



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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Montezuma FFA Chapter Wins 2005 Iowa 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 Des Moines Area Community College on the Ankeny Campus, June 16, 2005. Members of the first place team included: Katie Cranston, Brittney Shaull, Ashley Reitzler and Stacey Hoksbergen. Their Ag Education instructor is Rick Swenson. The Denison FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Sarah Glenn, Melissa Thelen, Erin Bohlmann and Jessica Rank. Their Ag Education instructor is Randall Kuhlman. Megan Mairet, from the Wapello FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from twenty-one chapters including seventy-eight 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, plant pinching, handling hazardous situations, 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 the National FFA Foundation through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque. The Society of Iowa Florists and Growers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the plaque for the Reserve Champion Team. Goode Greenhouses, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top ten individual, the top ten teams, members of the Top ten teams rosettes and 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 Louisville, Kentucky. 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 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Denison FFA, Denison
- 3 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 4 Rockford FFA, Rockford
- 5 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 6 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 7 Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas
- 8 West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- 9 Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton
- 10 Charles City FFA, Charles City

Top 10 Individuals

- Megan Mairet, Wapello FFA, Wapello
- Sarah Hogan, Monticello FFA, Monticello
- Max Peterson, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- Laura Larson, Rockford FFA, Rockford
- Katie Cranston, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Sarah Glenn, Denison FFA, Denison
- Ashley Reitzler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Chelsea Ewen, Rockford FFA, Rockford
- Jessica Rank, Denison FFA, Denison
- Kristine Kueny, Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma **Individual:** Elizabeth Childs, Charles City FFA, Charles City

Problem Solving

Team: Monticello FFA, Monticello **Individual:** Ashley Reitzler, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Identification of Plant Material

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma **Individual:** Chad Lihs, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Practicums

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine **Individual:** Ann Corkery, West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Team Activity

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (1135 to 1016)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Denison FFA, Denison

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Rockford FFA, Rockford

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (973 to 809)

Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Cascade FFA, Cascade

South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Graettinger FFA, Graettinger

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (718 to 568)

Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley

Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA, Williamsburg

Participation Teams (1)

Score Range (560 to 560)

Southeast Polk FFA, Runnells

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