

2020

Salute to Excellence

Awards Program

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Wendy Scott

4-H Program Specialist, District 2

Meritorious Service

Wendy Scott is known for being innovative, dedicated and relevant in her roles as County Extension Agent and 4-H Specialist. She is not afraid to shake things up and try something new. Her passion for helping and serving others is evident in all that she does. Wendy Scott is an example to follow in both her personal and professional life.



Mark Arnold

Ellis County Extension Agent, District 8

Meritorious Service

Mark Arnold has served for over 30 years as a County Extension Agent. Having served in several county programs, has given Mark a unique perspective for working with all types of students. Mark's passion lies with the livestock projects and he strives to make sure that each student in his program has a quality educational experience. He gives everything he has to making sure that each student is set up to be as successful as they can be. He continues to go above and beyond for the students in his program.



Sue Ferguson

Texas 4-H Office

Commendable Service Award

Sue has made a measurable impact to the State 4-H Office for over 38 years! She provides leadership as the Texas 4-H unit budget contact, serves as the assistant to the Texas 4-H Program Director and is the club charter expert among the other million things that are 4-H. Sue is always willing to pitch-in for the good of the Texas 4-H program regardless of the event or task at hand. Her loyalty, dedication and contribution to Texas 4-H makes her a most worthy recipient of the Commendable Service Award.



Heather Edgar

Texas 4-H Center

Commendable Service Award

Heather is a valued asset to the Texas 4-H Center. She is always striving to improve her performance and provides outstanding service to all departments at the 4-H Center. Heather has built an excellent relationship with the many groups we host each year, and is a key component of the ongoing success of the 4-H Center. Her engaging, bright personality and ability to handle any situation is one of the main reasons the 4-H Center continues to improve!



Tammy Goodman

Hardin County, District 9

Commendable Service Award

Tammy Goodman exemplifies the line of the 4-H Pledge that reads "I pledge my heart to greater loyalty", for no one has been more loyal to the Hardin County 4-H Program than she. During her time of employment with the AgriLife Extension Service, in a one agent county, she has taken on a role that is so much more than an Administrative Secretary. She has stepped up when there wasn't an agent in present in the county and made sure the 4-H Clubs and Programs never suffered. Without her loyalty and dedication there would be no Hardin County 4-H .



Pat Carter - XTO Energy

Lamar County, District 4

Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H

Pat has been a leader with the 4-H for almost 30 years. She has been involved with our local chapter in Lamar county as well as a part of our State Horse Show. She works for XTO Energy a part of EXXON and she has been able to get several donations to help support the 4-H

program. She has been an advocate for 4-H and willing to give her time to benefit the kids in the 4-H community! She has been a vital asset to our programs on the local and state level providing her expertise when needed!



Lawson Implement Company, Inc.

Mills County, District 7

Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H

Lawson Implement Company has been a very generous supporter of Texas 4-H and especially the 4-H

Camping programs at the Texas 4-H

Conference Center. Lawson Implement has provided equipment to the 78-acre 4-H Center every six months for the past 8 years.

The original equipment included a utility tractor and Gator. The tractor was equipped with a loader that was used to move equipment and resources while building the ADA-accessible archery range. The Gator was used on a daily basis to move supplies, haul equipment, and other general maintenance and camp program needs.

Throughout the years the equipment has been provided to assist with specific needs like a backhoe to dig up water lines that needed replacing. To date the value of the equipment rental donation exceeds \$487,790.



Rene Chapman

Nueces County, District 11

Leader Legacy Award

Rene Chapman has been a volunteer in Nueces County for 32 years. Despite being the full-time Office Manager for the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show, Rene finds time to be active adult leader for Nueces Co 4-H. She is very active with club management, livestock projects, and especially leadership activities. She has been the recipient of the Nueces County Friend of 4-H, Nueces County 4-H Outstanding Service Award, & most recently Nueces County 4-H Female Adult Leader of the Year which was chosen by 4-H members.



