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LETTER from the director(s)

hat an honor it is for us as we continue to serve the best youth development organization in the country. And the privilege we have to work with so many good people developing life skills in young Texans that will help them to become better leaders and citizens. Our faculty believe in the power of young people and the positive impact that the 4-H program can have on families, communities and the state of Texas.

As we maneuvered around the impacts of a world health pandemic in 2021, members and their families faced the challenges with determination and resiliency. We all persevered and found that Texas 4-H programming benefits all of us as we resolve to press forward. Virtual programs, although not the first choice of the various methods for gathering and learning, have become a way to get things done and help youth to continue growing and pursuing their interests. Thinking creatively and learning to program differently has truly become fundamental to who we are.

Working together with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, our mission is to give every youth in Texas the opportunity to learn what Texas 4-H is all about and how 4-H programs help build options for the future. Whether you are raising livestock, building a robot or are learning the skills to become an interior designer, we are the place where 4-H youth, volunteers and staff come together to learn, lead and develop our leaders of tomorrow.

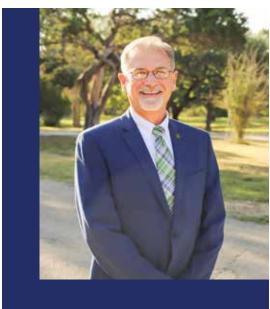
The following pages highlight our 4-H programs. We invite you to read and learn how Texas 4-H youth are growing into the next generation of leaders and innovators through STEM, agriculture and livestock, natural resources, family and community heath, and civic engagement.

Thanks for all your support for 'Making the Best Better!'

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A would say 4-H is an organization that develops leadership skills and provides kids with opportunities for their future and experiences that will benefit them beyond their lives in 4-H," Connor Cook said.

Connor Cook is a current freshman at Texas A&M University majoring in Bio Environmental Science, originally from Lubbock, Texas, where he was an active 4-H member for eight years participating in swine projects, food and nutrition projects, and, his

favorite, gardening and horticulture projects.

"It's so much fun! It's so much fun and I'm so passionate about it," Cook said. "I've been able to fill out scholarships with so many different community service activities and leadership, and that's all because of my time in 4-H, so I'm very grateful that I've been able to be part of this fantastic organization and I think that everyone else should be as well."

During his 8th grade year, Cook did a science fair project in hydroponics, igniting the spark for his interest in hydroponics and where his passion for gardening and horticulture began.

"Hydroponics is growing plants without soil." Cook said. "With all of the urban sprawl and the growing population, the need for food is rising and so the efficient methods of food production are so essential now more than ever, so that's where I really became an advocate for hydroponics."

His 8th grade science fair project compared hydroponically grown lettuce plants with traditionally grown lettuce plants and he



remembered seeing growth overnight and feeling amazed.

"I also recently this fall had a large part in writing a grant," Cook said. "The project was hydroponics, the future of farming, and I was able to teach about 10 kids and their parents about hydroponics and how it works so that was really exciting and I was really glad to be able to lead that."

In addition to his plant discoveries, Cook stayed busy in high school as the President of multiple organizations at New Home ISD and an ambassador for the Lubbock County 4-H program noting that his involvement there helped

develop his "character and confidence" in himself.

Cook wants to encourage every youth to find the same opportunity as he did in the 4-H program. He encourages youth to just "get involved."

"Just get involved in anything or everything because you might not like every project or contest, but you can find other things. Like I would've never really tried gardening and horticulture," Cook said. "I still found my passion with plants through gardening and horticulture projects and that's going to be my future career, so yes, I would say just try everything."

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4-H STARTS at the county level. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Our mission in 4-H is to provide meaningful opportunities for all youth to have fun, learn, explore, and discover. While participating in 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders, and form positive attitudes helping them to be capable, responsible, and compassionate members of society.

County Extension Agents work tirelessly year-round to teach, guide, mentor, and lead 4-H members through various learning experiences. Youth succeed at the district, state, and national levels because of their county beginning. 4-H enrollement is open September 1 – August 31. Enroll your youth in this lifechanging program today.

County 4-H programs rely on the support and encouragement from their community members. To find the contact information for your county AgriLife Extension Office, visit counties.agrilife.org. To support financially at the state level, visit texas4hfoundation.org.



TEXAS 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is proud to house nine statewide leadership programs where senior-level 4-H members can serve Texas 4-H, dive deeper into their passions, and prepare for the road ahead. The programs include:

EQUINE AMBASSADORS, LIVESTOCK AMBASSADORS, FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN AMBASSADORS, HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS, PHOTOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS, SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADORS, STEM AMBASSADORS, TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL, AND WATER AMBASSADORS.

Each program is led by an Extension Specialist, or a group of specialists, on Texas 4-H Faculty. Each program offers unique instructional opportunity and goals. All groups have the shared goal of furthering the pillars of the 4-H program and preparing these experienced 4-H youth for the careers that lie ahead.

The groups work tirelessly to seek funding in order to continue providing quality educational experiences. The groups also are always interested in new educational opportunities through site visits, volunteer education, or service opportunities. To learn more about any of the Ambassador groups or provide support, please contact the specialists below.

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ACTIVE AMBASSADORS: 160 CONTRIBUTED VOLUNTEER HOURS: 11,142 PEOPLE REACHED: 312,773 ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$317,993

Short Courses

This summer, Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture hosted three Livestock Ambassador Short Courses - Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University Kingsville and one Equine Ambassador Short Course at West Texas A&M University. Between the four courses, 56 counties were represented and 81 total Ambassadors were trained. Here, students were exposed to rigorous college-level animal science and equine science curriculum.

Advocacy Academy

This year, 29 Ambassadors were selected to attend a three-day legislative issues summit at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Ambassadors were given the opportunity to meet with key senators, representatives and industry lobbyists on issues surrounding agricultural policy and how these mirror existing advocacy efforts of the Ambassador program. During this time, Ambassadors interact closely with the speakers to gain insight on how to more effectively advocate agricultural issues that impact the Texas agriculture industry.

East Coast Trip

For the first time in program history, Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture offered two travel opportunities in August 2021. A group of 29 Ambassadors traveled the East Coast to gain exposure to the agricultural industry in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Knowledge gained outcomes related to agricultural practices, career opportunities and culture were expressed by Ambassadors who engaged the experience. Diverse agricultural commodities, marine life, and citrus and row crop farms were highlights of this trip. Ambassadors also investigated the challenges in rural and urban demand for land and water.

Kentucky Trip

Also in August 2021, nine Ambassadors traveled to Kentucky for an equine-focused agricultural experience. This trip highlighted the Keeneland internationally renowned racecourse, equine therapy centers, Churchill Downs, and other equestrian facilities that showcase the expansive learning opportunities in the Horse Capital of the World. Ambassadors







As an Equine Ambassador, it has allowed me so many amazing opportunities to learn about the equine industry, serve my community, and teach my peers about the industry. I have been able to meet others in the equine industry that have had a huge impact on our world, especially those who I met at the ambassador short course. I enjoyed hearing from those that shared the same passion, and it inspired me to help improve the industry as well. The Equine Ambassador program has helped me improve my confidence, public speaking skills, leadership, and knowledge which has helped immensely in my 4-H involvement. Whether it be leading meetings, conducting educational presentations, volunteering, or raising my own equine project, the knowledge that I have gained has been invaluable. I am truly grateful for all that TYLA has done for the youth of Texas and devoting themselves to making the best better.

The Texas 4-H Youth Livestock Ambassador Program has been nothing short of life-changing. Over the past 3 years of my ambassadorship, I've had the most amazing experiences and opportunities to serve and advocate for the industry that I love. My passion for sharing the truth about animal agriculture has only grown, and my involvement in this program has allowed me to expand my knowledge base to better serve as a youth representative for the livestock industry. By far, my most memorable experience as a livestock ambassador since attending the Texas A&M University Livestock Ambassador Short Course in 2019 and Advocacy Academy in 2020 was traveling to Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina on the TYLA East Coast Trip. I am extremely thankful for every individual who has supported the Texas Youth Livestock Ambassador program, as I wouldn't be half the person that I am today without these incredible opportunities.





Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the

The Texas 4-H Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador Program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills to mentor other youth, and to become knowledgeable representatives for the Fashion & Interior Design project.

ACTIVE AMBASSADORS: 24 CONTRIBUTED VOLUNTEER HOURS: MORE THAN 1,200 ECONOMIC IMPACT: MORE THAN \$34,200 PEOPLE REACHED: 44,731

Program Acitvities

The program started in 2018 with 20 ambassadors attending the 4-day training in Lubbock. Ambassadorship is a two-year term, with a new group of Ambassadors selected to serve every even-numbered year. In 2020, 24 ambassadors participated in a 4-day virtual training hosted by the University of the Incarnate Word. During the training, Ambassadors were exposed to various topics in the Fashion and Interior Design industry such as fashion design, fashion technology, fabric science and innovations in the development of fabric, eco-fashion, interior design space planning, 1-point and 2-point perspective drawings and hands-on opportunities to create using Google Sketch-up. Because of COVID-19 and the increased measure on personal safety, Texas 4-H sewed and donated over 10,000 masks during the 2020-2021 4-H year. The Ambassadors provided leadership in many mask making sewing efforts across the state. One ambassador sewed 300 masks, enough for their local elementary school, and then sewed enough for her high school band.

