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Together, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation are proud to release the 2017-2018 annual report. As you review the highlights from the past year, we hope you will also see how the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program continues to make a positive impact in the lives of 500,000 youth. With multiple programs highlighted throughout, this report is just the tip of the iceberg on the impact the Texas 4-H program makes to 4-H members and their families. Even still, greater success is revealed as youth graduate out of the program and develop into responsible, contributing members of their communities with sound leadership skills and servant hearts.

The impact of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program would not be possible without the dedication of time and talents by more than 20,000 adult volunteers. 4-H volunteers serve in multiple capacities, many of which mentor and guide 4-H members and their families in their 4-H projects, enriching the experience.

The goals accomplished and impact made in communities across the great state of Texas would not be possible without the generous support of numerous donors. We appreciate those who provide financial support so both the 4-H Program and 4-H Foundation can collaboratively achieve the program’s motto – to make the best better. The support of numerous donors gives 4-H the opportunity to facilitate long-standing, impactful programs, explore new opportunities to grow the program, and assist 4-H members in pursuing a higher education degree through more than $2.4 million in scholarships.

As we celebrate our accomplishments, we continue to plan for our future. Part of that is exploring methods to expand 4-H Youth Development Program and reach more youth, engaging them in a program that reaps numerous rewards. Thank you for past support of the program, and we hope you will consider supporting our programming efforts in the future.

Sarah Hamm
Executive Director
Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation

Dr. Courtney Dodd
Program Leader & Assistant Agency Director
Texas 4-H Youth Development Program
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Membership

496,850
4-H Youth participants

49% Male

51% Female

More than 27,000
volunteers

*Youth and adults combined

4-H Youth Participant Residence

Farm: 6.8%
Rural towns: 21.9%
Towns and cities 10-50,000: 20.2%
Suburbs and cities over 50,000: 51.1%

Hispanic/Latino
54.4%
Not Hispanic/Latino
45.6%

Project area involvements

49,396 Agriculture & Livestock Hispanic/Latino
84,166 Natural Resources 54.4%
164,172 Leadership & Citizenship Not Hispanic/Latino
187,705 Family & Consumer Health 45.6%
11,252 STEM

Numbers reflect enrollment and involvement from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.
### One Day 4-H

Lend a hand to your community on One Day 4-H! This nation-wide event allows 4-H members, parents, and volunteers to help their communities through their choice of service projects. This event’s flexibility allows our Texas 4-Hers’ projects to be as straightforward or intricate as they like.

| 47,953 | individuals reached or served |
| 15,000 | dollars raised to support other groups |
| 7,000  | lbs of food collected |
| 4,000+ | lbs of trash collected |
| 3,032  | youth & adults involved in projects |
| 2,785  | hours dedicated to projects |
| 1,276  | care packets distributed |
| 78     | county projects reported |
| 1      | day |

The next One Day 4-H will be held on:

**October 12, 2019**

Go to [texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday/) for more information
Texas leads the nation in livestock project participation and support with 135,000 livestock projects exhibited throughout Texas annually! 50,000+ exhibitors are engaged in this project area cultivating life skill development. $77,000,000 is awarded annually to youth exhibiting livestock through local/county premium sales, and Texas 4-H and FFA members also earn an additional $20,000,000 through participation at Texas major livestock shows. Project areas include beef cattle, swine, livestock judging, rabbits, veterinary science, and more. Proper nutrition for animals, responsibility, proper animal care, and decision making, and even qualities like public speaking, leadership, and community service are some of the skills learned through this project area.

The Texas 4-H Livestock and Equine Ambassadors are motivated and talented youth leaders with a passion for animal agriculture. A considerable amount of time is spent training them to effectively share the animal agriculture story with elected officials and the general public. These servant minded youth leaders are truly making an impact locally, regionally and nationally. Without question, they are the future leaders of agriculture that will be instrumental in meeting the challenges in world food and fiber production.

