

# Memorandum

**To:** FFA Floriculture Team Coaches  
**CC:** Naomi Knight  
**From:** Lori Himes, Contest Superintendent  
Lori Powell Mayhew, Teacher Chairperson  
**Date:** 2/6/2019  
**Re:** Floriculture Career Development Event

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The 2019 Maryland State FFA Floriculture Career Development Event will take place April 6<sup>th</sup> at Westminster High School beginning at approximately 10 a.m. The contest will conclude in the late afternoon.

The event will feature the following elements as per the National FFA Career & Leadership Development Events Handbook 2017-2021: Team Activity (800 pts) ; Plant Identification (50 plant/equipment items, 200 pts); General Knowledge (200 pts); Problem Solving (200 pts); and Practicum's (200 pts) as noted below and as time and facilities allow.

Students need to be prepared with materials as noted on Floriculture page 4 under "Event Format" materials, clipboard, pencils, floral shears, knife, Calculator etc. etc. No cell phones allowed.

All Supplies, the plants, flowers, containers, ribbon, wire, pins etc. will be provided.

No Coaches/Advisors will be permitted except those assigned and working this CDE.

The Practicum(s) will include:

Floral Arrangement suitable for a funeral viewing (100 pts), Corsage for pin-on (75 pts) & Boutonniere (part of team activity) . Note 20 minutes will be allowed each for the arrangement design and corsage with an additional 5 minutes each for the bill equaling 25 total minutes each. Students must reserve the remaining product from these arrangements for their team activity;

Make a mixed planter (75pts.) 20 minutes allowed and all materials will be provided including prices and bill form.

The Team Activity (800 total points) will be an activity in which all 4 team members complete floral orders for the following scenario from the materials provided to them. Teams will be evaluated upon teamwork and the products created. All contestants (4 max) from a team will work together on this section of the event.

February 6, 2019

### **Team Activity Scenario**

In a retail florist things can get extremely busy very fast. Due to the heavy work load from the previous day, the 4 funeral arrangements, planters/dishgardens, and corsages (your 4 individual team member items combined) were prepared in advance. You now have several items that are needed for today's funeral delivery. 45 minutes will be allocated for the team activity.

#### **Plan with and assemble your team to produce and pack for transport the following items:**

4 funeral arrangements

4 planters/dishgardens decorated with a bow and 2 butterflies

1 hand tied bouquet for the family to lay on the grave that must consist of at least 6 Mass Flowers (roses/carnations)

6 boutonnieres, identical, for the pall bearers

1 satin heart pillow for inside the casket lid. Your choice of the most appropriate corsage selected from the individually created items. It is to be attached to the pillow.

#### **Materials are:**

12 Mass Flowers (rose/carnations, tbd.)

Filler Flowers

Spray Roses or Mini Carnations

Alstroemeria Lilies

Line flowers

Assorted foliage greens

#3 Ribbon, #9 Ribbon

Corsage and Boutonniere pins and bags

enclosure cards and cardettes

Decorative accessories such as Mega Flat Wire, Aluminum Wire, Bullion wire

Tube Glue, Uglu Strips, rose wire, stem tape

4 arrangements and corsages from Floral Design Practicum

4 planters/dish gardens from individual team members' earlier practicum

Box or Boxes w/packing materials

*While we are planning to complete all the elements named above, it's possible that we may have to modify the event given the help, facility and time allotted.*