The Ambassadors focus on sustainable fashion, which includes buying clothing from brands with eco-friendly production practices, caring for clothing to extend its life, buying and selling at resale shops and recycling and upcycling garments. In 2020, the 4-H Fashion and Interior Design Ambassadors provide leadership and instruction at the Statewide ReFashion Retreat. Ambassadors taught about the effects of fast-fast and the waste that is produced. To combat the massive amounts of fabric and textiles going into the landfill, the ambassadors taught youth to purchase clothing from resale shops and then upcycle the items into new fashions. Ambassadors provided hands-on opportunities for those that attended in person and provided a box of refashion supplies and virtual instruction for those attending via Zoom.

The Ambassadors provided leadership to over 50 Fashion and Interior Design workshops across the state. Some ambassadors provided video instructions to participants when face-to-face meetings were not being held. The



Ambassadors worked closely with their County Extension Agents to colead multiple summer day camps and participate in community service opportunities throughout the year. One highlight was the denim drives held across the state in which over 250 lbs. of denim was donated to Blue Jeans Go Green. Through the Blue Jeans Go Green program old denim is transformed into new products, such as building insulation, thermal packaging insulation, pet bed inserts and more. Ambassadors put their skills to work at their local resale or thrift stores by sorting and displaying clothing into a manner that encourages individuals to give new life to these clothing items.

With this being my first year as a Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador, I was able to see how many more opportunities there are for the fashion project. To become an ambassador was my goal in my 4-H career. I am so grateful for the fact that even though we were inducted as ambassadors in the middle of a pandemic, we still had so many opportunities to serve. Being a Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador has allowed me to branch farther out of my comfort zone and start new projects in my county and school's club; as well as expanding my knowledge of the fashion industry so that I can share it with my fellow 4-H'ers. I am so grateful that I had this opportunity to serve my 4-H program and give back to all of the people who have helped me to get where I am today.



Healthy Texas Cfouth

The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program is made up of high school aged youth who are passionate about health and committed to being advocates for healthy living in their communities. The ambassadors are empowered to educate and make a difference as they provide leadership to educational programs on what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. Throughout the two-year term, ambassadors experience personal growth and achievement and are of service to others.

ACTIVE AMBASSADORS: 171 CONTRIBUTED VOLUNTEER HOURS: 6,511 PEOPLE REACHED: 109,146

HTGA Training Summits

Fresh Foodis Fridays

HTC/A Road Trip

Ambassador education is achieved through regional summits which were held in the summer of 2021. This year, the HTYA program partnered with Texas Beef Council to train ambassadors on how to provide successful healthy cooking demonstrations and to implement educational programs focusing on MyPlate to improve eating habits of youth and adults. In addition, ambassadors were trained to deliver a physical activity program entitled DanceFit to reach youth in school, afterschool, and summer programs within their communities.

Mindful Self
Mental health issues continue to plague young people, especially during times of a pandemic. Healthy Texas Youth
Ambassadors partnered with the development team of the Mindful SELF curriculum to provide mindful movement

and breathing videos to supplement the program. These videos will be utilized statewide to support the school-based curriculum which targets mindfulness related to self-awareness, social awareness, self-

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors participated in the annual Souper
Bowl of Caring campaign to tackle hunger across the state. The
campaign is designed to focus on local hunger issues in the days leading
up to the NFL Super Bowl football game. Cooke County ambassadors
partnered with David Moore of the Seattle Seahawks organization to
generate buzz about the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring program which

Aransas County ambassadors created Fresh Foodie Friday which is a weekly segment in school announcements. These school wide announcements provide health tips related to healthy eating, stress

Fifty-five ambassadors in Kleburg, DeWitt, Nueces, Victoria, and Aransas counties participated in a learning road trip to further develop their health education skillset. The road trip featured tours and speakers on college and career exploration, commodity production and connection to health, diversity awareness, healthy food preparation, physical activity, and environmental safety education.

The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador program has greatly and positively impacted my 4-H experience. Not only has it taught me how to influence those around me to live a healthier lifestyle, but it has also influenced how I live my life. I have learned a great amount about many health related topics such as healthy eating, activity, and one's overall health. I have also been shown that while physical health is very important, mental health can sometimes be pushed aside. The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador program has shone a spotlight on how important it is to have a healthy mindset and an overall healthy lifestyle. This program has taught me a new way of thinking that I will not only use now, but far into the future.





The Texas 4-H Photography Ambassador Program provides opportunities to grow in the photography project through community service, workshops, training sessions, field trips, and leadership/citizenship activities. Photography Ambassadors serve in photography corps at state-level events, taking event photographs. In order to become an ambassador, members must first complete the requirements to become a Junior Master Photographer.

ACTIVE AMBASSADORS: 23 CONTRIBUTED VOLUNTEER HOURS: 2080.5 ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$60,000

Photography Training & wents

This is the third year of the photography program. It started with seven members in 2018, 7 in 2019 and 23 in 2020. These ambassadors serve in the photography corps at state level events such as the horse, dog and rabbit shows, Roundup, State Games, fashion shows and livestock shows. In the past, ambassadors have led state and national photography summits. Many of our ambassadors provide instruction to other photography 4-Her's on numerous field trips throughout the year. The highlight of our field trips this year was going to the Grand Canyon in 2020. Ambassadors must earn a minimum of 40 hours per year and hours must be earned in 5 different required activities, other photography opportunities, training and workshops or photography related community service projects. The average number of hours earned by an ambassador is 90 hours.





Being a Photography Ambassador has been a huge honor and I am so grateful for all the amazing experiences I have had through this program. I especially love helping out at workshops and meeting so many amazing 4-H'ers from all across the state. These workshops have provided countless opportunities for me to practice and grow my public speaking, leadership, and communication skills, all while sharing my love of photography with others. Photography has provided a creative and artistic outlet for me to express myself, and being a part of this program has motivated and inspired me to delve deeper into this art form. I have been motivated to truly master the basics so I can better teach others. I have challenged myself to learn more advanced techniques, and try new areas of photography that have always been outside my comfort zone. I am especially grateful to Ms. Schlak and all the adult volunteers who work tirelessly to make this program what it is!



Shooting Sports

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and specifically Texas 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events such as donor/supporter functions and with the general public, peer groups, 4-H groups, community service groups, schools and media contacts. They serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports program, helping to make 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible. The Ambassadors further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

ACTIVE AMBASSADORS: 53

Training and Activities

Shooting Sports Ambassadors attended our Ambassador training in Brownwood where we discussed their responsibilities and duties while in the Ambassador program.

Shooting Sports Ambassadors are required to obtain at least 300 points that come from all different types of service to both the shooting sports program and the 4-H program as a whole, with varying point values based on the act performed. Quarterly submissions of point logs allow us to be sure all ambassadors are fulfilling their responsibilities to the best of their ability.

Service

Shooting Sports Ambassadors provide valuable service at state shooting sports events, such as State Games and Extravaganza, as well as at many of our regional/district coach trainings. These ambassadors help with the set up and take down process at events, help coach young 4-H members, and are always committed to doing whatever is asked of them.





Shooting Sports Ambassador has been the catalyst to me taking on additional leadership roles not only locally, but at the State and National level, by providing training and the ability to practice new skills in a comfortable and familiar environment. The Ambassador program has enabled me to speak in settings outside 4-H and to people unfamiliar with 4-H. Participating in the Ambassador program has also provided me with skills that I have not had the opportunity to learn and meet people that I would not have normally been accustomed to interacting with. I have been able to make so many friends that have the same interest as me. When I first joined the shooting sports program I was not great at public speaking and would not take on leadership roles. However, because of the training I have learned how to be a better public speaker and how to take charge and be a leader and example for others. I have also learned new skills like creating an elevator speech and how to use and safely handle black powder firearms as well. Without the 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program I would have not had the opportunities that have been afforded to me.



STOM

The Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador program is a state-wide team who work in a youth-adult partnership structure to promote, educate, and inspire others in the area of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The team consists of 4-H members 15 years and older who have a strong interest in promoting STEM to other 4-H members, volunteers, as well as groups outside of 4-H. The team meets throughout the year to develop and support programs in areas such as robotics, photography, and video production.

ACTIVE AMBASSADORS: 20

ducation

In 2020 – 2021, three STEM Ambassdors led a STEM workshop for California 4-H's Leadership Conference, two led workshops at Texas 4-H STEM Camp, and two led workshops during LEAD Academy.

Outcomes

Over the course of their year as an Ambassador, the following outcomes were gained: 13% saw a change in the ability to make their own decisions, 11% saw a change in ability to effectively lead others, 7% saw a change in their willingness to meet new people, 7% saw a change in their understanding of technology, 6% saw a change in their comfort of speaking in front of others, and 100% expressed a desire to continue to learn new things.

Training and Activities

Some training topics throughout the year included: the use of robotics, circuitry, videography, video editing, lighting techniques, interview techniques, public speaking, slack and google drives, 3D printing, and computer programming. Major activities throughout the year included: six Texas 4-H Roundup newscasts, monthly STEM challenge videos on social media, LEAD Academy workshops, Hour Of Code, California Leadership Conference, and Exchange.





I'm seventeen years old, a senior in high school, and have only been in 4-H for three years now. In three years, starting out so late, most people did not think that I would get very far. I was very shy and lacked confidence. However, once I joined the STEM Ambassadors, I began to see that 4-H is more than the blue ribbons... They helped me realize STEM is about finding creative solutions to reaching your goal and making that impact, not sitting back wishing someone else would make a difference. Being part of the STEM Ambassadors has helped me gain the confidence to speak at state events, lead summer camps, teach co-op classes, and find new innovative ways to use my talents to make the biggest impact possible on my community... to stand up and be that difference.