Larry & Skip Simons

Swisher County, District 2

Leader Legacy Award

As Swisher County 4-H leaders for nearly fifty years, Larry and Skip Simons have been a mainstay in the Happy 4-H Club. Through the Simons' hard work and dedication, along with the strong participation of their three children and two grandchildren, the Happy 4-H Club has been able to prosper in a small community. Larry and Skip are known for their commitment to the 4-H program and their community. Even after all these years, they continue to provide opportunities for 4-H members to learn, grow and give back.



Jacy Hammer

Carson County, District 1

Texas 4-H Alumni

Jacy is a former 4-H member from Carson County. Jacy is the daughter of long time county extension agent, Jody Bradford, her mother Eadie now works as a County Extension Agent as well. As a 4-H member Jacy served on Texas 4-H Council as the Public Relations Officer in 2010-2011, she became a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship recipient. As an alumni, she served as an officer for Collegiate 4-H at Texas Tech University. Jacy works closely with county extension agents and 4-H to partner on projects with AQHA & AQHYA. She has also helped judge district 4-H Contests.



Tommy Calvert

Denton County, District 4

Texas 4-H Alumni

Tommy Calvert proudly refers to his time in 4-H as the catalyst that sparked his community involvement. Since his days as a club treasurer in Denton County 4-H in the late 1950s, Tommy has exemplified an unwavering dedication to helping others. When asked about what he is proudest of regarding his time since 4-H, it is not the fact that he has held numerous presidential positions throughout the county, but rather the opportunities he has had to give back to an organization that has had such a profound impact on his life.



Clifford Oldham

Wheeler County, District 1

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Clifford Oldham is one of the co-founders of the Wheeler County 4-H Shooting Sports project that was founded in 2004. Clifford's leadership and shooting skills have helped to promote the growth of the program from 5 youth participants the first year to over 60 youth participating now. Clifford is an outstanding man who truly works hard to help improve the shooting sports program in every way he can. In 2015 Clifford helped begin raising money in order to build a shooting facility here in Wheeler County for our 4-H youth. In 2016 the facility was complete which includes 3 trap ranges and a club house. Clifford is an outstanding leader who has dedicated himself to the Wheeler County shooting sports program for the last 16 years. Clifford truly believes that we can help our youth to become better people and build their leadership skills through the shooting sports program. He spends countless hours working with youth and helping to better our program with thought of himself. Clifford is an outstanding leader and great person to have working with the youth of Wheeler County.



Tara Ogletree

Carson County, District 1

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Tara Ogletree has been involved in every 4-H project in Carson County. Her favorite projects are Food & Nutrition and Consumer Education. She has served as a project leader and coach for 11 years. Tara continues to plant the seeds of success in Carson County 4-H. Tara has always been an influential leader and strives for nothing but excellence when it comes to the 4-H Youth of Carson County. Tara has never said no to a challenge, idea, project, or 4-H member. She challenges every 4-H member and 4-H leader/volunteer to live by the 4-H motto and

pledge.



Marla Cook

Lynn County, District 2

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Six years ago, Marla, along with 2 other volunteers, started a 4-H club in New Home. In the first year, this was the largest club in the county. After a few years, Marla realized they had large membership, but the kids weren't involved. With input from agents, adults and kids, Marla moved the club to project groups. With this decision, membership grew again and so did activity. Currently, the club has quality project work, true youth leadership and impactful community service projects. Marla's nickname is the "Lynn County Assistant Agent."



Nancy Cude

Knox County, District 3

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Nancy has been an integral part of Knox County 4-H. She not only kept her own 3 children involved in the program, but she also tirelessly volunteered her time and resources to see that countless other youth were able to participate over the past 17 years. Nancy is a rare gem that illuminates the value of volunteers to Texas 4-H and we have been highly blessed to have her in Knox County.