125 active Equine and Livestock Ambassadors

“M”y 4-H mountain-climbing experience has come to an end, but I know what it feels like to reach the “mountaintop”, and I will not settle for anything less for my future. I owe my identity to my involvement in 4-H and this Ambassador program. It has given me more learning experiences and leadership opportunities in the last ten years than most will experience in a lifetime. I am thankful for the encouragement that came from adult leadership. Because of that encouragement I will continue to “Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow, “til I find my dream.”

-Emily Brite, Livestock Ambassador 2017-2018

“B”ecoming a Texas Equine Ambassador has changed my life in many ways. It is amazing to be a part of a program where I am able to make friends who share the same interests and strive to spread the love we share for the agriculture industry. I have learned that the importance of service work is not to clock hours, but to help people and share feelings of joy in the communities where I serve. I love being able to spread that joy, and I plan to continue doing it for years to come.”

- Olivia Hubert, Equine Ambassador
Family & Community Health

The Texas 4-H Family and Community Health project is making a difference in the health of Texans! This project empowers youth to live better through the learning opportunities related to Foods & Nutrition, Health & Personal Safety, Consumer Education, and Fashion & Interior Design. In the 4-H Fashion and Interior Design project, youth learn to design, construct and be a smart consumer when purchasing clothing and household items, and have fun creating environmentally friendly projects while exploring careers in the fashion and interior design industries. Project opportunities include Consumer Decision Making, Food Challenge, Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Safety educational presentations, and more.

The Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador program is designed to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills, to mentor other youth and to become a knowledgeable representative of the Fashion & Interior Design project. Teens who are passionate about healthy living can make a difference through the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador program. Through this program, these teens are conducting educational programs, workshops, and activities throughout the state in an effort to build a healthier Texas!

190 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors and 22 active Fashion and Interior Design Ambassadors

“T”exas is known for the many types of culture that come together to make Texas what it is. The fields of both fashion and interior design are ways in which we creatively express our culture. Because Texas is so large and has such a varied landscape we also have the capacity to produce a lot of the raw products that go into making many of our culturally inspired pieces. Texas is well known for its cotton production but also animal products such as mohair wool and tanned leathers are used in the fashion industry. These same products combined with the large variety of trees: pine, oak, and mesquite to name a few are used to help in interior design.”

- Kaitlyn Carruth, FID Ambassador

“Also, being an ambassador has provided me some unique opportunities like serving as a Celebrity Chef at the State Fair of Texas. Being on stage, demonstrating recipes and taking questions from the crowds at the State Fair was an unforgettable experience. I highly recommend the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador program to my fellow 4-Hers!”

- Abigayle Williams, HTYA Ambassador
The Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program offers diverse projects and activities involving exploration of and experience in the vast natural resources within the state. Project areas include Wildlife & Fisheries, Entomology, Range Science, Forestry, Aquatic Science, Outdoor Education, Water Conservation Education, Sportfishing, and Shooting Sports. Training opportunities, events and activities, camp experiences, and a wide array of curriculum enrichment within all project areas are available for adults and youth. The 4-H Ambassador programs have been developed to offer a unique leadership opportunity to Senior age 4-H members who are interested in promoting 4-H and giving back to their specific project area beyond typical work within a club or county.

The 4-H Water Ambassadors and Shooting Sports Ambassadors support local to state project specific efforts but reach outside of their local areas and outside of 4-H audiences to promote positive understanding of 4-H and the project areas represented. Each project specific group is trained in professionalism and advocacy skills to better further their service to 4-H. These Ambassadors represent each of the six Extension regions across the state.

55 active Shooting Sports Ambassadors and 42 active Water Ambassadors

“T"he 4-H Natural Resources project is an extremely important part of Texas 4-H for many reasons. Through my experience in this project, I have seen it teach its participants to appreciate and respect their environment. Through programs such as the Water Ambassador Program, this project can also help its participants to develop professional skills, leadership and teamwork skills, and a deep love of learning. Most importantly, this project opens doors for career opportunities by sharing information about industries included it, as well as providing participants with connections to professionals in the field.”