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas.

ACTIVE AMBASSADORS: 62 CONTRIBUTED VOLUNTEER HOURS: 2,311 PEOPLE REACHED: 14,159 ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$65,956

4-H2O Leadership Academiss:
This summer featured three week-long tours to expose youth to a wide diversity of water concerns and issues. The Tier I Academy focused on the Texas High Plains and Panhandle regions. The Tier II Academy toured the Texas Gulf Coast. The Tier III/IV Academy focused on water issues in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Tour stops and hands-on activities were coordinated with numerous groundwater conservation districts, water industry organizations, river authorities and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension professionals.

Fall and Spring Retreats:

A fall and spring retreat provided opportunities for water ambassadors across the state to come together at the Texas 4-H Conference Center for leadership development activities and water education training. These retreats equipped youth with water activities they could take back and share in their 4-H clubs, schools and communities.

Virtual Seminars:

Throughout the year, 15 virtual seminars were hosted for all 4-H Water Ambassadors which focused on a wide range of water topics and issues. Topics included surface and groundwater law, water planning. agricultural and municipal water conservation, and aquaculture. Two water industry career panels provided ambassadors a behind-thescenes look into the career options and educational requirements. Seminar speakers included professional engineers, state agency representatives, attorneys, environmentalists and water education specialists.



As a Texas 4-H member for over 6 years, I have had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of 4-H projects. I have found that the skills I have gained through serving as a Texas 4-H Water Ambassador have been a great asset in helping me grow and mature. I am able to apply leadership, team building, public speaking, and organizational skills to other areas of my life that I have learned from the Water Ambassador program. In addition, this program has also taught me a tremendous amount about our states most precious natural resource and the importance of water conservation for the future. I am thankful to the Water Ambassador program leadership, who spend countless hours ensuring that this program is a success. I look forward to continuing to learn through the Texas 4-H Water Ambassador program and use these skills and knowledge to serve my community.



LETTER from the President

Dear Texas 4-H,

The 2020-2021 Texas 4-H year was full of challenges and opportunity. In a year in which the whole world seemed to shut down, Texas 4-H and its members kept strong. Texas 4-H found ways to adapt to the conditions of a pandemic while continuing to provide meaningful opportunities and experiences for 4-H members across the state. This past year has taught me to be grateful for every opportunity. When I look at the challenges of life as an open door to grow and get better, the challenges turn into opportunities.

Over the past year we have seen innovation, flexibility, and adaptability in everything from organizing our major livestock shows to running our 4-H club meetings. Initially many events and meetings were held on zoom and other online platforms. But as the year progressed restrictions were lifted, and in-person events began to resume. I believe we all learned that the importance of a face-to-face conversation cannot be replaced.

The year served as a reminder to make the most out of where we are but to not get complacent with where we are at. I encourage you to strive to reach your aspirations and overcome the challenges of life. Texas 4-H let's aspire to reach our goals, let's aspire to step out of our comfort zones, let's aspire to make the most out of every situation, let's aspire to make the best better, let's aspire to inspire!

SINCERELY,

LUKE READ 2020-2021 TEXAS 4-H STATE PRESIDENT





A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. At is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results.

- Wade Boggs

Council 2020-

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 plus an additional six At-Large Delegates, elected by all Senior level 4-H members across the state. The Texas 4-H Council members serve 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.



Luke Read President At Large Delegate



Cameryn Jones 1st Vice President At Large Delegate



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Success, coupled with an overflow of gratitude, runs in the Jones family blood. Both in college on Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation scholarships, Cameryn and Tate Jones are working to make the most of the opportunities presented to them through their highly valued financial support.

After excelling for ten years each in the Tom Green County 4-H program, they both crossed the Texas 4-H Roundup stage one final time as a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo \$20,000 4-H scholar. Tate has also received the Bill Piehl Memorial and the McClean Estate Texas 4-H Foundation collegiate scholarships.

"One of the biggest things is that

they're relieving the financial strain on our family and our parents," Tate said. "Also, I think that it's important to be involved in college and having that financial aid gives less financial worry and more time to focus on our studies, and that was important for me especially my freshman year as I was just getting used to college and the increased course load and challenge that class brought."

"I'd have to agree with Tate because I'm super grateful for the financial aid because not only does it allow me to go to such an awesome school and focus on academics," Cameryn said, "but it also gives me opportunity to spend my time getting involved and investing in the community."

Cameryn is a freshman International Studies major, but most importantly she's the loudest and the proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2025. Tate Jones led the family trajectory though, as a Texas A&M University junior class of 2023 Finance major.

"I'm a committee member in the Big Event, a new member this year of a men's organization called Old Army Gentlemen's Society," Tate said, "and I'm also in the Trading, Risk, and Investments program in Mays Business School."

"I'm in a Panhellenic sorority Tri Delta and in an MSC organization for the



Student Conference on National Affairs," Cameryn said. "I'm also a Big Event staff assistant, in University Honors and a member of John 15, a freshman organization through St. Mary's [Catholic Church]."

Tate exhibited swine all ten of his 4-H years and attributes his healthy competitive nature and public speaking skills to his seven years of livestock judging. Cameryn participated in the Dog Care & Training project, served as a Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador, making her quite the technological assistant to her friends, and participated in photography and consumer decision making. However, both Jones kids were county, district, and even state 4-H Council members.

"To me, that was the most fun project and the most developmental, helping me grow and learn people skills," Cameryn said.

These two phenomenal young adults have embodied what 4-H hopes to instill in every youth that enters the program , leading their attributes with an attitude of gratefulness to and the utmost respect of their scholarship donors.

"First of all, thank you. I know it's said a lot but it's needed and it's necessary and second of all I would tell them that they're inspiring. Their belief in me encourages me to be better and do better," Cameryn said. "Without their contribution, I don't know if I'd be the student or the community member that I am today. I'm encouraged to be involved and encouraged to continue earning that aid and to continue to give it back by making a difference with what it helps me do."

"Like she said, first of all, thank you very much. Your generous donations to us college students are greatly appreciated whether you realize it or not. The biggest thing for me is y'all believing in us and having faith in our generation to carry on the future of this world," Tate said. "There's a lot of people that doubt our generation and call us lazy or think we're not as hard working as people in the past, but our donors believe in us and we can tell that through your donation and support."

Proud parents they must have, because Cameryn and Tate both have their sights set on ambitious post-undergraduate goals.

"I expect to graduate with my undergrad in December 2022. After that, I'm going to go do about nine months of internships and then come back to get my masters in Financial Management and graduate with that in May of 2024," Tate said. "After that, I will likely be going into the commodity trading for a big energy company in the Houston area or possibly coming back and going to law school."

"I'm very interested in pursuing a Master's of International Affairs at the Bush School. There's multiple ways to achieve that," Cameryn said. "After that, I want to work in public service so right now I'm looking into national security but I'm really open to anything in the public service field."

Cameryn was one of the 200 youth to receive a scholarship from the more than \$2.7 million awarded in 2021. The 2022 Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation scholarship applications are open November 1, 2021 to February 15, 2022. To contribute to a new scholarship, contact Kelly Gideon at the Texas 4-H Foundation at kelly. gideon@ag.tamu.edu. Learn more about the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation at texas4hfoundation.org.

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Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award over \$2.7 MALLAON in scholarships to over 220 4-H members.

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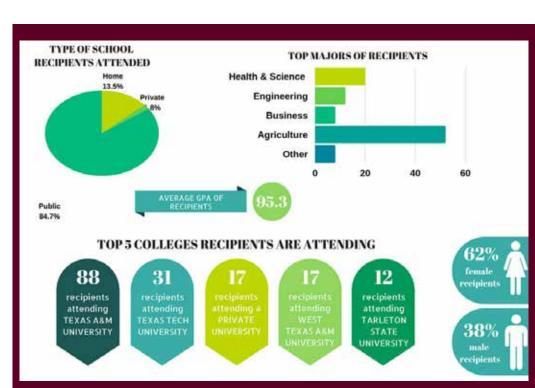
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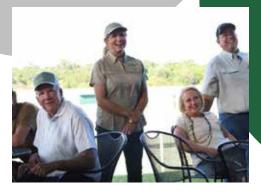
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FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

















Foundation Development Districts

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation created development districts around the state that aid in raising funds that will be kept for those local counties. Each of the six Foundation Development Districts are responsible for raising funds for their respective AgriLife Extension 4-H Districts through various fundraisers.

FDD Fundraisers

This past year, three of our FDDs held extremely successful fundraisers, totaling \$140,000 for 4-H youth between the three events.

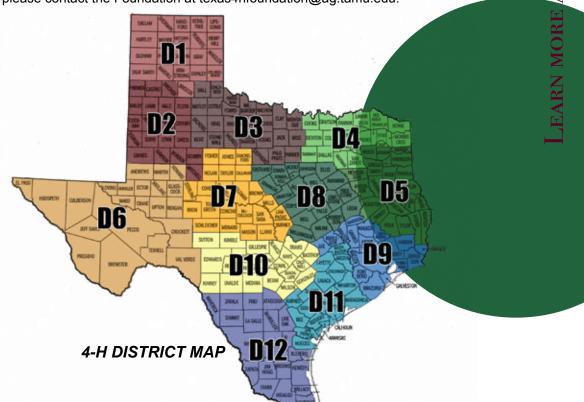
FDD 1 - Golf Tournament

Foundation Development District 1 is responsible for raising funds for 4-H Districts 3 and 4. FDD1 held their First Annual Golf Tournament in Fort Worth, Texas at the Waterchase Golf Course. This event had over 20 sponsors and had 13 teams entered, raising \$20,000. The next tournament will be held on April 21, 2022, at the Waterchase Golf Course in Fort Worth, Texas. If interested in participating or becoming a sponsor, please contact the Foundation at texas4hfoundation@ag.tamu.edu.

