

Texas 4-H

BEYOND THE HORIZON



TEXAS 4-H

2021 - 2022

TOTAL PARTICIPATION



381,935

MEMBERS

46,633

VOLUNTEERS

29,519

INVOLVEMENT



191,351
Agriculture & Livestock



123,701
Family & Comm. Health



35,439
Leadership & Citizenship

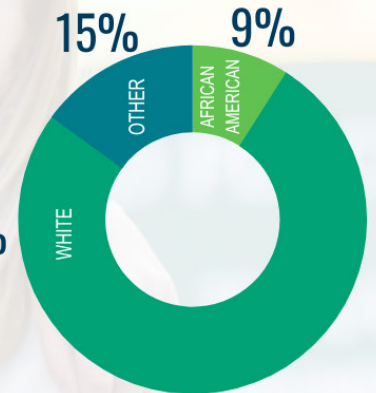


51,427
Natural Resources

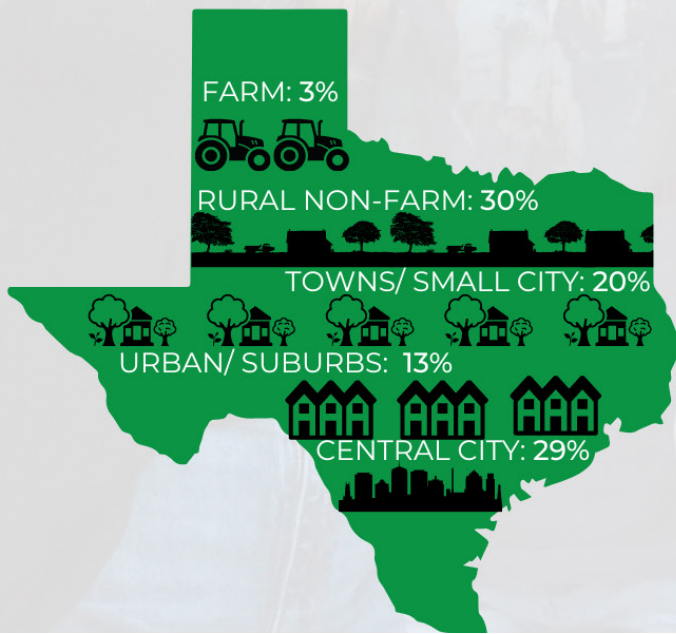


13,453
STEM

RACE



RESIDENCE



AGE

Clover Kid 34%
Elementary 41%
Middle School 12%
High School 8%



GENDER

49%
FEMALE

47%
MALE

In



1902, 4-H was founded upon the belief that young people can and do make a difference in the world around them when given the opportunity to succeed. Since 1908, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program has worked to provide education, resources, experiences, and opportunities to 500,000 youth on average, each year. As the leaders of our Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, we are proud of the opportunities provided to all youth over the past year. Because of the statewide support afforded by donors, leadership shown by AgriLife Extension Service personnel, and time generously given by 4-H volunteers, 4-H youth were able to succeed to new heights in the 2021-2022 4-H year. Texas 4-H Ambassadors and the Texas 4-H Council worked to “Make the Best Better” not only for the youth in the 4-H program, but for the entire state through educational opportunities and service worth more than \$850,000. New programs were developed and successfully implemented, such as the “South Texas 4-H Camp” and “Night at NASA.” New members found their place in the clover, and returning members found new experiences, like Mayce Ball. Returning programs provided improved education and opportunity, like the “Show Partners” nonprofit. Overall, the 4-H year saw progress, not only in numbers, but in the young people involved. In returning to “normal” after the pandemic, growth was evident across the entire state as membership numbers and service hours increased. The 2021-2022 4-H year was a successful implementation of bringing together our heads, hearts, hands, and health, to provide life changing opportunities to all youth. Thank you for your part of making that happen. As we extend our gratitude for your support of the deserving youth in this exemplary program, we invite you to take a look at 4-H beyond the horizon in this annual report.