Larry Brown

Cass County, District 4

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Larry Brown is currently a Master Gardener. He pioneered the Junior Master Gardener program in Cass County, and has helped to facilitate its expansion in three different school districts. Namely: Atlanta ISD (since 2008), extending it to the Hughes Springs ISD (as an assistant club manager), and the McLeod ISD, (as a mentor). He played an integral role in the "Heroes 4-Health - Junior Master Gardener" program using the JMG - Learn, Grow, Eat & Go curriculum. As a Task Force member, he helped to implement the countywide 4-

H "Garden to the Table Contest" program.



LaRena Phillips

Hunt County, District 4

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

LaRena Phillips, manager of Lone Oak 4-H, has developed an exceptional club and numerous project groups over the past 9 years. LaRena has successfully led horse projects, a county dog project, community service activities and served as club manager! Under her leadership, Lone Oak is one of the most successful clubs ever in Hunt County. She facilitates youth involvement by allowing members to learn, lead and grow through club activities, project meetings, and competitions. She excels in bringing out the best in members, and this shows through the successes of youth involved in her club and projects. These characteristics represent all that we try to do in 4-H "To Make the Best Better."



Amy Jones

Anderson County, District 5

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Mrs. Jones has honestly deserved this award for many, MANY years. She has served her club and community for more than 20 years as a club manager. Not only does she continue to manage her 4-H club, she is very active in the local FFA chapter, and has led community efforts for various causes her entire life. When asked to give a statement about their club manager, one club member said "I've never

known 4-H without her. She loves us like her own children, and it's amazing that she takes the time to help us be successful in our projects". On top of her 4-H club duties, she also serves on the board of the Anderson County Adult Leader's group, and the Anderson County Youth Livestock Association where she serves as secretary. Her undeniable desire for impacting youth is something to be admired, and cherished. She is beloved and valued by Extension Agents, who lean on her vast historical knowledge. She has NEVER turned kids away asking for help, looking for knowledge, or needing a ride to a 4-H function. She is a pillar of the county, and beloved by all.



Rick and Jennifer Poorman

Upshur County, District 5

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Rick and Jennifer Poorman go above and beyond as Upshur County 4-H Volunteers. Jennifer co-manages a "traditional community club" while Rick dedicates his time to working with the Shooting Sports club. Their time, abilities, and contributions are vital to both clubs, as well as the county council and community and county-wide events and activities. Both Rick and Jennifer not only give sacrificially within 4 H, but also within every aspect of their lives, as all 8 of their

children have been active members and their youngest is now a Clover Kid. Their humble service to 4-H, the community, and beyond are shining examples of perseverance, devotion, and effort.



Benjamin Hada

Andrews County, District 6

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Dr. Benjamin Hada has served the Andrews 4-H Club for the past 15 years as a shooting sports coach and most recently as President of the Adult Leaders Association. He has been faithful year after year, instructing hundreds of youth over the years on the skill of shotgun discipline. Dr. Hada continues to serve in any capacity in order to keep the Andrews shooting sports program running efficiently. He truly has a servant's heart and a genuine desire to see youth succeed in life. Dr. Hada is a wonderful asset to the Andrews 4-H Club and the Andrews community is blessed by him.



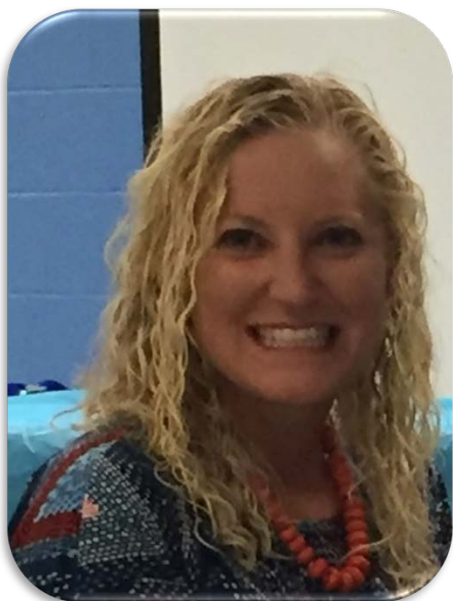
Casey and Jody Upham

Crockett County, District 6

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Casey and Jody Upham are longtime supporters and volunteers to the benefit of youth, not only in Crockett County, but from around the state. The Uphams have been an enthusiastic and positive influence for 4-H members involved in various project areas, most notably, Wool

& Mohair Judging, as well as Livestock. Thank to their committed leadership, 4-H Youth who have the opportunity to work with the Uphams are ensured a positive 'learn by doing' experience.