FDD 3 — Clovers & Clays Shootout
Foundation Development District 3/s responsible for raising funds for 4-H Districts 6 and 10. FDD3 held the First Annual Clovers & Clays Shootout in San Antonio, Texas at the National Shooting Complex. This event consisted of a clay shoot contest, a Shoot for Charity, live auction, silent auction, and a 5-card gun draw. Twenty teams of four participated and raised \$100,000! The next shootout will be held on August 5, 2022, at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas. If interested in participating or becoming a sponsor, please contact the Foundation at texas4hfoundation@ag.tamu.edu.

FDD 4 - Virtual Raffle

Foundation Development District 4 is responsible for raising funds for 4-H Districts 5 and 9. In 2021 they held a virtual raffle that included prizes such as a hunt for 2 at the Escondido Ranch, a diamond tennis bracelet, and a Radical Firearms AR-15 signed by North Dakota Governor Kristi Noem. More than 200 raffle tickets were sold, raising more than \$20,000! If interested in providing an auction item or are interested in participating next year, please contact the Foundation at texas4hfoundation@ag.tamu.edu.





he Texas 4-H Conference Center is geographically located in the center of Texas on the western side of Lake Brownwood on a plateau overlooking the lake. The 78 acre conference and retreat center opened in April 1975 and is in operation year round. Summer abounds with youth camps while the remainder of the year the facility is open to host corporate meetings, team building workshops utilizing the challenge course, family and class reunions and just about any type of meeting you can imagine. The Center is a great place

to "get away... learn

and play".

Texas 4-H Camp is open to all youth, not just 4-H members.

IN THE 2021 CAMP SEASON. THE CENTER WELCOMED 1.062 ATTENDEES FROM 139 DIFFERENT COUNTIES.

The camps include specialized camps like the new Aperture Academy, focusing on teaching youth how to become better photographers, and Horizons, which allows youth to pick from "tracks" like woodworking or STEM and further develop their knowledge and abilities in those specialized areas. Campers also enjoy County Camps, offering the traditional experiences of challenge courses, fishing, and the youth favorite, DANCING!

The Center held 11 unique camps during June & July 2021.







A new edition came to the 4-H Center this past summer in the form of leadership. Teen mentors were added to the camp experience in summer 2021, offering senior-level 4-H youth the opportunity to be selected through an application process to serve camp attendees and assist the Center staff with various activities and camp counselor duties. These high-school aged youth worked alongside the summer camp staff, comprised of college-aged youth with a passion for 4-H, camp recreation, or working with youth. Twenty-two young adults assisted the Center full-time staff in creating a memorable experience for youth across the state at Texas 4-H Camp in 2021.

KEEP UP WITH THE TEXAS 4-H CENTER ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM @TEXAS4HCENTER

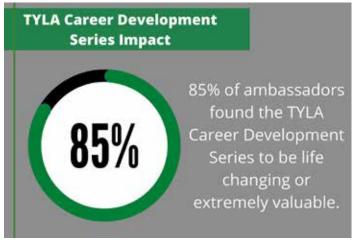
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TYLA OVERSEES THE LIVESTOCK AND EQUINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS AND OFFERS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE YOUTH THROUGH A MULTITUDE OF AVENUES. THIS YEAR, TYLA CREATED EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES.







The TYLA *Career* Development Series was held virtually January – April 2021. This series featured industry professionals offering career advice and answering questions. The presenters were:

- Part I John Sauter, Vice President of Meat, HEB (120 attendees)
- Part 2 Phil Peabody, Chief Risk Officer, Capital Farm Credit (70 attendees)
- Part 3 Dr. Julie Harlin, Associate Professor in ALEC and Assistant Provost in the Graduate and Professional School, Texas A&M University (69 attendees)
- Part 4 Warren Mayberry, Sr. Lead of Government and Industry Affairs, Corteva Agriscience (41 attendees)
- Part 5 Dr. Dan Posey, Clinical Professor and Director of Education for West Texas A&M University and Large Animal Clinical Sciences (CVM) (50 attendees)
- Part 6 Dr. Justin Ransom, Sr. Director of Sustainability Food Strategy, Tyson Foods (47 attendees)
- Part 7 Johnny Georges, Owner and Inventor of Tree T-Pee (37 attendees)
- Part 8 Clayton Hergert, Founder of ATX Precision and former Navy SEAL (34 attendees)

The TGLA Professional Development Series will be held in the fall of 2021.

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t's an organization unlike any other that I've come across," Doug Borgo said. "You don't have to be the strongest, the fastest, the smartest. You have to work hard and have a passion for something."

Doug Borgo is a husband, father of two, Border Patrol Agent, and a 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer.

He started the program in 2018 with five certified coaches and 20 kids. From there, they've grown to 10 certified coaches and over 80 4-H'ers in the club.

"At the Houston Archery tournament, one of my juniors won Reserve Grand Champion," Borgo said. "That was our first year as an archery program and to see him go from pretty much never touching a bow to winning on that stage, it was just really impressive."

"Pretty much everything 4-H has to offer. we've at least touched on in the project areas, to include shooting sports," Borgo said. "Full time work, full time family, full

time 4-H."

The Borgo family began their 4-H journey when their oldest child was in the 4th grade, so 10 plus years ago. Borgo said that 4-H parents are in their own way, already 4-H volunteers because they're volunteering their "time, money, and knowledge" to their own child.

"As far as becoming a 4-H volunteer, three years ago my youngest child decided to go into shooting sports and archery was the sport of her choice and Nueces County didn't have an archery program at the time," Borgo said, "so in order to get that going I had to volunteer to be the head coach."

Hastings are volunteers with Doug in **Nueces** County. Tracy relayed that under Doug's leadership, the archery club has "become a really great

Tracy and Joe

team" and provides kids "the opportunity to try something

new."

"As a parent, it's rewarding to me to see my daughter experience what we never got to experience when we were her age," Joe Hastings said. "To see her smile when she sees her Dad, and when she looks back and sees her dad teaching other kids, it's special."

Borgo said his 4-H "why" started when he found out his brother-in-law got a 4-H scholarship when he graduated high school. At the time, Borgo's response

was "I don't care if the kids like 4-H or not, they're going to go and they're going to get a scholarship."

"What I have learned is that 4-H is a ton more than a scholarship at the end of a career,"

Borgo said. "The leadership opportunities, the community service opportunities, it really does teach our youth to be self-starters, self-motivators, and just generally very good people."

To learn more about the impact of 4-H volunteers or sign up to be a volunteer, visit texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer/. Everyone has a skill that can benefit a 4-H member. It's time to unlock yours.



4-4 Volunteers 2020

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Salute to Excellence

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. The dedication, leadership, and support of our volunteers and partnership organizations allow the Texas 4-H program to reach a larger number of youth to make a positive difference in their lives and communities. To recognize a volunteer, organization, or employee for their dedication, nominate them for a Texas 4-H award. Applications will be available in the spring of 2022. Contact Dr. Huebinger (contact information on page 27) for more information.

Here's what the nominators had to say...



Tamara Minns DEAF SMITH COUNTY, DISTRICT 1

Tamara Mimms encourages 4-H youth to diversify their project work and try new things while holding 4-H youth to high standards of excellence. She regularly seeks out community service opportunities for 4-H youth and adults because she is aware of those in the community who are less fortunate. Her well-planned club programs have attracted new 4-H members. Mrs. Mimms brings her friendly, positive personality and steady leadership to the local 4-H program, inspiring children and adults alike. Her generous spirit and faithful dedication to young people have greatly enhanced Deaf Smith County 4-H.



Michelle Fields RANDALL COUNTY, DISTRICT 1

Michelle Fields moved to Randall County three years ago and immediately got involved in Randall 4-H. She quickly saw the need for a homeschool 4-H club and didn't hesitate to get one established. She goes above and beyond for her club members, providing them monthly leadership and community service opportunities. The youth in her club are extremely active and have grown a lot in their public speaking and leadership skills, thanks to her dedication to these youth. Ms. Michelle also serves as a volunteer for our Food & Nutrition and Fashion & Interior Design projects. She has lead project meetings teaching youth valuable life skills that they will take with them into adulthood. Ms. Michelle has also served as our Parent Booster Club secretary and was instrumental in establishing a club community service project incentive program to get more clubs doing monthly community service projects. This program had a very positive impact on our community as well as our clubs.



Barbara Utley HOCKLEY COUNTY, DISTRICT 2

Barbara Utley is a 15-year leader helping others to learn from her experiences and the diverse 4-H programs. She has assisted not only her own two children, Payne and Adaline, but countless others as a club manager in both Haskell and Hockley counties. In addition, she has provided the one-on-one training in Clothing and Textiles, Food and Nutrition and record keeping projects to "ignite" 4-H members and their families to project completion, and, therefore, success. Mrs. Barbara is better because of 4-H and 4-H is better because of Mrs. Barbara.