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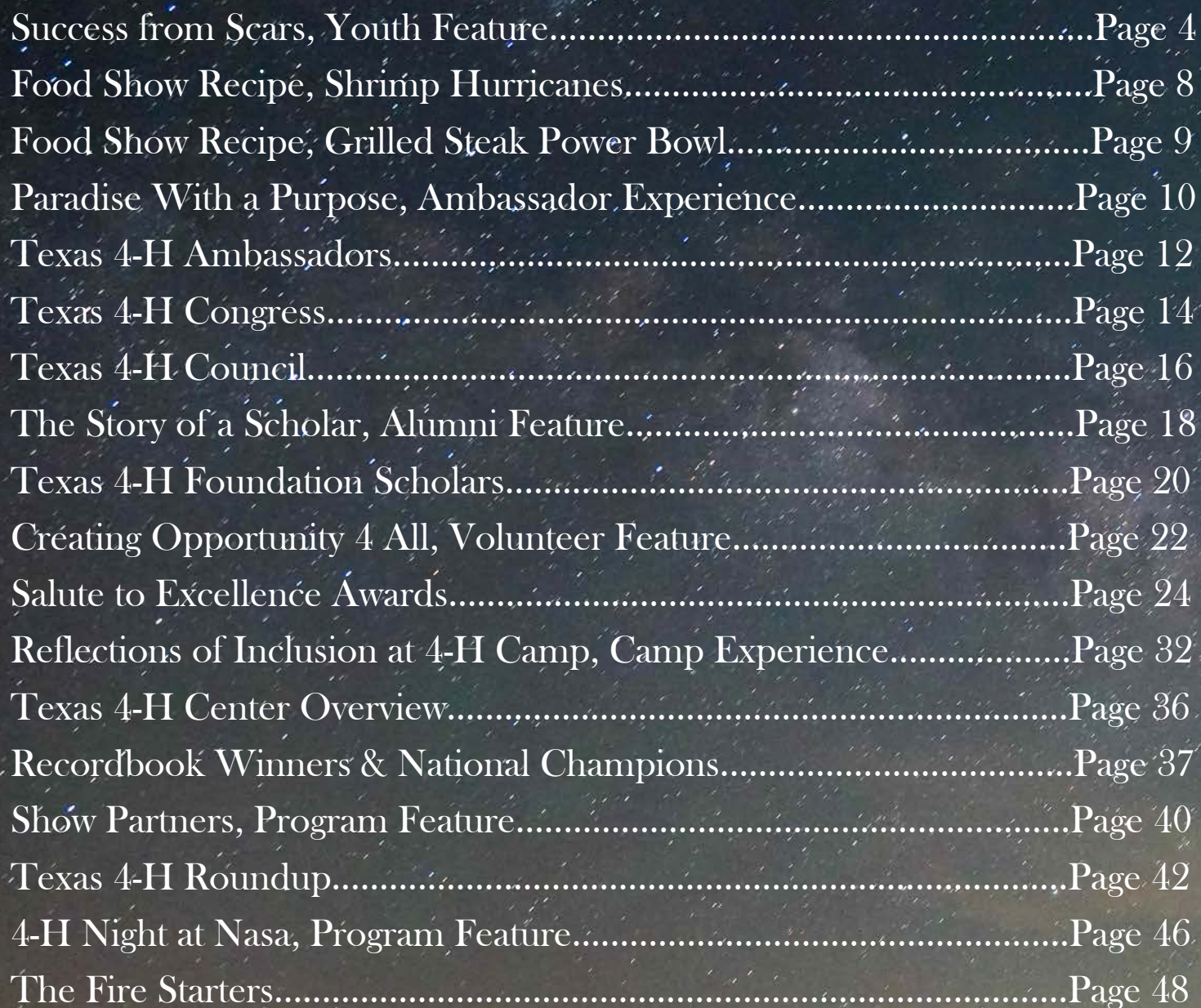


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SUCCESS FROM SCARS



"4-H has helped mold, shape and heal Mayce in her medical journey," Krecia Ball said. "Texas 4-H is not just a club or organization, it is a network of individuals working together to shape the next generation and a network of members working together to build up and support one another through life's difficult moments and through the triumphs."



Sophomore year of high school should mean an outing with friends on a Saturday night, feeling a little more confident in those senior level 4-H contests, or gossiping at the lunch table about the new cute boy in town. Sophomore year of high school should not mean shuffling in and out of hospital rooms, shifting passions to meet the needs of new physical challenges, or a terminal illness diagnosis.



Mayce Ball is a junior at Burlison High School and an 8-year Johnson County 4-H member. While Mayce's sophomore year of high school brought everything except what she expected, she refused to let her new reality take over her positive outlook on life.

"When I was first diagnosed, there were so many people that were in awe, or amazed by what I was going through, that they were able to do some crazy things themselves. I've seen that yes, I'm going through something, but look at the way it's helping people," Mayce said. "If I'm going through pain or whatever, but I'm still able to help people, that's what I want to do. Just because you're going through something doesn't mean you have to go through it alone. There's always people there with you."

Since joining 4-H in the fourth grade, Mayce has tried her hand at a multitude of projects including beef, rabbits, poultry, public speaking, food challenge and food show, consumer decision making, and more. She currently serves as a Texas 4-H Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador and is on the Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board. However, her real passion lies in her longest standing project, agricultural mechanics.

"I started off in 4th grade doing it and I built a live edge coffee table with the turquoise rocks in it and I kind of realized I really liked making furniture, specifically indoor furniture," Mayce said. "All of those were out of wood, so I wanted to try something else and I started TIG welding. I made an outdoor patio set with a bench, rocking chair, and planter completely out of metal. Then I made a bedroom set out of metal and wood. This year I made a dining room set with a table, six chairs, a bar cart, and a light fixture."

While Mayce's creativity and skill was always apparent, her ability to communicate that experience to the judges came as more of a hurdle...and a fire starter.

