



## 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.*

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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **Tri-Star FFA Chapter Wins 2007 Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event**

The Tri-Star 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 14, 2007. Members of the first place team included: Katie Schlake, Kellie Walters, Cheryl Smith, and Brandon Friedlein. Their Ag Education instructor is Steve Zaruba. The Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kelsey Gittings, Sam Noble, Kim Yakle, and Annie Arnold. Their Ag Education instructor is Irv Meier. Katie Schlake, from the Tri-Star FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 21 chapters including 76 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, pinching plants, handling hazardous situations, dish gardens, 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 Florist 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 and plaques for the Champion and Reserve Champion Individuals. Hy-Vee, Inc., through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Individual plaques in the following event areas: General Knowledge Examination, Problem Solving and Decision Making, and Identification of Plant Materials; Rosettes for the Top 10 Individuals, Top 10 Teams and members of the Top 10 teams. Hy-Vee, Inc. also sponsored the plant materials for the event 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.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Tri-Star FFA
- 2 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
- 4 Riceville FFA, Riceville
- 5 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 6 Denison FFA, Denison
- 7 Glenwood FFA, Glenwood
- 8 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 9 Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland
- 10 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Kathryn Schlake, Tri-Star FFA  
Kellie Walters, Tri-Star FFA  
Annie Arnold, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Kelsey Vetter, Denison FFA, Denison  
Kelsey Gittings, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Meghan Henningsen, DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt  
Marissa Stevenson, Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland  
Camille Dohman, Riceville FFA, Riceville  
Jenni Ihrig, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa  
Jessica Isadore, Glenwood FFA, Glenwood

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Tri-Star FFA    **Individual:** Jason Scholbrock, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

### **Problem Solving**

**Team:** Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill    **Individual:** Jason Scholbrock, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

### **Identification of Plant Material**

**Team:** Tri-Star FFA    **Individual:** Kellie Walters, Tri-Star FFA

### **Practicums**

**Team:** Wapello FFA, Wapello    **Individual:** Camille Dohman, Riceville FFA, Riceville

### **Team Activity**

**Team:** Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

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

##### Score Range (1101 to 1006)

Tri-Star FFA

Wapello FFA, Wapello

DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Denison FFA, Denison

Glenwood FFA, Glenwood

#### **Silver Teams (8)**

##### Score Range (972 to 760)

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Preston/East Central FFA, Preston

Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton

Valley FFA, Elgin

East Sac FFA, Lake View

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

##### Score Range (704 to 584)

Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA, Williamsburg

South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Rockwell-Sheffield FFA, Rockwell

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids

#### **Participation Teams (1)**

##### Score Range (312 to 312)

Winterset FFA, Winterset

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.

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