- John Philip Jones, Water Ambassador

“I gained more knowledge about the water industry than I thought was possible. When I was selected to serve in the Water Ambassador Program, I had little familiarity with the water industry. Now I am proud to say that I am able to carry on a sophisticated conversation with almost any professional in this field; and I am capable of developing my own opinions on various topics in the “water world.”

Learn more about project opportunities at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/.
From the food we eat to the clothes we wear, science is the foundation of our lives. Since its creation over one hundred years ago, 4-H has fostered science education through agricultural and family consumer science projects. Even though science itself is not new to 4-H, there is a renewed focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education. In this project, youth learn with robotics, computers, alternative energy, engineering, and agri-science! This project can be tailored as self-directed study or in a classroom with science rotations. This project lets youth dream, explore, and experiment in various areas for possibilities in careers and education. Participants may build a computer, design and program a robot, or conduct engineering projects—like building a bridge!

One group that is laser-focused on STEM education is the Texas 4-H Technology Team. The role of its members is to enhance their own computer, photography, videography, and robotics knowledge and skills and then apply it to teach and inform others. Team members do that at the local level, but also at big events like Texas 4-H Roundup and Congress. One primary objective of the Tech Team is to improve communication throughout the 4-H program through websites, email lists, newsletters, videos, social networks, and other electronic media.

“I was taught and mentored in videography and now I train new members on video editing. My first year on the team I was selected to go and represent Texas 4-H at the California State Leadership conference. There I used my videography skills to help the California Technology Team produce videos to show at their nightly assemblies. It was the best experience 4-H has given me and I fell in love with videography and the Technology Team because of it.”

“I am involved in the STEM project area because when I sit down to edit a video for the team I spend maybe three hours working on the project and it feels like five minutes. I have never found a hobby that I have enjoyed so much as video editing. Another reason I am involved is because after being accepted onto the team and attending my first Face to Face meeting in Fall of 2015 I was inspired to start a STEM project in my local club. This project would not exist if I wasn’t on the Technology Team and had been told about the STEM opportunities 4-H has to offer. My club had no STEM related project nor any knowledge of them. By starting this project I am able to help other people find and cultivate their passion for technology through 4-H.”

-Olivia Twinning, Technology Team member
Leadership and Citizenship are projects that cross over into every other project area in the 4-H program but can also be stand alone learning experiences. Following the learn-by-doing model there are many opportunities for members to develop leadership and citizenship skills beginning at the club level and progressing through the system to the state level leadership teams. The connection between leadership and citizenship projects happens when positive citizenship characteristics develop as members gain an understanding of how decisions impact others. Citizenship also encompasses an understanding of our government, cultures, and responsibilities of living within a community. Project opportunities include public speaking, performance arts, and more resulting in a wide range of life skills to be gained.

Eight statewide leadership/ambassador teams provide hands-on learning experiences for 4-H members to develop and enhance skills while collaborating with Extension faculty and adult mentors. One team is the State 4-H Council. The Texas 4-H Council is a team of 4-H members elected by their peers from across the state of Texas representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts. Serving as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program, members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.

“I have been involved in both the Leadership and Citizenship projects because I view them as avenues to cultivate my overall leadership skills, including responsibility, teamwork, communication skills, parliamentary procedure skills, awareness, confidence, and respect for others. I realized I would be fortunate enough to reap the benefits of my involvement in each of these projects. For me these include my ability to correctly and efficiently manage a team and preside over business meetings, to easily speak one on one in a professional environment, and to comfortably speak in front of large assemblies of any age group.”