"I didn't realize you had to speak to the judges in ag mechanics so I was not too happy about that. The first year I totally did not say anything. I got last place because I did not

speak and that really made me mad, so ever since then I've spoken because I want to win," Mayce said. "After that, I built a dining room table and got second and realized this is what I really want to do. The next year, I won grand with my recliner at county and then we went to San Angelo and I placed second in my class underneath the grand overall of the whole show. So, I think since then I realized that was my thing, ag mech and building furniture."

While most would stop there, Mayce is much too ambitious for the average path, and chose to also participate in the Calf Scramble to align with her multi-generational background of raising beef cattle.

"I scrambled at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and caught, so I picked my heifer out and got her around October," Mayce said. "I showed a heifer named Bailey and it was about that time that I was having a lot of pain but we really didn't know what it was."

This is where the story shifts. After months of chiropractor cracks, dry needling, and physical therapy visits, still no answers were available for Mayce and her family, until a nurse noticed the lump on her neck.

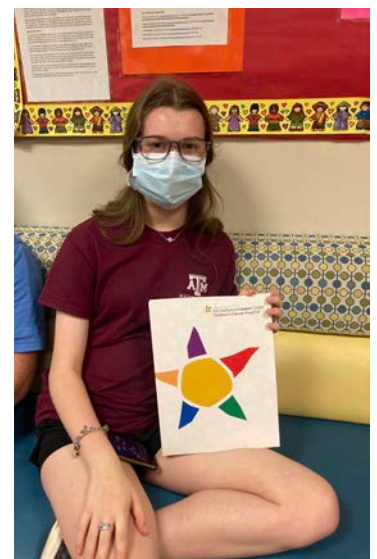
"We went to the doctor and the doctor thought I had cancer and sent me to the hospital," Mayce said. "I was in the hospital for about a week and they told me I had cancer, and then the last day they changed it to Schwannomatosis."

According to hopkinsmedicine.org, "Schwannomatosis is a type of neurofibromatosis and is a rare genetic disorder that results in multiple tumors that grow on the coverings of peripheral nerves throughout the body that can cause debilitating pain and neurological dysfunction."

"I had my first surgery about April and they removed the tumor on my back that was causing so much pain," Mayce said. "After that, I continued to have more surgeries to take more tumors out so I wouldn't have more pain."

With no cure yet, the only option for pain management is removing the tumors that cause mobility dysfunction. Over the course of the past 15 months, Mayce has already endured 8 removal surgeries at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and will continue to have more as more tumors arise.

"I remember the first week when I was in the hospital, when they didn't know what I had, all I wanted to do was go home and see my dog and my show heifer," Mayce said. "4-H helped me get through that because I had something to look forward to when I got home. I had my heifer Bailey to go home to." Before her medical journey started, Mayce had



been giving an educational presentation on genetic mutations in Angus cattle, ironically enough, being a similar situation to what she was then diagnosed with. As a young lady who does not enjoy the outward expression of emotion, her first district contest after beginning this medical journey came as both a shock and a learning experience.

"I finished my speech and then they asked me 'what's the hardest thing you've ever been through' and if you know me you know I hate crying, but I cried," Mayce said. "I think the main reason I cried and the main reason I answered the question the way I did is because I realized that's probably the hardest thing I'm ever going to go through. I feel like 4-H has really helped me through that because it was at a public speaking contest where I really realized 'I'm going to have this for the rest of my life and I can't change it.'"

Her first back surgery removed more than just a back tumor, but also Mayce's ability to show her heifer Bailey. Mayce quickly re-shifted her focus and invested in her first pen of rabbits.

"I guess I realized you can do other things through 4-H. It doesn't have to be what you're used to or just one thing," Mayce said. "There's so many things out there for so many different people who could be going through different things."

Mayce feels thankful for the support she's received from her County Extension Agents, volunteers, and fellow 4-H'ers in Johnson County and the Friendship 4-H Club.

"Last year, they were doing officer elections but I was going into the hospital, so they let me record my officer election speech and I ended up getting vice president," Mayce said. "Any time I'm gone they always write me letters or send me videos or things so it's really nice knowing I have them supporting me."



Mayce's Mom, Krecia Ball, is also in awe of the impact 4-H has made on her daughter's unexpected life.

"4-H has helped mold, shape and heal Mayce in her medical journey," Krecia said. "Texas 4-H is not just a club or organization, it is a network of individuals working together to shape the next generation and a network of members working together to build up and support one another through life's difficult moments and through the triumphs."

Mayce was placed in Cook's Children's Hospital, where she found herself lacking entertainment from

the dolls and coloring sheets offered to the children there. Rather than let sorrow overcome her, Mayce once again took a bad situation and turned it into something beautiful.

"I was coming home one day and said 'I think I want to start a nonprofit foundation to collect donations for kids my age of things they're interested in and would want to do in the hospital,'" Mayce said. "So, we started Mayce's Mission and since then we've collected several donations and taken truckloads of coloring books, markers, card games, board games, and other activities to Cook's Children's and MD Anderson."

