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News Release

LOUISA-MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER AT LETTS WINS 2024 STATE FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 11, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Ashton Coder, Emma Lamp, Miley Ossian, and Lexie Eaton. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. They will represent Iowa at the National Floriculture Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kacie Jana Riess, Anna Boyer, Kale Wiebel, and Claire Brown-Lincoln. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mrs. Alexa Coobs, and Ms. Alli Youngbauer. Emma Lamp, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 47 chapters including 164 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, floral design, pesticide use and application, floral production, and a team activity.

The Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Bob Smith, Hannah Dunlap and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. Official judges of the floral design components of the event include Karen Garrett, Debbie McCallister and Stacie Hoag from Flowers on the Avenue as well as Jill Kinsinger, former graduate of the Floral Careers program at Kirkwood.

The Iowa FFA Floriculture Career Development Event was made possible with support from Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Donors.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader
- 4 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 5 Montezuma FFA Chapter
- 6 New Hampton FFA Chapter
- 7 Storm Lake FFA Chapter
- 8 Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
- 9 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 10 Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Emma Lamp, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 2 Ashton Coder, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 3 Audrey Palas, Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader
- 4 Anna Boyer, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 Maranda Wood, Maquoketa FFA Chapter
- 6 Blair Scherf, Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader
- 7 Miley Ossian, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 8 Rowan Schaffert, North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 9 Claire Brown-Lincoln, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 10 Kale Wiebel, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Alexis Brown, Wapello FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Anna Boyer, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Identification of Plant Material

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Emma Lamp, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Floral Design

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Ashton Coder, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Floral Production

Team: Wapello FFA Chapter **Individual:** Marnie Croatt, Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City

Team Activity

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (15)

Score Range (1109.5 to 853.5)

- Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader
- North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- Montezuma FFA Chapter
- New Hampton FFA Chapter
- Storm Lake FFA Chapter
- Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
- MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin
- Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- Maquoketa FFA Chapter
- Wapello FFA Chapter
- Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City
- Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (548 to 453)

- Central City FFA Chapter
- Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
- Washington FFA Chapter
- Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- North Scott Jr. High FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- Postville FFA Chapter
- Independence FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (24)

Score Range (818 to 576.5)

- Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
- Williamsburg FFA Chapter
- Clear Lake FFA Chapter
- Bondurant-Farrar FFA Chapter
- West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
- Nevada FFA Chapter
- Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
- Glidden-Ralston FFA Chapter
- South Tama County FFA Chapter at Tama
- Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi
- Belle Plaine FFA Chapter
- Charles City FFA Chapter
- HLV FFA Chapter at Victor
- Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne
- Winterset FFA Chapter
- GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin
- Belmond-Klemme FFA Chapter
- Atlantic FFA Chapter
- Springville-Lisbon FFA Chapter
- Carroll Area FFA Chapter
- MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
- Pella FFA Chapter
- Ottumwa FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more 20,000 student members as part of 263 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at