“I think the leadership and citizen projects are one of the most important projects in 4-H because it defines 4-H. It doesn’t matter if you’re the one holding the microphone on the stage or if you’re the one working behind the scenes, everyone has a place and is vital. Leadership is what the world is lacking, but it’s not lacking in 4-H and that’s what makes our organization so great.”

-Kyler Hardegree, 2017-2018 Texas 4-H Council
“My time serving on Texas 4-H Council was amazing; the impact it has had on my life is immeasurable. We set aside our differences and stood together as leaders, sharing the same goal— a year of servitude. Throughout our year of service we were able to touch the lives of thousands, they in turn, touched my heart. I learned it’s not about being the best, but doing your best.”

- Katelyn McCormick
Texas 4-H Roundup

For the 4,000 youth, volunteers and leaders that attend, Texas 4-H Roundup is more than a competition, but a celebration of goals accomplished. Roundup is a three-day qualifying and invitational event for 4-H youth who placed in a district level roundup or signed up to compete in one of the invitational events offered. Workshop opportunities are also offered for both youth and adults. Texas 4-H Roundup is held annually in June and is the largest gathering of 4-H members and supporters in the country. The Texas 4-H Roundup is an educational event that allows youth to compete in approximately 50 diverse competitions that tie to their 4-H projects.

These contests test 4-H members on life skills such as decision making, public speaking, organization, and working with others. Some of these contests include Fashion Show, Food Challenge, Beef Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking, various performing arts events, an assortment of judging contests, and educational presentations.

2018 marked the 72nd year Texas 4-H has hosted Texas 4-H Roundup. This year’s theme was “Recharge”. This year’s roundup also allowed Texas 4-H to celebrate 59 years of awarding 214 youth $2.4 million dollars in higher education scholarships. This year’s Texas 4-H Roundup brought in over 4,000 people to College Station.

Join us next year for the Texas 4-H Roundup June 10-13, 2019 in College Station!

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/
“I have been coming as a parent leader for the past couple of years. I love that the kids can always come back and see friends at these events. Everyone is always so helpful.”
A new effort to reduce childhood obesity in Texas will focus on building youth knowledge and skills in gardening, nutrition and physical fitness.

Beginning in the fall of 2018, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) will implement Growing U, a joint 4-H project between the PVAMU Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Growing U will educate elementary age youth on long term healthy living practices. This approximately $1.1 million, 5-year project is funded by a Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR) grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture. PVAMU CEP will lead the Growing U project sites in Brazos, Cameron and Travis Counties. Texas A&M AgriLife will coordinate the Growing U project at three sites in two counties.

The grant was awarded in the fall of 2017. Since that time, the project team has been diligently planning and preparing for a successful program implementation in September 2018. Jan Carroll, the CYFAR Mentor assigned to the project, visited Texas to share her knowledge and provide overall guidance during this planning year. Brazos County agreed to pilot the program early in spring 2018. Brazos County agreed to pilot the program early in spring 2018, to serve as a trial run to determine if any adjustments are required and reveal any unforeseen challenges to success.

“We sincerely appreciate our school partners and volunteers. This opportunity would not be possible without their support and participation. We are all excited to receive funding that will provide the needed resources to make a positive impact on areas in Texas that are disproportionately impacted by obesity”, stated Dawn Burton, Health Coordinator for Prairie View A&M University’s Cooperative Extension Program.

“Our goal is to reach Texas youth and their families with easily adoptable practices and information that will spur lasting, healthy habits and increased wellness,” said Janelle Casson, project staff with AgriLife Extension. Organizers expect to reach more than 1,000 youth with the project’s initial offerings. The numbers are expected to increase as parent volunteers establish 4-H clubs and as children who complete the program return as youth leaders.

Three of AgriLife Extension’s signature programs and/or curricula will be used: Learn, Grow, Eat, & Go!, Junior Master Gardener, and Walk Across Texas. “Lessons from Junior Master Gardener and Learn, Grow, Eat, & Go! will teach children and parents about gardening and nutrition through a science-backed curriculum shown to help reduce obesity. Walk Across Texas programming at the six sites will stress the importance of exercise by using teaching tools shown to improve physical activity and wellness in adults and youth across the state.