Terri Hollis

Callahan County, District 7

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Teri is very active in Callahan County 4-H. She is the Baird 4-H Club Manager that works to create a learning experience for the youth in the club. She started the horse project 8 years ago and continues to be the leader of the horse project. With the horse project, she started working with the youth on horse judging which has led Callahan County to be competitive in this contest. She is the only livestock mentor in Callahan County. She is willing to help any 4-H and FFA member with their animal project and willing to haul their animals to majors

livestock shows. She is a part of Callahan County 4-H PAC, Callahan County Junior Livestock Association Board, helps with validation, and the Livestock Coalition. When asked, she is always available to help wherever she is needed. She is and will always be one of the top adult volunteers in Callahan County.

Thank you for what you do for Callahan County 4-H and AgriLife.



Kay Stewart

San Saba County, District 7

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Kay Stewart is a long-time member of the San Saba 4-H club with 10 years of service. For 10 years Kay has volunteered her time and energy to our 4-H members in hopes of adding value to their experience. Kay has spent the last 5 years serving as our Clothing and Textile Project leader and has helped put on multiple workshops and camps during that time. She also created a sewing group where interested members can meet once or twice a month to learn new sewing skills or participate in different learning activities.



Cara Ellison

Johnson County, District 8

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Cara Ellison has been involved in 4-H since childhood and has served as member, volunteer, mom and leader. She has served 10 years as a volunteer in Johnson County. In 2015, she and her daughter, Reagan, had an idea to start a new club in Burleson that would focus on community service. They chartered the Community 4-H Club with 13 members and it has grown to 100 members in only 5 years. The club has made a huge impact in Burleson through community service projects and active engagement of youth throughout the community. She has very successfully coached youth in

Share-the-fun, public speaking, food and nutrition projects, recordbooks, and with animal projects. She is an innovative thinker, initiator, and encourager - all of which go to serve the 4-H program greatly. As Fundraising Chairman for the Johnson County 4-H Booster Club, she has lead the charge in putting the group in a position to financially support more youth with more projects. Cara also serves as a member of the Youth Program Area Committee and Extension Leadership Advisory Board due to the ideas and vision she provides for the overall 4-H program.



Barbara Wood

Bell County, District 8

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Barbara Wood, as a leader, not only leads and guides others but does so selflessly and generously. She leads not only with her talents, but with her time and all assets available to her including others around her. Barbara will enthusiastically pull you in to 4-H giving you courage as a young member or an adult volunteer to step outside your comforts. Barbara sees obstacles as an opportunity to further learn and encourages all to participate, not just those with

particular success. Barbara sees success in others as a platform to encourage others to be their best.



Justin Willard Lyon

Lee County, District 9

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Justin Lyon from Lee County 4-H has been a volunteer for the past 10 years serving in multiple capacities which includes being a rabbit project leader, overseeing volunteers at fundraising and recognition events in addition to his newest role as an archery coach. He has put in countless hours volunteering at various functions in Lee County to help “Make the Best Better”.



Patrick McAshlan

Galveston County, District 9

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

About six years ago Patrick McAshlan started as a volunteer with the Lone Star 4-H Club. That commitment soon led to a full-time leadership role that continues to inspire members, volunteers, and their community.

Under his leadership, club membership has doubled, activities increased, and opportunities expanded to strengthen members’ skills and services, their hands-on experiences, and for each to gain knowledge.

Patrick is dedicated to enabling every person to become an active and successful participant. He seeks to build a club that works together to help each other, in every event.



