie Juarez, from the Glenwood FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 27 chapters including 92 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, corsage making, potting plants, plant disorders, plant design, and team situation assessment and solution.

The Floriculture Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Tim Doud, Neil Van Veen and staff with the Agriculture Department at Des Moines Area Community College.

The American Floral Endowment, Ball Horticultural Company, and Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque. The Iowa Florists Association, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the plaque for the Reserve Champion Team. Goode Greenhouses, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Team plaques in the following areas: General Knowledge Examination, Problem Solving and Decision Making, Identification of Plant Materials and the Team Activity. Hy-Vee, Inc., through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion and Reserve Champion individual plaques in the following event areas: General Knowledge Examination, Problem Solving and Decision Making, and Identification of Plant Materials. Hy-Vee, Inc. also sponsored the plant materials for the contest and a cash award for the Champion Team to travel and participate in the National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana. Additional travel money to the National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was provided by DeJong Greenhouses through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa FFA Foundation also sponsored rosettes for the top 10 individuals, the top 10 teams, and for the members of the top 10 teams.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 Glenwood FFA, Glenwood
- 4 Denison FFA, Denison
- 5 DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
- 6 Boone A&M FFA, Boone
- 7 Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton
- 8 Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas
- 9 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 10 Cascade FFA, Cascade

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Jessie Juarez, Glenwood FFA, Glenwood  
Jeffrey Walker, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Felicia Wilder, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Leah Keefe, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Marissa Stevenson, Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland  
Chad Lihs, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Morgen Hatfield, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Jacob Hunter, DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt  
Sam Crews, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Karie Vrba, Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

## **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

**Individual:** Angela Leopold, Boone A&M FFA, Boone

### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** Glenwood FFA, Glenwood

**Individual:** Felicia Wilder, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Identification of Plant Material**

**Team:** Wapello FFA, Wapello **Individual:** Jeffrey Walker, Wapello FFA, Wapello

### **Practicums**

**Team:** Glenwood FFA, Glenwood

**Individual:** Caitlin Savage, Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA, Williamsburg

### **Team Activity**

**Team:** Wapello FFA, Wapello

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (7)**

Score Range (1141 to 925)

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Glenwood FFA, Glenwood

Denison FFA, Denison

DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt

Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton

#### **Bronze Teams (5)**

Score Range (667 to 412)

Graettinger FFA, Graettinger

Rockwell City-Lytton FFA, Rockwell City

Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

Southeast Polk FFA, Runnells

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

#### **Silver Teams (11)**

Score Range (901 to 727)

Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Preston/East Central FFA, Preston

South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View

Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA, Williamsburg

#### **Participation Teams (4)**

Score Range (566 to 247)

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Rockwell-Sheffield FFA, Rockwell

Rockford FFA, Rockford

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 482,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

#####