Jenny Verkamp LUBBOCK COUNTY, DISTRICT 2

Jenny Verkamp has been a long-standing supporter of the 4-H community. Her last child graduated in 2010 and she has continued to be an active volunteer since that time, serving in many different leadership roles. She wanted all youth in her community to have the same opportunities in 4-H, that her children had. She has encouraged and assisted many youth in getting involved beyond the local level. Ms. Jenny was able to accomplish these goals by organizing the Wildcat 4-H Club, providing opportunities for youth to grow and achieve their own goals, beyond the stock show and livestock projects. The Wildcat 4-H Club is going on its 10th year, and still growing.



Donnell & Kelli Brown

THROCKMORTON COUNTY, DISTRICT 3

Donnell and Kelli Brown, with the RA Brown Ranch, have a sincere passion and dedication to help "Make The Best Better" through their efforts with the District 3 livestock judging contest. Over the past five years the Browns have not hestitated to supply very high quality cattle classes for the young people in District 3 to evaluate for the District 3 judging contest. From sale-ready bulls to potential donor females, it was never a question of whether they could make it work, but rather what did the contest need to make it a great learning experience. It is that type of commitment and desire to help educate the next generation of leaders and agriculturists that makes the Browns stand out in District 3.



Anne Kinmey DENTON COUNTY, DISTRICT 4

What does a 4-H success story look like? It looks like a young woman who grew up in 4-H, enrolled her two sons in the program, and became an incredible adult 4-H leader for over 10 years. This is the success story of Anne Kimmey in Denton County. While she has unbelievable depth in all project areas, her true super power is the ability to keep a county program going in the absence of a full-time agent. She has kept the families engaged, enrolled, and excited about all county programs.



Sarah Hibbitts TARRANT COUNTY, DISTRICT 4

Sarah Hibbitts has dedicated countless hours during her six-year tenure with the 4-H program in Tarrant County. She is a proud 4-H parent, Club Manager for Keller 4-H, actively involved in the Tarrant County Adult Leaders' Association, and she also serves as Secretary for the Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show Association. Ms. Sarah constantly works to recruit new 4-H families and adult volunteers in order to grow her club and train new and returning project leaders. Under her leadership, the club has grown to over 100 youth members. Ms. Sarah is a team player and we are proud to have her on our team.



Stephanie Wickware ANDERSON COUNTY, DISTRICT 5

Stephanie Wickware has been involved in 4-H her entire life, starting when she was a little girl in Anderson County 4-H. Now, she brings an infectious smile and the after school 4-H program into the schools of Palestine ISD. As the after-school program coordinator for the school district, Stephanie is ALWAYS looking for new projects and opportunities for her kids to try. "Her kids" are youth that wouldn't naturally gravitate to a traditional 4-H club experience. Ms. Stephanie does a great job of encouraging kids of all ages to be bold, try new things, learn, and grow. She truly does it all. She is a volunteer who pours her heart into the 4-H program.



Dr. Audrey Goung TRINITY COUNTY, DISTRICT 5

Dr. Audrey Young has provided an immense amount of support to the 4-H program including consistently volunteering her time for judging contests, driving club members to camp and chaperoning 4-H activities. Dr. Young has provided financial support, items for auction, and sponsored awards/belt buckles for local community stock shows. She has been a true champion of the 4-H program not only locally, but statewide. She plays a vital role in the positive success and continual building of all 4-H programs and events.



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Kenny Carroll EL PASO COUNTY, DISTRICT 6

Kenny Carroll's passion for youth and livestock goes hand in hand. He emulates "learn by doing," and is always able to answer any question at a level the 4-H'er is able to understand. During his 25+ years as a validation committee member, he has stepped into the lead role as needed when the county has been between 4-H Extension Agents. His willingness to serve as a livestock mentor in the last eight years has benefited our kids in a multitude of arenas both in and out of the show pen.



Darcy Braden GLASSCOCK COUNTY, DISTRICT 6

Darcy Braden has been a parent volunteer for the Glasscock County 4-H Club for the last eight years. For the last several years she has been the lead volunteer for Food Challenge and Food Show. She has put countless hours into holding weekly practices, taking participants to contests, volunteering her own time outside of work and being a lead EMS volunteer to help our 4-H members succeed. Over the last couple of years, she has grown our Food Challenge program to be one of the best in the district. Not only is she an outstanding volunteer who pushes our members to be the best they can be in their events, but she encourages them in their daily lives and sets a great example of serving others every single day.



Lori Brock TOM GREEN COUNTY, DISTRICT 7

Growing up in the 4-H program as an active member throughout school Lori Brock now continues to live out the 4-H life as an adult club manager and parent of an active club member. She took the reins of a struggling club and devoted her time and energy to restoring it to an active, vital club for all youth. She would be quick to tell you that she does have a great co-manager, club members, and involved parents that help make all activities happen, but we recognize none of it would be happening if she hadn't taken on the tremendous responsibility of reviving the horse club.



Lisa Hoelscher MCLENNAN COUNTY, DISTRICT 8

Lisa Hoelscher has been a proud member and supporter of 4-H since she was a member as a child in Bell County. For the past 11years, Lisa has been an outstanding club manager, project leader, teacher, and mentor to countless youth. Lisa uses her extensive knowledge of foods and nutrition to teach and coach Food Challenge teams and Food Show participants. The members that have been influenced by Lisa have been able to reach state-level competitions and grow their knowledge in the foods and nutrition project. Lisa is a product of the 4-H program and is committed to "Making the Best Better."



Cindy Smith WILLIAMSON COUNTY, DISTRICT 8

Cindy Smith has been an integral part of the Williamson County Shooting Sports Program for the last 13 years. Not only is she certified in all disciplines, she also works tirelessly to recruit, train and encourage 4-H members in the Shooting Sports Program. She continually works hard to improve the Shooting Sports program, which includes organizing an open house that has attracted over 200 attendees and writing grants to obtain needed shooting sports equipment. Because of this hard-working Club Manager, the Shooting Sports Club has become the largest club in Williamson County, consisting of 160 youth and 50 registered adults.



Jennifer Romero JEFFERSON COUNTY, DISTRICT 9

"Joining 4-H, seriously one of the best things we did for my boys". That is Jennifer's sincere belief of 4-H for all youth. Jennifer Romero's eight-year volunteer involvement in the Jefferson County 4-H Program began when she enrolled her two boys in the program. Two years later she was asked to be the club manager because of her passion for 4-H and what it offers youth. She continues to serve in many capacities as a valued volunteer for the 4-H program including serving in the Adult Leader Task Force and many planning committees for county events.



John & Toni Hardy MADISON COUNTY, DISTRICT 9

John and Toni Hardy exemplify what it means to give back and invest in their community. As local business owners they go to great lengths to ensure they reinvest into their community and its families. This investment is most apparent in the Madison County 4-H program. The Hardy family has given time and leadership on the Leadership Advisory Board, and boosted the program through financial support. The Hardy family is truly an asset to the Madison County 4-H program. They love to see the development of the youth and find joy in seeing the community come together and grow.



Kory & Syndes Bundick GUADALUPE COUNTY, DISTRICT 10

Kory and Syndee Bundick have been leaders in Guadalupe County for the last 14 years with the 4-H Shooting Sports project. They have both served as the club manager for the Shooting Sports 4-H Club, as well as the 4-H Shotgun Club at different times in their 4-H careers. While raising their boys Tate and Ethan in the 4-H Program, both were trained as coaches in multiple disciplines including Shotgun, Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Muzzleloading, and Hunting & Wildlife. They have been instrumental in expanding the influence of the shooting sports project in Guadalupe County, as well as around District 10 and State.



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Annette Bourgeois KENDALL COUNTY, DISTRICT 10

Annette Bourgeois is the glue to the Kendall County 4-H program. She is pretty remarkable with her knowledge of the community and her ability to recognize all 400 plus families in our program. Annette has the best attitude and has the talent to spark up a conversation with anyone she meets. She strives to make sure all 4-Hers are accountable in everything they do as well as staying on top of communication with parents so they are aware of upcoming events. Annette strives to "Make the Best Better," which is evident in the outstanding effort she always gives to the 4-H program.



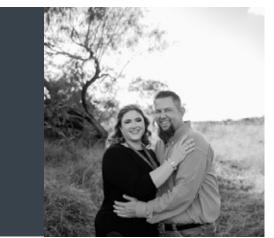
Danielle & Micah Hale ARANSAS COUNTY, DISTRICT 11

Danielle and Micah Hale are superhero volunteers who work diligently to support the needs of our youth, while developing leaders in the 4-H program. This dedicated duo truly exemplifies the 4-H pledge, giving their "hands to larger service", spearheading Club community service projects to help people still in need after Hurricane Harvey. Under Danielle's leadership as Livestock Mentor, the number of youth showing livestock and winning Showmanship has greatly increased. During Micah's 5 years as a 4-H Club Manager club membership and participation has grown exponentially. The Hales can always be depended on to help with, and participate in, county-wide 4-H events and activities.



Austin & Jody Brown BEE COUNTY, DISTRICT 11

Austin and Jody Brown have been volunteers for more than 15 years. Mr. Austin has been the club manager for the Bee County Shooting Sports Club and Mrs. Jody has been the manager for the Bee County 4-H Ambassadors for the past four years. When Mr. Austin first became the club manager for the Shooting Sports Club, the facility had simple backstops and a dirt floor with no bathrooms. Through club's fundraising efforts the facility has improved to have metal bullet traps, concrete floor, bathrooms, and a club meeting room. Under Mrs. Jody's leadership, the Ambassador numbers have doubled over the last four years. The Browns are dedicated to the 4-H program and have contributed countless hours to the Texas 4-H program because they believe that mentoring our youth to become leaders is important.