To support the Foundation, visit the Mayce's Mission Facebook page or find the Mayce's Mission Amazon Wish List to donate straight from the list of what Mayce calls, "not only what kids need, but what kids want."



"It's so exciting to get things in the mail of things people have donated," Mayce said. "We collect all of those donations and then once we have enough we send them to the hospital."

As if she didn't have enough on her plate already, Mayce has big plans for her Junior and Senior years of high school, like (hopefully) taking her Food Challenge team to Nationals and getting the Poultry Judging program kickstarted in her county.

"Outside of 4-H, I want to make furniture and do this as a career," Mayce said. "I want someone to see a piece of my furniture and say 'oh that's so cool' and the owner be able to answer 'thanks, Mayce Ball made it.'"

Even beyond that, though, Mayce aspires to attend Texas A&M University and major in Agriculture Business. Mayce's biggest goal though, is, "I want to be called Dr. Mayce Ball one day."

While her medical journey is far from finished, her impact has been and will continue to be bigger than any tumor, procedure, or recovery. Mayce's strength, courage, and passion for the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program resounds around the Nation as she hopes to encourage other youth that "in 4-H, there's something for everyone."

"It doesn't matter who you are, there's something you can do," Mayce said. "There's a contest, something you can show, there's always someone who's going to plug you in and make you feel at home and I feel like that's definitely what 4-H has done for me."



SHRIMP HURRICANES

Jayden Ingalls, Bexar County, District 10

Prep time: 30-45 minutes, Cook Time: 10-15 minutes, Cost: \$2.17/serving

- 1 pound peeled, deveined, tail-on, Colossal Raw Shrimp, thawed
- 2 t Paprika
- 2 t Garlic Powder
- 2 t Onion Powder
- 2 t Thyme Leaves
- 2 t Oregano Leaves
- 1/2 t Cayenne Pepper
- 4 T Olive Oil + 1/2 t Olive Oil
- 1 1/2 t Lemon Juice
- Himalayan Pink Salt, to taste
- Peppercorn Medley, to taste
- 1/2 baby-sized Zucchini Squash, sliced
- 3 ounces Andouille Sausage, sliced
- 7-8 Cherry Tomatoes
- 4 ounces Plain Greek Yogurt
- Parsley, minced
- 1 small lemon, sliced into wedges
- Bag of bamboo skewers, preferably small



Thaw the shrimp in a small bowl of cool water. Turn stove onto low and heat non-stick frying pan. In another small bowl, combine the paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, thyme leaves, oregano leaves, and cayenne pepper. Reserve about 1 T of the mixture into a separate bowl. Next, remove any remaining shrimp peels or veins, but leave the tail-on. Put the shrimp into a separate bowl, and add 2 T olive oil and a few splashes of lemon juice. Then, marinate the shrimp with 5-8 pinches of the prepared mixed seasoning until fully coated. Add the himalayan pink salt and pepper medley to the shrimp, to taste. Slice the zucchini and andouille sausage into coin sized pieces. Place the cherry tomatoes and zucchini coins into a separate bowl, coat with 1 tablespoon olive oil and splash of lemon juice, and then marinate the vegetables with 3-4 pinches of the same prepared mixed seasoning until fully coated. Add the himalayan pink salt and pepper medley to the marinated vegetables, to taste. In another small bowl, combine 4 ounces plain greek yogurt with 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon of the reserve prepared mixed seasoning. Mince the parsley and slice the lemon into wedges for garnishing. Set the yogurt mixture to the side and minced parsley with lemon wedges to the side. To assemble the shrimp hurricanes, take the skewer and stick the tail end of one piece of shrimp through the skewer, take a second shrimp and stick the same skewer through the head of the shrimp. Next, take either a tomato, zucchini, or sausage coin and stick it onto that same skewer, take the 1st shrimp head and stick it through the skewer and the 2nd shrimp tail through the skewer, making a pinwheel design. Repeat for the rest of the shrimp, tomatoes, zucchini and sausage coins. Once ready, turn the heat up on the stove to medium temperature, and coat pan with about 1 tablespoon olive oil. Cook for about 3-5 minutes on each side or until opaque in color. Top shrimp hurricanes with the yogurt mixture and garnish with a lemon wedge and a sprinkle of parsley. Yields 4-5 servings.