Jennifer Dietrich

Bexar County, District 10

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Jennifer Dietrich exemplifies an unwavering dedication to making 4-H Shooting Sports a positive influence on the lives of any and all youth she can get involved in the program. "It's all about the kids," has been her mantra for the duration of her 30 years of service to the program. Learning from her own mentor-learner relationship with Dr. Ron Howard, she has been an invaluable asset in organizing programs at both the local and state level. She continues to empower adult leaders and push youth to higher goals than they thought possible.



Tina Warwick

Travis County, District 10

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Tina Warwick is not only a business owner, homeschooler, mother of 3 and wife of 1....Tina is the Travis County Club Manager, Texas 3-H STEM Ambassador, the Travis and surrounding county adult volunteer advisor, River City 4-H Manager, leads and coaches multiple 4-h competitions and volunteers at multiple fundraisers for 4-H. Not only does she do ALL of this....she does it all with a smile and is happy to help any and all whom need her. Tina is what a true 4-H volunteer looks like. Truly gives 100% to the kids and programs! God Bless you Tina!



Jackie Parsons

Victoria County, District 11

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Jackie Parsons has been a long time volunteer, supporter and advocate of the Victoria County 4-H program as well as the Texas 4-H Program in general. She has dedicated hours of service on the club, county, district and state level with our youth. Jackie truly sees the value in raising kids in the 4-H program even if we only reach them temporarily. She has helped create and organize the homeschool community and has even stepped up to be a club manager at one of the homeschool

locations. She is such an instrumental asset to the 4-H

Program because she knows what it takes to make programs and events a success. She does things with her heart and will go above and beyond for any and every kid. Therefore, she makes our Victoria County 4-H Program a success.



Shalane Pinkerton

Nueces County, District 11

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Shalane Pinkerton has been a volunteer in Nueces County for 14 years. Although working full time & keeping up with a fast-pace family, Shalane always finds time to be an effective adult leader for Nueces County. She is very active with the leadership & swine project but is especially active with Nueces 4-H Finance Committee and the Nueces County Jr.

Livestock Show Board. Shalane is always around to lend a helping hand when she can. For fellow adult leaders, she is often a go-to for advice. She is well

respected by the youth & adults in Nueces County 4-H.

She has a passion for the 4-H program & it shows with her guidance with the annual Boot, Scoot, & Shoot fundraiser where she helps raise over funds each year to support the youth of Nueces County. She was recognized by the 4-H members last year, for all she does, when she was selected as the Female Adult Leader of the Year at the Nueces Co. 4-H Banquet.



Karen Harris

Atascosa County, District 12

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Mrs. Karen Harris has been with the Atascosa County 4-H Program for Over 12 year's as a 4-H Volunteer Leader with the Atascosa County 4-H program. Of those 13 years she has served for 11 year's as the Atascosa Club of Equine Enthusiast Manager. 4-H Youth in the Atascosa Club of Equine Enthusiast have excelled in Leadership, Public Speaking, Horse Judging, Horse Skillathon, Horse Showing, and Youth Rodeo. Karen has a passion for youth, horses, and Atascosa County. The Atascosa County Extension Office and the Atascosa County 4-H Program

is honored to have Karen as our Salute to Excellence Winner for 2019



Jody Bullard

Dimmit County, District 12

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

Jody Bullard has volunteered her time and service to Dimmit County 4-H for well past 20 years, assisting as not only Club Manager, but also serving as project leaders for Horse, Food and Nutrition, Quiz Bowls, as well as Share the Fun Projects. Through here countless hours of service to the County, she has assisted in preparing countless youth in preparation for Count, District, and State competitions, as well as leaving a lasting impact in these youths lives. No

Job has been too large or small for Mrs. Bullard, as she has always been willing to assist in any program we have had to offer. Every year you can find her at 10am, serving BBQ plates at our annual 4-H BBQ lunch benefit during the Dimmit County Junior Livestock show, with a smile on her face. It is with great honor that Dimmit County would like to Thank YOU for your service for the past 20 years, and many more to come.

Congratulations

to our 2020 Award Recipients. We know that it is with you that we can help continue to Make the Best Better in the lives of 4-H members across the State of Texas!!