Miriam Ford HIDALGO COUNTY, DISTRICT 12

Miriam's most outstanding accomplishment is successfully leading, not only her four children, but also an entire group of 4-H'ers through their various events and competitions. Having them participate in many different community service projects such as Cowboys Kicking Cancer, The Texas Heat Rabbit Show that Borderline 4-H created, and holding various community service events like donating coats, pillow and blankets, and toy drives makes success even more sweet. Her leadership skills have influenced her children as they have taken on many leadership roles throughout Texas 4-H.



Olga Ramos MAVERICK COUNTY, DISTRICT 12

Olga Martinez Ramos has been involved in the 4-H program for at least 20 years. She has been the 4-H Club Manager of the Eagle Pass 4-H clubs with 190 members registered. She has written numerous grants that have benefited the Maverick County 4-H in many ways. She is part of Maverick County Junior Livestock Show Association, actively benefitting 4-H kids. She is a pillar of the 4-H program in the community and is currently working with the Maverick County Commissioner, the City of Eagle Pass, Eagle Pass ISD and the Maverick County AgriLife office to build a new show barn for the kids.



Kathleen Joy Barkley LEADER LEGACY AWARD

Kathleen Barkley has been a volunteer for over 26 years and has become a mainstay in Carson County 4-H. Kathleen's passion for Texas 4-H has helped grow Carson County 4-H, and 4-H members individually, as she has encouraged youth to succeed in all that they do. Kathleen is known for her commitment and support of the 4-H program.



Roy Green LEADER LEBACY AWARD

Roy Green started the Erath 4-H Shooting Sports Club in 1981, and has served as a leader for 40 years. His leadership and dedication for the 4-H program has gone above and beyond from the County, District, State and National levels. Roy has been instrumental in the 4-H Shooting Sports project, one of the largest projects in the state. He supports at least 100 members and parents who regularly attend monthly 4-H meetings. He provides start to finish leadership with all shoots. His state involvement includes Shooting Sports Certification Classes where 275+ coaches have been trained, Shooting Sports Extravaganza, and the 4-H State Shoot.



Dept. of Ag Sciences West Texas A&M University CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

For the past 20 years the Department of Agricultural Sciences at West Texas A&M University has hosted numerous 4-H contests, camps, and workshops for youth across the state. More recently, they have hosted the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, and the Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camp. Each Spring they host over 15 different 4-H contests for District 1 4-H. The professors dedicate their time to provide positive youth development opportunities for Texas 4-H and offer continuous support. In a year full of challenges, they went above and beyond to continue to safely provide opportunities for the youth of Texas 4-H.



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Clizabeth Schlak CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Over the past 14 years, Elizabeth's volunteer work on the local, state, and national levels have made an immeasurable impact in the lives of 4-H members. Her level of selfless service, persistence, commitment, and passion to see youth succeed is a rare, but valuable quality. She is an excellent mentor, educator, and motivator, as exemplified by the increasing number of youth attending educational programs and attaining certifications within the state photography leadership program. Quite simply, Elizabeth's leadership is one to emulate.



Zach A. Davis MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Zach Davis is the Ag/Natural Resource Agent for Denton County who has also been serving the 4-H youth and families for almost two years. His professional drive was clearly displayed through his commitment for balancing his time to ensure both departments had successful ongoing programs. He is a respected leader in our community and is always looking for opportunities to grow the county footprint. He is a trustworthy leader whose actions always match his words.



Kristy Titzman MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Kristy Titzman is a devoted agent who strives to make certain that her 4-H families can participate in a variety of fun and educational experiences, with emphasis on the value of the educational experience over contest opportunities. One of Kristy's strongest attributes is her willingness to have fun with the kids. She engages with them to ensure that whatever is going on is about them, so they are able to gain the most value from the experience.



Carly Senkins COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD

Carly Jenkins, Gillespie County Extension Office Manager has strengthened and assisted in growing the 4-H program by creating a positive atmosphere for youth to thrive in the local program. Her energy and enthusiasm for the youth of our community is evident in her ability to assist the 4-H program at all levels. Whether it be by communicating with the club managers, conducting the Robotics program, or working with state livestock shows, she never stops until she finds the answer. More importantly, Carly Jenkins is always putting the youth first in her community.



Cynthia Page COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD

Cynthia Page has been the Matagorda County 4-H Administrative Assistant for three years. Prior to becoming the administrative assistant, she was an adult leader and club manager for over 15 years. She was active in the Archery, Foods & Nutrition, and Public Speaking projects. Cynthia has been a constant in the office even when Agents move in and out. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Matagorda County 4-H program and the youth that it serves have received the very best care and direction. She lives the 4-H motto "To Make the Best Better."



Lisa Henly TEXAS 4-H ALUMNI AWARD

Lisa (Wilson) Henly was a very active 4-H member for ten years in Nacogdoches County. As an "Ag teacher's kid", she was also very active in FFA. Lisa participated in the beef project, poultry project, leadership project, and in method demonstrations where she advanced several times to the state contest. Lisa served as a San Augustine County 4-H volunteer for around 20 years while also raising her two children in the program, guiding many youth to success with livestock, equine, and public speaking projects. As a teacher at the local elementary school, she is still known as the one whom both kids and their parents can depend on, be it 4-H or school advice. Lisa truly embodies "making the best better."



Kalina Pohlmeier Hill TEXAS 4-H ALUMNI AWARD

Kalina Pohlmeier Hill has been involved with 4-H for seven years. Being a former 4-Her herself, she knows what it takes to embody leadership, service and dedication in 4-H. She began working with Clover Kids and now works as a youth project leader in Entomology, Record Books, Food & Nutrition, and SNIP (Science, Nutrition, Insects and Plants), which is a group for youth that includes key principals of the Junior Master Gardner program. Kalina has also assisted in district judging for many contests. Her leadership in the area of record books has contributed to the many winning books at all levels.



Learn more at texas4-h.tamu.edu/4more/

2021 ROUNDUP CONTEST WINNERS

Compound Aided - Ross DuBois, Burleson Co. Recurve - Johnathon Goode, Van Zandt Co. Barebow - Kolton Brady, Dimmit Co.

Compound Unaided - Grace Vasicek, Hays Co. NASP Genesis - Jacob Crawford, Kaufman Co.

Agricultural Products Identification

Individual - Ty Dahlstrom, Hays Co. | Team - Milam Co. (Gabriel Ramthun, Marisol Hill, Robert Miller II)

Consumer Decision Making

Individual - Tanner Owen Randall Co. | Team - Tom Green Co. (Cameryn Jones, Caroline Holtman, Jaraden Kearby)

Educational Presentation

Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety: Makayla Jones, Johnson Co.

Animal Science: Connor Pence, Tom Green Co.

Beef: Allie Herring, Robertson Co.

Health and Wellness: Gianna Aldrett, Fort Bend Co.

Horse: Anelise Wilson, Denton Co.

Open Agriculture & Natural Resources: Madyson McAshlan, Galveston Co.

Open Family and Community Health: Kate Phillips, Walker Co.

Open: Bexar Co. (Peter Chacko, Shepard Berry) Promote 4-H: Janae Braune, Guadalupe Co.

Safety & Injury Prevention: Kathryn Tretow, Oldham Co.

Discover Scientific Method: Science, Engineering & Tech.

Poster Competition

Michael Trees, Tom Green Co.

Duds to Dazzle

Accessory/Jewelry: Randall Co. (April Artho, Emily Fields, Hannah Fields) Non-wearable: Kendall Co. (Delaney Klingaman, Madeline McFarland, Ryli

Wearable: Wharton Co. (Emily Glaze, Kasey Burns, Riley Wallis) Final Challenge: Randall Co. (April Artho, Emily Fields, Hannah

Entomology Identification

Individual - Riley Siders, Hockley Co. | Team - Hockley Co. (Reed Terrell,

Riley Siders, William Houston)

Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl

Individual - Emalee Levens, Brown Co. | Team - Wilson Co. (Hayden

Hajovsky, Logan Baker, Luke Scribner, Michael Campos)

Fashion Show

Buying: Business Interview Attire - Gabriela Ramierz, Hidalgo Co. Buying: Fantastic Fashions Under \$25 - Ainsley Schraeder, Collin Co. Buying: Semi-Formal to Formal - Peyton Smith, Brazos Co. Buying: Special Interest - Ashlyn Martinez, Hidalgo Co.

Construction: Everyday Living - Bailey Helmer, Cameron Co. Construction: Refashion - Shye Havelka, Bandera Co. Construction: Semi-Formal to Formal - Grace Pohl, Bell Co. Construction: Theatre/Costume - Carissa Cantu, Cameron Co.

Natural Fibers: Cotton - Carissa Cantu. Cameron Co. Natural Fibers: Wool/Mohair - Lindee Miller, Briscoe Co.