*Food Show
State Champion*



GRILLED STEAK POWER BOWL

Rebecca Catlin, Brazos County, District 9

Prep time: 30 minutes, Cook time: 30 minutes, Cost: \$3.59/serving

6-8 oz. boneless shoulder steak, cut to ½ -1 inch thick

Marinade: ¼ cup Italian dressing and 2 tsp steak seasoning

1 Tbsp unsalted butter

1/2 cup red bell pepper, diced

1/2 cup yellow bell pepper, diced

1/2 cup green bell pepper, diced

1/2 cup red onion, diced

4 Roma tomatoes, diced

1 can black beans, drained and rinsed

1 can sweet corn, drained and rinsed

1 medium or large avocado, sliced or diced

1-2 garlic cloves, minced

1 Tbsp lime zest

3 Tbsp lime juice (about one lime)

1/4-1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 cup cilantro, roughly chopped

2 tsp. olive oil

1 package of brown, red, and wild rice with quinoa blend



Instructions:

Sprinkle steak seasoning on all sides of the steak and pour Italian dressing over the top. Place in a shallow dish and cover with an airtight lid or plastic wrap. Place in fridge for at least 1 hour before grilling or overnight for best results. Create Veggie Blend - In a large bowl, combine all vegetable and seasoning ingredients and stir well. Allow flavors to marinate for at least 30 minutes. Cook 1 package of brown, red, and wild rice with quinoa according to box instructions. Grill steak – Take steak out of the refrigerator about 30 minutes before cooking so it has time to come to room temperature. Place the steak(s) on the lightly-oiled surface of the grill and cook for about 3 min per side or until they've reached the desired temperature. About 2 minutes before the steak is ready, place about 1 tablespoon of butter on the top, and brush the melted butter around the steak. Let the steak(s) rest for 5-10 min after cooking, wrapped in foil to contain the heat. Build Power Bowl – Combine ½ cup of cooked brown, red, and wild rice with quinoa blend, 1 cup of veggie blend, and top with strips of grilled steak for one serving. Serve immediately. Makes 2-3 servings.

*Food Show
State Champion*

Paradise with a PURPOSE



Thirty youth, five adults, four islands, and no less than a lifetime of memories... welcome to the Texas 4-H Livestock and Equine Ambassador Hawaii Agricultural Experience.

On August 1, 2022, 30 selected youth and the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture team boarded a flight that would embark them on the adventure of a lifetime in Oahu, Big Island, Maui, and Kauai, Hawaii. Kelley Ranly and Billy Zanolini, PhD., AgriLife Extension Specialists, lead the Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassador programs for deserving youth like Luke Sanders from Brazos County 4-H. The following conversations allow an inside look to the Hawaiian agricultural experience.

Kelley Ranly

Q- Give us an overview of the Ambassador programs.
A- The Texas 4-H Livestock and Equine Ambassador Programs provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth and serving as advocates for animal agriculture and the equine industry. Through collegiate level training and hands-on experience, Ambassadors are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as educators in their community and stewards of the industries.



Q- What was the Hawaii Agricultural experience?

A- Each year, Ambassadors who have completed both the first and second phases of the ambassador programs are eligible to apply for the third phase of the program, a domestic or international experience. The Hawaii Agricultural Experience was the third phase experience chosen for those eligible to attend in 2022.

Q- Why was this trip taken?

A- In designing the Hawaii Experience, our primary goal was to gain an understanding of diversity and complexity of Hawaiian agriculture. We wanted to explore marine life and volcanic features to understand how that impacts farming and ranching in the state. We also looked to investigate the regulations and challenges Hawaii faces with regard to water, environment, transportation and other components, and then compare those to what we see here in Texas and on the mainland in general. Of course, we also wanted to observe Hawaiian culture and understand more about the history of the islands.

Q- How was the agenda curated?

A- Planning for the Hawaii Agricultural Experience began about eight months prior to the trip. Our team had an excellent group of folks both on the mainland and in Hawaii that were graciously willing to give their time, energy and effort to make this an incredible experience for our youth. The agenda was curated by first determining primary goals and desired outcomes of the experience. Our team was then able to communicate those goals with industry leaders, university contacts, 4-H personnel, and program sponsors to gain insight and make connections with folks they recommended. As the conversations continued, new opportunities arose, connections were formed, and the agenda took its' shape thanks to the whole team.

Q- What were the learning outcomes for the youth?

A- As a result, 97% of participants said that they gained more extensive knowledge and understanding of the agriculture industry. Additionally, 96% of students stated that they found the importance of verbal communication while studying in Hawaii, and 98% felt they gained content that they could not have achieved in another program.

Q- Is there anything else that describes this trip?

A- One of our Ambassadors said it best when he said: "When I stepped off the plane on the first day, my butterflies of excitement were accurate. The ten days ahead of me would be some of the most thrilling and fun days I have ever experienced. The Hawaii Agricultural Experience provided a plethora of new knowledge and information regarding Hawaiian agriculture that I will effectively be able to convey to peers and the public. Nevertheless, the impact and influence of people, places, and memories have shaped me into a better human and advocate for perspectives, relationships, and agriculture."

Luke Sanders

Q- Introduce yourself and your 4-H experience.

A- I attended the Hawaii Agricultural Experience as a Livestock Ambassador. I'm a senior at A&M Consolidated High School and in Brazos County 4-H. In 7th grade I joined my first 4-H club and attended my first meeting. I got into livestock judging and then the next year started showing goats and got involved in the veterinary science project and contests like livestock skill-a-thon and livestock quiz bowl. I really fell in love with the industry and 4-H because I truly found a family in 4-H. The Livestock Ambassador program has been my favorite so far. It has been the best program, the most intense and highest quality program.