David Wright and Rukeia Draw-Hood serve as project directors for their respective institutions. Other key personnel include Courtney Dodd, Scott Cummings, Dawn Burton, Janelle Cason and Lindsey Jewel. Participating Prairie View Cooperative extension agents include Guadalupe Castro, Arvitta Scott, and Nathan Tucker. The National Program Leader for the grant is Bonita Williams.

For additional information on the Growing U project, contact Dawn E. Burton, 713.797.7032, or email Deburton@pvamu.edu.

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Youth and adults experience summer camp in a fun-filled, exciting and safe atmosphere at the Texas 4-H Center. Making new friends, learning new skills, and spending time outdoors are key components. Over 8,000 guests were hosted there over the past year with more than 3,500 of those participating in summer camp programs. Summer programs offer a wide variety of hands-on activities including the 4-H Center challenge course where youth are challenged to overcome their fear of heights and work together as a team. It offers a variety of low rope elements, a 35-foot rock wall, a giant swing and the most popular activity, the zip line. Aquatic activities include swimming, kayaking and fishing at the lake side area. A shooting range is located at the lake side where campers can experience target practice with air rifles and an archery range where campers are taught to shoot compound or recurve bows.

The 4-H Center also has special traditions that are included at each summer program like a nightly dance, camp songs, evening vesper ceremonies and each camper can bring a rock from their county to place in the Texas Star on the last night of camp. A variety of camps are offered each summer. Traditional 4-H camps include County Camps, for youth ages 8-18, Prime Time I for youth ages 5th-8th grade and Prime Time II for youth grades 3rd-5th. These camp sessions involve the traditional camp activities in a fast-paced environment. Specialized camps include Horizons, Mission Possible and Fishing Camp. Horizons camp offers a variety of 4-H based project sessions. Campers select which project area they want to focus on during the five-day, four-night camp program. This past year, sessions included Wildlife Adventure, Wood Working Adventure, Vet Science Adventure and Robotics/STEM Adventure. Mission Possible is a camp for youth with disabilities. Each camper is paired with a senior 4-H Mentor to provide them a traditional camp experience. This has become one of the most rewarding programs for the campers and mentors alike. During fish camp, participants spend three days learning all aspects of fishing in Texas waters. Activities include lure making, kayaking, rod casting, fishing techniques and dissecting native fish. For over 45 years the Texas 4-H Center has provided positive fun-filled summer programs for youth all across the state. New programming activities are continually developed and plans are being made for several new camps in the future. Upcoming 4-H project-based camps include Rabbit Adventure Camp, Dog Adventure Camp and STEM Adventure Camp.
Together. Juntos 4-H – where families, communities, challenges, dreams, and opportunities grow together.

However, much like all 4-H programs - the revived smiles, improved grades, and home life milestones accomplished thus far didn’t bloom without the support of exceptional volunteers. Nathaniel and Irene Flores have poured into the Juntos 4-H program as parents and dedicated leaders for three years.

“Juntos in general means together,” Nathaniel said. “Here, everybody comes together in the community.”

Juntos 4-H has been impacting Latino youth in Bexar county since 2015 when a 3-year partnership grant between National 4-H Council and New York Life ignited the program at Armando Leal Jr Middle School.

“My husband and I, we take the kids to community service events, we give them rides, we help with family nights, setups and breakdowns,” Nathaniel’s wife Irene said. “Whatever the kids need – we’re there.”

After quickly seeing the impact Juntos made on not only their daughter Jewelianna, but their family as a whole, the Flores couple stepped into volunteer positions to ensure that other kids and families would be able to reap that same benefit.