Food Challenge

Appetizer: Bell Co. (Catarina Salazar-Canales, Casin Sellears, Sarah Wood, Choreographed Routines: Macy Narro, Burleson Co. Matthew Hampton)

Healthy Desserts: Fort Bend Co. (Toni New, Emma Morgan, Gianna Aldrett) Feller, Side Dish: Johnson Co. (Faran Atkins, Sarah LeBlanc, Emily Skelton, Callie Landri Ottmers)

Main Dish: Victoria Co. (Macy Rae Cantu, Kade Kubecka, Macie Kolodziejczyk,

Trapper Fuerbaucher)

Final Challenge: Victoria Co. (Macy Rae Cantu, Kade Kubecka, Macie

Kolodziejczyk, Trapper Fuerbaucher)

Food Show

Appetizer: Georgia Williams, Williamson Co. Side Dish: Justin McGuire, Anderson Co. Main Dish: Emelia Hyde, Bosque Co.

Healthy Dessert: Madison Moran, Washington Co.

Healthy Lifestyles Invitational

Individual - Emma Lyon, Lee Co. | Team - Lee Co. (Emma Lyon, Emma

Smith, Emme Dallmeyer, MiKayla Kothmann)

Individual - Annabeth Muck, Kendall Co. | Team - Wise Co. (Katie Daniells, Angelina Newbold, Cassidy Wilson, Brodie Childs)

Horse Judging

Individual - Gracie Potter, Lubbock Co. | Team - Lubbock Co. (AJ Kendrick, David Kendrick, Delaney Kleinman, Gracie Potter)

Horse Quiz Bowl

Individual - Angelina Newbold, Wise Co. | Team - Wise Co. (Abigail Newbold, Angelina Newbold, Katie Daniells, Cassidy Wilson)

Invitational Livestock Judging

Individual - Alexandria Kalina Runnels Co. | Team - Runnels Co. (Alexandria

Kalina, Benjamin Flanagan, Carly Taubert)

Invitational Meat Judging and Identification Individual - Rachyl Kitten Lubbock Co. | Team - Lubbock Co. (Bryce Hutson, Rachyl Kitten)

Leaders for Life

Guadalupe Co. (Christian Bertling, Emily Kruse, Lauren Elley, Megan Clark, William Anderson)

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Individual - Morgan Hesters, Austin Co. | Team - Austin Co. (Brooke Diezi, Emma Eckelberg, Morgan Hesters, Stewart Poffenberger)

Livestock Skill-A-Thon

Individual - Benjamin Flanagan, Runnels Co. | Team - Runnels Co. (Alexandria Kalina, Avery Flanagan, Benjamin Flanagan, Carly Taubert)

Mohair Judging and Evaluation

Individual - Elizabeth Scales, Kerr Co. | Team - Kerr Co. (Abigail Borden,

Elizabeth Scales, Emma Jane Thompson, Shelby Mejia)

Photography Judging

Individual - Mackenzie Nowell, Bell Co. | Team - Wise Co. (Emily Fraser, Harold Oberg III, James Meeks)

Poultry Judging

Individual - Daniel Lee, Wilson Co. | Team - Wilson Co. (Bailey Seesengood, Blye Mangum, Daniel Lee, Miguel Borrego)

Public Speaking

Alexandria Harris, Bell Co.

Qualifying Livestock Judging

Individual - Tanna Thiel, Washington Co. | Team - Washington Co. (Chet

Fritsch, Tanna Thiel, Waylon Hinze, Weston Hinze)

Qualifying Meat Judging and Identification

Individual - Anna Wyle, Kenall Co. | Team - Kendall Co. (Anna Wyle,

Caroline Holmes, Karson Kurtz, Kelsey Pfeiffer)

Range Evaluation

Individual - Keene Kreusler, Comal Co. | Team - Comal Co. (Keene Kreusler, Kylee Edwards, Ray Allen Schaefer, Reagan Ackermann)

Range and Pasture Grass Identification

Individual - Joseph Hollas, Milam Co. | Team - Milam Co. (Jenna Lindig, Joseph Hollas, Ryan Luckey)

Range Evaluation

Individual - Keene Kreusler, Comal Co. | Team - Comal Co. (Keene Kreusler, Kylee Edwards, Ray Allen Schaefer, Reagan Ackermann)

Range and Pasture Grass Identification

Individual - Joseph Hollas, Milam Co. | Team - Milam Co. (Jenna Lindig, Joseph Hollas, Ryan Luckey)

Robotics Challenge

Brazos Co. (Caleb Kocmoud, Joshua Pettibon)

Share the Fun

Dramedy: Gillespie Co. (Brett Bowers, Brittley Bowers, Kayla Feller, Klay

Poetry/Prose: Olivia Fine, Brazoria Co.

Vocal: Rebekka Ruzvidzo, Gray Co.

Celebrate 4-H: Dallam Co. (Claudia Taylor, Erik Frantz, John Taylor, Jolie Bowers,

Kirsten Bezner, Zoe Meeks)

Musical/Instrumental: Wise Co. (Jonathan Scoggins, Stephen Scoggins)

Solo/Band Performance: Carlie Estes, Williamson Co.

Soil Judging

Individual - Kelbi Lindley, Hall Co. | Team - Hall Co. (Javan Valle, Jax Ferrel,

Kelbi Lindley, McKenzie Lopez)

Vet Science Skill-A-Thon

Julia Karg, Wise Co.

Wildlife Challenge

Clayton Golden, Ellis Co.

Wool Judging and Evaluation

Individual - Daniel Raab, Gillespie Co.

Team - Gillespie Co. (Alexandria Slone, Daniel Raab, Holt Geistweidt, Justine Nimitz)



The 75th Annual Texas 4-H Roundup was one for the history books. This year's event took strategic planning by the Texas 4-H Program to offer the traditional opportunities of contest, scholarship and award recognition while also dealing with the current restrictions from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Pryan/College Station and Texas A&M University welcomed more than 1,300 youth to compete in approximately 50 diverse competitions throughout the week. The contests included both qualifying events, where 4-H members qualified at their county and district contests to compete at the state level, and invitational events. Texas 4-H Roundup was open to senior level, or high school aged, 4-H members only this year.

he week was filled with contest opportunities held both on the campus of Texas A&M University as well as off-campus locations to help accommodate the contest space needs, as well as community health restriction requirements. The evening recognition events which are traditionally held indoors, were moved to outdoor venues this year. Through joint efforts with Destination Bryan and Visit College Station, the traditional evening assemblies became celebrations in downtown Bryan and at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, then ended the week with our final night at the Texas A&M AgriLife Center on campus. We also had the privilege on Wednesday to welcome back Brazos County 4-H Alumni, Cole Whittlesey, to perform.

Additionally, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation awarded more than \$2.7 million in scholarships to 232 youth. This year's recognition ceremonies were held in private banquet settings for the donors and the scholarship recipients.

An online post-event survey was sent to participants, adults/volunteers, and County Extension Agents of the 2021Texas 4-H Roundup. A total of 425 participants responded to the survey.



"A was able to meet so many likeminded youth my age and get a glimpse at what A would like my 4-H career to look like! A also really LOV To the dancing"

"A liked how everyone got along and that it built teamwork abilities with the people around you that you had never met or that you knew even before Roundup."

"The people were phenomenal! I had not one encounter with a person that was less than respectful or courteous, whether that be a 4-H staff member, council member, fellow competitor, or even just a local."

LIFE SKILLS GAINED BY YOUTH: The following section focuses on respondents ranking of their top five most important life skills gained from participating in a contest during Texas 4-H Roundup.

- 1. Public Speaking
- 2. Self-esteem/confidence
- 3. Networking with Others
- 4. Responsibility
- 5. Decision Making

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Wednesday assembly



THURSDAY ASSEMBLY





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Mia Meehan | Johnson County



Best of Show Catch All
Leeann Stephens | Red River County

2021 TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST CHAMPIONS



Best of Show Landscape & Nature
Alexis Woods | Bastrop County



Best of Show Animals Widlife
Zachary Gray | Cameron County



Best of Show Elements of Design
Samantha Ricketts | Wise County



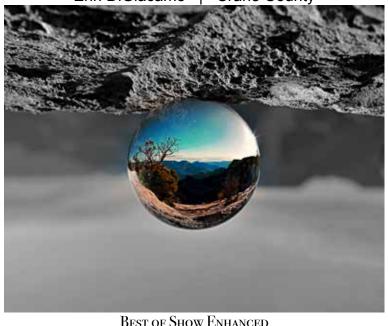
Best of Show Food Erin DiGiacamo | Cane County



Best of Show Motion/Action
Erin DiGiacamo | Crane County



Best of Show Long Exposure Harold Oberg | Wise County



Best of Show Enhanced

Mackenzie Nowell | Bell County





Best of Show Theme Forced Perspective Mackenzie Nowell | Bell County



Best of Show Plant/Flora
Mia Meehan | Johnson County



Best of Show Shadow/Silhouette Gianna Gulding | Nueces County



Best of Show Details & Macro
Tenton Meisetschleager | Lavaca County

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RECORDKEEPING is a valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program and is one of the oldest 4-H activities. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Record Book. The primary purposes of completing a Record Book are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing academic scholarship and/or collegiate admission applications.

> **RECORDKEEPING** – maintaining a history of one's activities such as financial dealings or life events by entering data in ledgers, journals, calendars or putting items into a file system; an essential life skill.