Q- Tell me about your experience on the Hawaii trip.

A- We got to travel to different production agriculture sites and different ranches and cattle operations, but we also got to see a lot of other Hawaiian agriculture and just culture and learn a lot about how policy works in Hawaii and how their communities work. It was very eye-opening to all of us. I was expecting the scenery to be cool and some of the places to be cool, but I didn't expect the people to be as amazing as they were.

Q- What was your favorite part of the trip?

A- So my favorite part of the trip was the people. Not only the people in Hawaii, but my fellow Ambassadors and just really getting to connect with them for the ten days.

Q- What did you learn on this experience?

A- I would say the biggest thing I learned from the Hawaii trip to takeaway and apply in life is what Mrs. Loni (owner of Kapapala Ranch on Big Island) taught me, that perspective is everything. Mrs. Loni looked at the bigger picture to fix her problems, and it just really taught me that taking a step back and looking at things again, understanding it from a different perspective, is so vital not only in life, but also in the agricultural industry as we move forward.

Q- Describe this experience in one word.

A- They taught us Ohana means family in Hawaiian, so if I could describe this trip in one word, it's Ohana because of that family bond we all had. Every place we went, every person we connected with, I just felt like we had that bond and that family aspect to it.

Q- Is there anything else that describes your experience?

A- I truly appreciate this experience and everything that 4-H has done for me. I can honestly say I would not be the same person without 4-H. I know it's cookie-cutter, but honestly from the bottom of my heart, 4-H has changed me for the better.

Billy Zanolini, PhD.

Q- What do these ambassadors gain from this experience?

A- The ambassadors gain a sense of perspective, purpose, and a place in agriculture. Our goal is for youth to come away understanding where and how they can serve as a voice for agriculture and policies that may impact our way of life. These youth better understand that agriculture is far-reaching and complex in varying environments.

Q- Why do you value taking an agricultural experience trip with the Livestock and Equine Ambassadors each year?

A- Growth happens when you travel and get outside your comfort zone. Going places allows students to gain new perspectives. Traveling makes Ambassadors stronger advocates because of experiences.

Q- What goes into the "vision" stage of these trips?

A- We have to go somewhere different. We are chasing new ideas and alternate backgrounds to better prepare our students for challenges and opportunities ahead. Our team focuses on places that are currently facing challenges that Texas will encounter in the future. TYLA travel experiences are fast paced and packed with education. These are not vacations! Ambassadors return home exhausted – they are certainly tested mentally and physically.

Q- What is one experience that sticks out in your mind?

A- The Kapapala Ranch on Big Island was one of the most intriguing visits of any experience we have ever had at TYLA, period. There, we met an incredible cattle and goat rancher, Lani Cran Petrie. Sure, the country was beautiful and unique, but it was the discussion with Mrs. Petrie that moved our program forward. She challenged my thinking on invasive species and introduced new ideas regarding regenerative agriculture. Her thoughts and convictions on working with the land and the creatures living on it, changed my mind.

Q- What ideas or plans can you share about the 2023 trip?

A- We are going international for sure. In December, the TYLA Vision Committee will be considering South Africa, Australia, and Argentina/Chile for 2023.

While the sand has settled from this year's trip, new experiences are always on the horizon for the Livestock and Equine Ambassadors. To learn more about or support any of our eight Ambassador programs, visit the Texas 4-H website.



EQUINE
21 Active Ambassadors



The Texas 4-H Ambassador programs offer high school aged youth learning opportunities in **eight** different project areas. Youth are selected statewide and work to learn, serve, and complete immersive experiences such as domestic and international trips, trainings, and more.

FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN
15 Active Ambassadors



HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH
172 Active Ambassadors



LIVESTOCK
137 Active Ambassadors



SHOOTING SPORTS

53 Active Ambassadors



Total Monetary Value of Ambassador Service and Education - **MORE THAN \$855,450**

PHOTO

29 Active Ambassadors



People Reached Via Ambassador Service and Education - **MORE THAN 33,522**

STEM

29 Active Ambassadors



WATER






60 Active Ambassadors





Texas 4-H Congress is a mock legislative experience held at the Texas Capitol in which 4-H youth learn about the legislative process in the most immersive way. By assuming the roles of Governor, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, Committee Chairs, Representatives, Senators, the Press, and Lobbyists, the youth attendees spend four days in the chambers with bills written by their peers debating, discussing, and passing bills to have them signed by the Texas 4-H Governor.



-  **39 ADULT ATTENDEES**
-  **198 YOUTH ATTENDEES**
-  **20 YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP TEAM**
-  **10 LOBBYISTS**
-  **14 PRESS CORPS MEMBERS**



Lieutenant Governor, Hanniah Norl, was stricken with emotion upon wearing the coveted "green jacket" for the first time. One month later, Hanniah received her own green jacket as a member of the upcoming Texas 4-H Council., calling it "a dream come true."