“It’s an indescribable feeling when you see these kids smile when three years ago they didn’t do that,” Nathaniel said. “Fast forward three years later and they won’t shut up and it’s not a bad thing – I love it, hearing them laugh and play around.”

Studies have shown that at-risk youth are likely to drop out of school in tenth grade, so Juntos 4-H targets those students in 8th grade by giving them opportunities for educational and personal growth with hopes of involving their families as well.

“Some of the families are broken and what’s missing in a lot of those families for so many of the older young men in our group is the male figure, so they have Mr. Flores there to talk to them and help them through challenges,” Irene said. “I help the young ladies with anything they need moving forward in life.”

“Mr. Dad” and “Mrs. Mom” push their Juntos youth to not only make strides in improving their educational or family habits, but to seek out additional opportunities for personal growth and life-changing experiences.

“Whatever the kids need - we’re there.”
Irene Flores with a Juntos 4-H member at the 2018 TAMU COALS/4-H Tailgate.

Members and parents at the first TAMU-SA Juntos 4-H meeting.

Employees and supporters at the TAMU-SA Celebration.

The next chapter of Juntos 4-H

Juntos 4-H will continue to impact youth in Bexar County now in partnership with Texas A&M University – San Antonio. Harlandale ISD will provide transportation to TAMU-SA each Saturday for their 35 Juntos 4-H participants to receive two hours of 4-H programs each weekend.

A celebration of the new partnership was held on October 20th at the TAMU-SA campus where members, parents, supporters, and leaders joined together to officially welcome the new Juntos 4-H opportunities.

“I had the privilege of winning an essay contest how this program impacted my life and I got flown out to Florida to shoot a video with an astronaut,” Juntos youth and National 4-H ‘Day in the Life’ contest winner, David Tierranegra said. “It was so cool and it just goes to show that if you take opportunities, it can benefit you in the long run.”

After a few road bumps along the Juntos leadership road, the Flores couple fully embodied the meaning of togetherness and decided to keep the opportunities for youth rolling - no matter what it took.

“You can’t even imagine, they’re always there,” Tierranegra said. “It’s not even a question, you can just go to them and talk to them and they’ll answer you with maturity and it’s just great.”

The Flores’ daughter Jewelianna Flores not only reached top-student status in the early stages of the program, but is following her parents’ selfless example by serving her 4th term as the Juntos 4-H President, and seeking any opportunity to give back to her community.

“They care about all of us, me because I’m their child, but the other kids too, they just love and adore them,” Jewelianna said. “They just really love and care for the children and they just want to see them grow and graduate and make it to college.”

The grant for the Juntos 4-H program has ended, but Texas A&M University San Antonio isn’t letting that sense of togetherness fade by offering a classroom space for meetings to be held and a gardening program to bloom.

“We told the students before the year was over what could happen this year for Juntos,” Nathaniel said. “With the students aware of what was going on, they made the effort to make sure everyone showed on our first family meeting for the year and with so many showing up, that gave us the hope that we may still be able to continue Juntos.”
Each year, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that provide support to the 4-H program. All awards are presented at the Salute to Excellence ceremony at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, Texas. 2018 Winners include:

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| Maureen Metcalf, Collin County |

| District 10: |
| Pam Axtell, Bexar County |
Texas 4-H Congress is held every two years for senior Texas 4-H members. A select number of 4-H delegates are allotted to each district. The 2018 Texas 4-H Congress was held July 22-25, 2018. Texas 4-H Congress allows members to experience the law making process first hand by writing and submitting bills, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted.

