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News Release

HOLLAND FFA CHAPTER AT ORANGE CITY WINS 2024 STATE FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 11, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Kienna Lassen, Charles Moeller, Lily Moeller, and Zachary Rabe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Molly Cleveringa. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Newton FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Nevaeh Bown, Treyton Davidson, Lauren Van Manen, and Colin Cummins. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. James Horn. Zachary Rabe, Holland FFA, Orange City, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 18 chapters including 67 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, a landscape estimation practicum, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), equipment operations practicums, and a team skills challenge.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss, Adam Boysen and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible with support from the 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 Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 2 Newton FFA Chapter
- 3 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 4 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 6 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 7 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 8 Grinnell FFA Chapter
- 9 Bondurant-Farrar FFA Chapter
- 10 Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Top 10 Individuals

- Zachary Rabe, Holland FFA, Orange City
Aidan Moreno, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Kienna Lassen, Holland FFA, Orange City
Sophia Schumacher, MVAO FFA
Jacob Murillo-Keener, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Lauren Van Manen, Newton FFA, Newton
Colin Cummins, Newton FFA, Newton
Lily Moeller, Holland FFA, Orange City
Skyler Beck, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Jocelyn Muilenburg, Unity Christian FFA

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge and Landscape Estimation

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts **Individual:** Aidan Moreno, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Identification of Nursery Materials

Team: Newton FFA Chapter **Individual:** Nevaeh Bown, Newton FFA, Newton

Team Skills Challenge

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Team Equipment Operation

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (5)

Score Range (1206 to 1082)

Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City

Newton FFA Chapter

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (660 to 534)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Charles City FFA Chapter

Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter

Nevada FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (952 to 720)

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

Grinnell FFA Chapter

Bondurant-Farrar FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

Humboldt FFA Chapter

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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 Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com and on social media.