“Four months ago, the political system abhorred me. I had only heard of politicians not doing their jobs, and the process of passing a bill was merely information I would have to memorize for my next social studies test. However, all of this would change after attending Texas 4-H Congress. When I first heard I was selected as Speaker of the House, I was ecstatic: I would be able to end my 4-H career on a high note! As the event drew nearer, though, panic and dread quickly set in as I realized I had no idea what I would be doing, let alone the process of passing a bill into law or how a congressional session was run, for that matter. Nonetheless, I begrudgingly arrived in Austin with the rest of the leadership team a few days prior to the rest of the participants, and, after an introductory workshop to the legislative process and our responsibilities, my fears were slightly eased. It was during this time that I fell in love with the legislative process. The rigid complexity fascinated me, and my peers and I spent hours debating bills and discussing the process. Finally, the participants began to arrive. I dug deep into my resources. Early mornings and late nights were spent reading over the bill book, studying parliamentary procedure, and watching both United States and Texas legislative sessions so that I was thoroughly prepared for the days to come. Despite feeling like I could have prepared even more, the time for the first business session came rather quickly, I took a deep breath and tapped the oversized gavel on the pad. Soon, I was thrown into a whirlwind, albeit strictly organized and ordained, of debate, voting, and procedurals. I had the privilege of sitting in on some of the committee hearings, and to see the bills, and their respective debates, brought before the entire House of Representatives was truly awe-inspiring. Even during the more heated bills, the level of decorum and debate that was maintained was remarkable. I still am baffled that I was the one presiding over all of it. During the recessionary periods in which the districts caucused for voting, I marveled at the process. From writing the bills, all the way to them being voted on, I watched it all unfold, and learned more about the legislative process than I ever could have in a classroom or from a textbook. It took me actually sitting in the leather chair, at the front of the House of Representatives, under the star-shaped chandeliers, and holding that massive gavel for me to actually realize how much I loved it all.

Three months ago, I would have scoffed at the idea of making a career out of policy or politics. Now, because of those three days, I know for certain that that is what I want to do. I may have entered Texas A&M University as a Neuroscience major, but, after realizing that it was not the path for me and reflecting back on my time at Congress, I now have realized that I want to go into politics and policy, with a focus on international agricultural policy. Texas 4-H Congress presented the legislative process to me in a way that enthralled me. Not only did it teach me the ins and outs of the process, but it made me roll up my sleeves and actually live it, which is an experience that few outside of the organization can say they have done. Congress was truly a life-changing experience, and I will be forever grateful for the organization that allowed me to experience it.”

Miranda Skaggs of Brazos County served as Governor of the 2022 Texas 4-H Congress. Hanniah Norl of Walker County served as the Lieutenant Governor, and Logan Baker of Bexar County served as the Speaker of the House. Logan's capstone 4-H experience provided more than a fun time with friends. Logan left the event with a new outlook on politics and his career. The following narrative is what Logan shared about his experience and what he gained.

2021- TEXAS 4-H



Kollier Miller
Carson County, District 1
President



Amy Kaye Mathis
At-Large Delegate
1st Vice President



Brinley Allison
McLennan County, District 8
2nd Vice President



Berkley Carver
Hale County, District 2



Campbell Offield
Hale County, District 2



Morgan Earthman
Knox County, District 3



Ashley Riddle
Clay County, District 3



Vivian "Paige" Qualia
Val Verde County, District 6



Owen Seidenberger
Glasscock County, District 6



Alexandria "Allie" Kalina
Runnels County, District 7



Sarah Wood
Bell County, District 8



Addie Brown
Bee County, District 11



Mackenzie Poncik
Fayette County, District 11



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The Story of a Scholar

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation was proud to award more than \$2.9 million in scholarships to 231 deserving 4-H graduates in 2022.

Lance Holloway from Shelby County 4-H in District 5 was a 10-year 4-H member, participating every year he was eligible. Holloway walked the Roundup stage in June 2022 as the recipient of the Davidson Foundation \$20,000 scholarship.

“I started off doing shooting sports and showing livestock. I showed pigs and then later on in my high school career, I showed lambs as well,” Holloway said. “In shooting sports, I shot from the time that they would let me in to throughout high school.”

He also participated in livestock judging, virtual fishing tournaments, and photography contests, alongside holding leadership positions such as Vice President and Secretary for the Shelby County 4-H Club.

“4-H taught me networking skills, being able to meet and talk to people throughout the state. And also, learning things like shooting sports, which is something I can always do,” Holloway said. “Showing animals taught me that success takes a lot of hard work, spending hours working towards something and hopefully succeeding. But also, that even if you don’t succeed, it’s still worth it putting in all the work. It makes you feel like you’re a part of something.”

Holloway said that receiving this scholarship meant that everything he did paid off in the end; that “it was all worth it.” Holloway is currently a freshman at Texas A&M University, majoring in Business with hopes of going into the supply chain management field.