Lobbyist:
- Members who have attended Texas 4-H Congress in the past.
- Identify certain bills and then lobby members of the House and Senate to either pass or defeat the bill.
- Knowledgeable about Texas 4-H Congress
- Prepared to and have the ability to approach other 4-H members and persuade House and Senate members for support
- Holds a “by invitation only” reception for House and Senate Members, along with Congress Leadership

Press Corp
- Plays an extremely important part in the event succes
- Either first time or returning members
- Individuals should have strong skills in writing, word processing, interviewing, photography, and focused on making deadlines
- Responsible for the publishing of a daily newspaper and helping maintain a web page/electronic communication

Submit Legislative Bill
- Any 4-H member may submit a legislative bill for consideration
- Participation in the bill writing exercise allows 4-H members the opportunity to become engaged in the legislative process and the 4-H citizenship project
- Attending members will be required to submit at least one bill (this includes Texas 4-H Council, Tech Team, etc) prior to registration acceptance
- Download “Preparing a Legislative Bill for Texas 4-H Congress” and work with a county Extension agent or a volunteer to learn more on how to write and submit a bill

Save the date for the next Texas 4-H Congress
July 12-15, 2020
Texas State Capitol.

Congress members cheer at the passing of a bill.

Jayna Grove addresses Congress members.

Texas State Capitol.
Thank you to our 2018 Texas 4-H Congress sponsors!
Honoring her roots

“I love helping people with their animals; I love it,” Texas 4-H alumni, Casey Pitmon said. “I feel like that is one of my callings and I love it.”

Pitmon found her “dream job” through livestock projects in Texas 4-H and has now been a veterinarian for 12 years. Casey now practices in Fredericksburg, Texas, alongside a fellow 4-H alumni, Dr. Robert Lastovica at Friendship Veterinary Center.

“I grew up in a small town in South Texas and went to school there through my junior year of high school and then moved up to Fredericksburg high school my senior year and then went off to A&M.”

At such a pivotal point in her life, Casey credits 4-H for being the glue that held her world together.

“Moving in high school to a whole new town, 4-H was always the constant. I knew that 4-H was a big part of my life and it was easy to transfer right in.”

4-H youth gain far more than success and leadership skills alone through experiences, but rather a way of life as well.

“To be honest, if I wouldn’t have had 4-H at that pivotal point in my life when you switch around everything, I would have been lost.”

4-H youth find a home in their clubs, community supporters and projects, and grow into adults who still remember their humble beginnings in those experiences.

“I felt that I belonged there. It was a good place to be.”

Pitmon fully believes in the impact 4-H can make on youth, and hopes to see youth continue to succeed in the program.

“If you give kids those outlets, and they find that group of belonging, and also give them an opportunity to lead that, that’s very important.”

Pitmon is grateful for her time in 4-H and now uses her position as an alumni to encourage others to get involved.

“Find out everything you can about what 4-H has to offer and jump in with both feet.”

As for the opportunities in 4-H, they are constantly expanding and there’s vast potential for 4-H youth and alumni of all interests.

“Don’t think that it’s just something for “ag kids” because it’s not, it has something for everybody.”

Support Texas youth through the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation

Reconnect with Texas 4-H and join the Alumni database at https://texas4hfoundation.org/alumni/
### Foundation by the Numbers

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Support Texas 4-H programs at [https://texas4hfoundation.org](https://texas4hfoundation.org)
Makenna Hawkins, a Hays County 4-H alumni and a 2018 Texas 4-H scholar now attends Texas A&M University as an Animal Science major with plans to graduate in 2022. Makenna would like to thank the Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation for allowing her to pursue her dream at Texas A&M:

"4-H was more than just a pastime. I feel like 4-H has made me a better person. It gave me the confidence I needed to achieve my goals, and it provided lifelong lessons of responsibility, leadership, and service."

"The Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation has given me the opportunity to strive in college. I have received enough money through scholarships to cover my first year! Not having to work this semester has been a huge blessing on me. I am really able to get involved in my organizations and I can devote my time to my studies. I am thankful that the Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation has given me the opportunity to focus on my education!"

