



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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Denison FFA Wins 2007 Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event

The Denison FFA Chapter from Denison was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event held at The Iowa Equestrian Center at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Members of the first place team included: Jackie Kragel, Whitney Reimers, Chelsy Sonnichsen, and Kathi Goslar. Their Ag Education instructors are Randall Kuhlmann, Tim Baughman, and Joe Smith. The Paullina FFA Chapter from Paullina was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Reagan Ebel, Dani Jo Lange, and Briana Shriver. Their Ag Education instructor is Eric Kumm.

Emma Martin, from the Cascade FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. 27 chapters and 90 individuals 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. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in halter and performance classes as well as oral reasons and questions. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Horse Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Rhonda Clough and other faculty and staff with the Animal Science Department at Kirkwood Community College.

Dodge Trucks, Evergreen Mills, Inc., American Quarter Horse Youth Association, and Kent Feeds, Inc., through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque. Kirkwood Community College, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the plaque for the Reserve Champion Team, Champion Individual plaque, and the Reserve Champion Individual plaque.

The Iowa Horse Industry Council, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Ten Team rosettes, Members of the Top Ten Team rosettes, Top Ten Individual rosettes, plaques for the high team and high individual in the following areas: Halter Classes, Performance Classes, Oral Reasons and Questions, and Problem Solving Team Activity (team award only).

Cargill Animal Nutrition, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored a \$500 college scholarship for the Champion Individual and a cash award for the Champion Team to travel to the National FFA Horse Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Denison FFA, Denison
- 2 South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- 3 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 4 Central Trail of Leon FFA, Leon
- 5 Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
- 6 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 7 Tri-Star FFA
- 8 Winterset FFA, Winterset
- 9 Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA, Williamsburg
- 10 Twin Cedars FFA, Bussey

Top 10 Individuals

- Emma Martin, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Dani Jo Lange, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
Jackie Kragel, Denison FFA, Denison
Kirk Hatfield, Central Trail of Leon FFA, Leon
Whitney Reimers, Denison FFA, Denison
Kari Konrad, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Brooke Wild, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Valecia Bahr, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Ashley Tilton, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Linnea Carver, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Halter Classes

Team: Anamosa FFA, Anamosa **Individual:** Kayla Thurn, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Performance Classes

Team: Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill **Individual:** Kayla Chick, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Oral Reasons and Questions

Team: Denison FFA, Denison **Individual:** Dani Jo Lange, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Problem Solving

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (1264 to 1164)

Denison FFA, Denison

South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Central Trail of Leon FFA, Leon

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Tri-Star FFA

Winterset FFA, Winterset

Williamsburg Hawkeye FFA, Williamsburg

Twin Cedars FFA, Bussey

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (1148 to 1098)

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Iowa Valley FFA, Marengo

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Bronze Teams (3)

Score Range (1059 to 997)

Sioux Cental FFA, Sioux Rapids

Preston/East Central FFA, Preston

Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Participation Teams (4)

Score Range (710 to 352)

North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon

North Fayette FFA, West Union

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

The Iowa FFA Association has 234 local chapters with nearly 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 473,000 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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