



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 Chapter Wins 2007 Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Development Event

The Denison FFA Chapter from Denison was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Des Moines Area Community College on the Ankeny Campus, June 14, 2007. Members of the first place team included: Chelsy Sonnichsen, Kathi Goslar, Caitlin Wessel, and Matt Riessen. Their Ag Education instructors are Randall Kuhlmann, Joe Smith, and Tim Baughman. The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Abe Ales, Sam Crews, Tonio Valenzuela, and Bart Howard. Their Ag Education instructors are Dave Tometich and Dave Fowler .

Bart Howard, from the Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 10 chapters including 37 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 Nursery/Landscape. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, landscape drawing, problem solving, plant identification, plant judging, plant disorder identification, and situation assessment and solution. The Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Tim Doud and Neil Van Veen and staff with the Agriculture Department at Des Moines Area Community College

Arysta LifeScience North America, FMC Corporation, Kubota Tractor Corporation, STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque. The Wapello FFA Chapter, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored all the awards for this event including: the Reserve Champion Team plaque; rosettes for the Top 10 teams and members of the Top 10 teams; rosettes for the Top 10 individuals; the Champion and Reserve Champion individual plaques; plaques for the top team and top individual in the following areas of the event: General Knowledge, Landscape Drawing, Problem Solving, Identification, Judging, Plant Disorder, Assessment and Solutions.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Denison FFA, Denison
- 2 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 3 Preston/East Central FFA, Preston
- 4 Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton
- 5 Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA, Coon Rapids
- 6 Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
- 7 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 8 Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- 9 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 10 West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Top 10 Individuals

- Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Matt Riessen, Denison FFA, Denison
Kathi Goslar, Denison FFA, Denison
Chelsy Sonnichsen, Denison FFA, Denison
Caitlin Wessel, Denison FFA, Denison
Abe Ales, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Tonio Valenzuela, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Ryan Schroeder, Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA, Coon Rapids
Adam Thines, Preston/East Central FFA, Preston
Erin Moeller, Preston/East Central FFA, Preston

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Denison FFA, Denison **Individual:** Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Landscape Drawing Practicum

Team: Denison FFA, Denison **Individual:** Adam Thines, Preston/East Central FFA, Preston

Nursery Problem Solving

Team: Denison FFA, Denison **Individual:** Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Identification of Plant Material

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine **Individual:** Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Plant Disorders

Team: Crestwood FFA, Cresco **Individual:** Alisha Goettl, Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Assessment and Solutions

Team: Denison FFA, Denison **Individual:** Kathi Goslar, Denison FFA, Denison

Plant Selection

Team: Denison FFA, Denison **Individual:** Ethan Small, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (2)

Score Range (1590 to 1534)

Denison FFA, Denison

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Bronze Teams (2)

Score Range (998 to 996)

East Sac FFA, Lake View

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range (1323 to 1122)

Preston/East Central FFA, Preston

Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton

Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA, Coon Rapids

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

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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