"Receiving a Texas 4-H Scholarship has allowed me to really focus on school. I am able to give 110% to studying and making the best grades that I possibly can. Also because of my scholarship, I am able to get involved in organizations. I am currently serving on the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Council, and I am serving as Club Coordinator of the Texas A&M Show Pig Association. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to get involved and to make the best of my time at Texas A&M University."
2018 SCHOLARS

Robert Albin  Brenna Hale
Kimberlin Arnold Timothy Hall
Bryar Arnold  Aimee Harrity
Chandler Barton Hannah Hastings
Hunter Bean  Makenna Hawkins
Jordan Bell  Matthew Hearnsberger
Hayley Bertsch  Kristen Heisch
Neeraj Bhakta  Scott Heller
Jonathan Binder  Kristen Hempfill
Leah Bishop  Christina Hernandez
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Haley Bertsch  Madeline Holder
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Hunter Bean  Hannah Hull
Jordan Bell  Barrett Hunt
Haley Bertsch  Mark Janekka
Neeraj Bhakta  Cason Jenkins
Jonathon Binder  Trenten Jennings
Leah Bishop  Madison Jobb
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Hunter Bean  Tara Kinslow
Jordan Bell  Hunter Kloiber
Haley Bertsch  Katelyn Kocman
Neeraj Bhakta  Meg Kosub
Jonathon Binder  Reagan Kuck
Leah Bishop  Corrina Lachey
Kimberlin Arnold  Emily LaRoe
Bryn Arnold  Abbigail LeBlanc
Chandler Barton  Charles Lee
Hunter Bean  Emma Lessing
Jordan Bell  Emily Lewis
Haley Bertsch  Travis Lilley
Neeraj Bhakta  Lauryn Luttrull
Jonathon Binder  Justin Macmanus
Leah Bishop  Sarah Mahlmann
Kimberlin Arnold  Hailey Mallett
Bryn Arnold  Bridget Martin
Chandler Barton  Meredith Masi
Hunter Bean  Jonathan Mathews
Jordan Bell  Jared Mayfield
Haley Bertsch  Bailey McNulty
Neeraj Bhakta  Benjamin McCartney
Jonathon Binder  Sarah McDaniel
Leah Bishop  David McDaniel
Kimberlin Arnold  Reed McGill
Bryn Arnold  Mallory McKinney
Chandler Barton  Asher Miller
Hunter Bean  Tanner Miller
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Kimberlin Arnold  Weston Winberly
Bryn Arnold  Hunter Wolfe
Chandler Barton  Sabrina Wright
Hunter Bean  Sean Young
Jordan Bell  Lexus Yow

2018 SCHOLARS

2018 scholars listen attentively to speakers at the scholarship banquet.

Scholars taking time to get to know the donors at the 2018 banquet.

2018 Scholar poses for a picture with donor, Richard Wallrath.
Each 4-H District hosts a Leadership Lab where educational workshops and activities are used as tools to further teach and enhance leadership skills of high-school age 4-H members. Sponsors like Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo make these experiences possible.

“I feel like I can work better as a team member because I learned to pay attention to actions.”

Each year, more than 9,000 youth participate in the leadership project.

Common thread:
Each project = leadership & life skills

Knowledge gained
- Importance of cooperation with others
- What makes a good public speaker
- Personal strengths
- Teamwork
- Responsibilities of being a leader
- Importance of goal setting
- Role of communication among a team
- Strategies to work with others

Confidence Changes
- Working in a team
- Abilities as a leader
- Speaking with others
- Public speaking
- Serving in a leadership role
- Recognizing leadership qualities in others
- What makes a good public speaker

“I will be more open to listening to others’ ideas and encouraging them.”

Thank you, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo!

In 2018, more than 600 4-H members learned teamwork, communication, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and decision making.

Donors developing leaders.
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- Jeff Moder, Capital Farm Credit
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Pictured: 25 selected Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors embarked on a 10-day agricultural experience touring Argentina in June 2018. The group visited farms and ranches, agricultural production facilities, and more, and gained valuable insight, skills, and memories to last a lifetime.
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