Of Japan Honor Honor Jacon Fil Co., KIN **RECORD BOOK** – the competitive event where 4-H members assemble their records into a specified document and submit them for evaluation against other 4-H members. However, one may choose to complete a record book just to practice the skill and not elect to submit it for competition.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES: CORYELL CO., KINSEY GARDNER

BEEF: BRAZOS CO., MIRANDA SKAGGS

CITIZENSHIP & CIVIC EDUCATION: McLennan Co., FAITH LAUDERDALE

CONSUMER EDUCATION: HOPKINS CO., RYLIE CARROLL Dog Care & Training: Ellis Co., Makenna Van Huss

Entomology: Denton Co., Erik Dieterich

FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN: LUBBOCK CO., ASHLYNN MESSER

FOOD & NUTRITION: COLLIN CO., AUDREY RATHGEB

GARDENING & HORTICULTURE: MILAM CO., GABRIEL RAMTHUN

GOAT: RANDALL CO., SUNNY COWLEY

HEALTH & PERSONAL SAFETY: STARR CO., BRYAN PEREZ

Horse: Nueces Co., Rylee King

LEADERSHIP: RANDALL CO., TANNER OWEN

NATURAL RESOURCES: UVALDE CO., McCOY SMITH

PHOTOGRAPHY: BRAZOS CO., PEYTON SMITH

PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE: LUBBOCK CO., MICHAEL CHALOUPKA

POULTRY: WASHINGTON CO., DALTON WINKELMANN

Public Speaking: Eastland Co., Ryleigh Whitaker

RABBIT: RANDALL CO., HANNAH FIELDS

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (STEM): TOM GREEN CO., MICHAEL TREES

SHEEP: DEAF SMITH CO., AVERY DETTEN

SHOOTING SPORTS: WILSON CO., HAYDEN HAJOVSKY

SWINE: CLAY CO., ASHLEY RIDDLE

THEATRE & PERFORMANCE ARTS: JOHNSON CO., JETT GARREN III

VETERINARY SCIENCE: JOHNSON CO., SAYLOR KVALHEIM





"You know, number one, I think that the 4-H program is the single most impactful program that our kids have been a part of and it's not even close," Scott Flanagan said.

Scott and Mylea Flanagan have raised four children in 4-H, participating in the Ballinger/Runnels County 4-H program as both active parents and 4-H volunteers.

"We've been heavily involved in 4-H for about seventeen years and it's been a great blessing for our family," Scott said."The exciting thing about 4-H is that it is very deep in terms of the things that you can do. So, we have done everything from foods and nutrition, to clothing and textiles, to STEM, robotics, and then of course our livestock projects."

Scott said that while they often talk about the educational skills learned through livestock judging, skillathon, or foods and nutrition, the 4-H program truly taught their children "how to be a better person."

The single overriding factor is character development," Scott said. "They learn how to work with people in a group setting; they learn how to support one another; they learn to give back to the community."

With only one of their kids still at home, three of their children are now at Texas A&M University, Mylea relayed

that Shane, their older son, was able to apply some of the knowledge from participating in the Nutrition Quiz Bowl to his college nutrition class. She added that "what they learned in 4-H, it's carrying on."

"I didn't grow up doing 4-H, so I was learning with the kids and I enjoyed it," Mylea said. "I've enjoyed being with my kids but also the rest of the kids. I've enjoyed seeing kids blossom on a team when they get a concept and learn things and you know they're able to compete and do well, I've enjoyed all of that."

Scott said that 4-H allows "a family to grow together".

"From the children's perspective, it's being able to give them life skills; being able to give them a sense of belonging; a sense of citizenship; a sense of helping your fellow man," Scott said. "But as a parent, being able to experience that with your children; being able to be part of shaping the next generation is extremely rewarding and then being able to do that in the context of a team environment with other adult leaders, with other children, with your county agents is a very, very unique and edifying culture to be in for everybody involved."

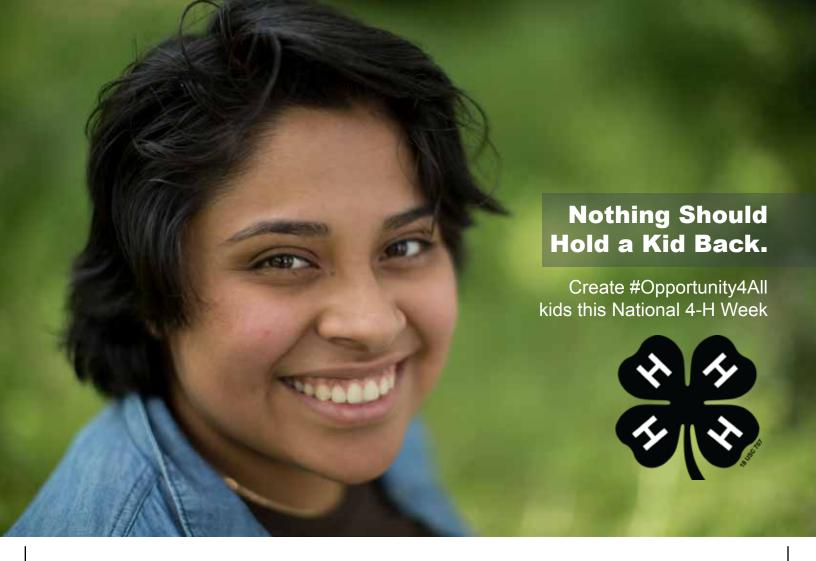
Mylea and Scott agree that when they think of 4-H, they think of family. Mylea added that while the family aspect is hard for many with a single parent household or working parents, it shouldn't stop families from getting involved because "there are other people out there that can help lead them and guide them if you can just get them there."

"It's like a built-in support system," Scott said. "So much of it is not only experiencing this with your own kids, but all of the other kids. They sort of become your kids in a way and so when you see them grow and develop and achieve things they never thought they could. That is such an important part of the 4-H experience, being part of that."

Scott and Mylea hope to encourage all parents to involve their children in the 4-H program to reap the benefits that their family of six continues to experience. To get started, visit texas4-h.tamu.edu.



"If there's a prospective parent out there that wants to get involved, and start getting their kids some experience in 4-H, I would say do it with them. Just do it with them. You'll be blessed. I guarantee you," Scott said. "Being able to do these things with your kids; helping them to learn; going on trips with them; things along those lines is just a wonderful family experience."



National 4-H Week was held October 4-10, 2020 as a way for millions of youth, parents, volunteers, and alumni to come together and celebrate the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H across the nation. One Day 4-H conluded the week in Texas on October 10th. The 2020 theme was Opportunity4All, a campaign created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.

Counties across the state of Texas participated in National 4-H Week in many different ways! Youth participated in 4-H spirit day and went around town decked out in 4-H green, supported and promoted the Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign, relished in the memories of 4-H past, and encouraged new membership through county 4-H events.

One Day 4-H is an opportunity for youth to give back to their communities and say "thank you" for the support their counties provide to the 4-H program throughout the year. One Day 4-H is a day of service and in 2020, while service projects looked different due to COVID, 4-H'ers still found creative ways to serve their communities.

Several counties utilized their Fashion and Interior Design experience to sew masks for hospitals and care centers. Others held food drives to support their local food bank, while the rest did everything in between from cleaning out flower beds to picking up trash on the road side.

2020NE Day 4-H



The TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION'S 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN CONTEST

was a huge success thanks to our amazing Texas 4-Her's! We received hundreds of designs in 2020. The categories included the Clover Kid Division, Junior Division, and the Senior division. All proceeds from this event will support the county grant program.



Junior Division Finalist "Cowboy Santa" Caylee Potter, Upshur County



JUNIOR DIVISION FINALIST
"BOOT SCOOTIN' CHRISTMAS"
ABBY STEPHENS, BRAZOS COUNTY



SENIOR DIVISION FINALIST
"SUNSETS IN TEXAS"
GABRIELLA SANDER, GILLESPIE COUNTY



SENIOR DIVISION FINALIST
"STAR THAT NICHT"
ABIGAIL CLARK, HARRIS COUNTY



OVERALL WINNER
"COUNTRY CHRISTMAS"
KAYTE YANEZ, KAUFMAN COUNTY

unior and Senior Leadership Labs are opportunities for 4-H youth to develop as leaders, network with other 4-H youth from across their district, and have FUN each summer. Senior leadership labs are for senior-aged 4-H youth (9-12th grade). Each district hosts their own unique experience, planned and facilitated by their District 4-H Council, which are comprised of elected young people from counties across the particular district. The new District
Councils for the upcoming
year are also elected at most
of the leadership labs. Some
districts hold their labs together
as a way to maximize time,
financial resources, and facilities.
Leadership labs often include
leadership workshops led by the
district council officers, summer
activities such as fishing or ropes
courses, and, of course, the
highlight of the labs, a dance!
The district councils are guided in

the planning and facilitated by their District 4-H Specialist and County Extension Agents. The 2021 Senior Labs were a huge success and even more highly anticipated than usual as most labs were cancelled or virtual in 2020. Thank you, District Councils, for making the 2021 Senior Lab season a great one!





"It is so fun to have a friend in every county across the district at the end of camp"

— 10th grader



"A really enjoyed learning about solar power and how it is powering communities in other countries and the job opportunities" – 10th grader



"this was very fun. I learned about rockets and made new friends at the dance." – 5th grader





































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2020 - 21

Annual Report

Youth Reached 202,113

Rural | 29% Urban | 30% Suburbs | 41%

46,135 Members 15,595 Volunteers



ATEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

Ag & Livestock

FCH

Leadership & Citizenship

Natural Resources

STEM

104,898

58,904

10.050

19,252

24,715

9,901

Non-Hispanic

Hispanic

Male | 48%

Female | 52%

58%

42%