“I’m not quite sure what my future will hold yet, but after graduation, I want to get a job somewhere back in the east Texas area, in hopefully the agriculture field, or just a business career in general,” Holloway said. “I’m also on the trap and skeet team, which, from what I’ve learned in 4-H, I’ve kind of carried that over into the team for Texas A&M.”

Holloway is thankful for his time in 4-H and recognized that the many opportunities presented to the youth in the Texas 4-H program would not be possible without the support of the many donors.

“First off, I want to tell them thank you for contributing to one of the best programs for kids. I think 4-H is an amazing thing for meeting friends and learning valuable things that you can take with you throughout your life,” Holloway said. “What I would say to the donors is just thank you for donating to such an organization that is helpful to so many youth in Texas.”

To learn more about the scholarship program, or to give back to the deserving youth of Texas 4-H, visit texas4hfoundation.org.



Give now to support 4-H youth like Lance.



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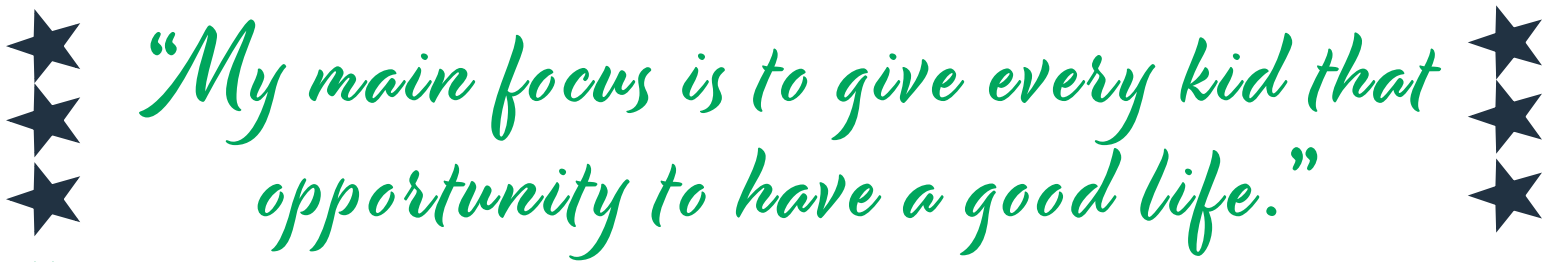
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“My main focus is to give every kid that opportunity to have a good life,” Brazos County 4-H volunteer, Tchlendra Williams said. “So, if that’s what I can do every day, that’s what I am going to do.”

“Ms. Lynn” has volunteered for the 4-H program in Brazos county for 10 years alongside her husband, creating opportunities for youth from all walks of life. Some of her involvement as a project leader and club manager for the North Bryan New Birth Baptist 4-H Club include Fashion and Interior Design, Food and Nutrition, Youth Entrepreneurship, Photography, Leadership, and Community Service, just to name “a few.”

“We don’t have many volunteers in our club, so if the kid wants to do it, I volunteer to lead it. We’ll do one project this week and one project next week until we cover all the projects they want,” Williams said. “As long as the kids love doing it, I’ll do it, even if it has me strung from one end of Bryan/College Station to the other.”

While her passion is volunteering in any way she can, her hunger for 4-H developed because the program was something that all six of her kids could find their unique spark in. With three kids still in the program, there’s no end in sight as she made it clear “they’ll do 4-H until they can’t anymore!”

“It’s something that everyone could do and everyone loved and we were always together as a family. It’s something we could all do together as a family and have fun at it, and they thrived,” Williams said. “Great opportunities kept coming their way through 4-H, so we stayed with it and I’m going to stay with it, even after my kids are all graduated.”

Ms. Lynn is more than just a 4-H Mom, though. She’s “a basketball Mom, a church Mom, the Mom who does everything,” and also was a foster Mom for 15 years. Throughout that time, she and her husband, Bobby, welcomed 56 kids into their loving home, adopting six of them, even though Ms. Lynn really wanted to keep every single child that found solace under her roof.

“Within two weeks of getting licensed, we got a knock on our door with [our first son], and then we took his sister in. We have three sets of siblings now,” Williams said. “We adopted our first one, some in between, and our last one. That was also a way of giving back and helping kids and I wouldn’t change any of it.”

Williams’ passion for giving back comes from a place of gratitude for the individuals who helped raise her.

“Me, my Mom, my other six siblings, my Grandmother, and my Grandfather all lived in a three-bedroom home,” Williams

said. “Everyone in the community helped raise us, so I can’t do anything but help to raise other kids.”

Williams shared that one reason she loves 4-H is because “it offers opportunities for kids from all genres.” As an example, Williams shared the story of one 4-H youth who came into the program with a bad attitude about trying new things, and left with a completely reinvented life trajectory.

“Even though she didn’t want to go, she went to the district Leadership Lab and stayed overnight on the Texas A&M Galveston campus. That trip was maybe the best thing that happened in her life,” Williams said. “It inspired her so much that she is now attending Texas A&M Galveston studying marine biology. It encouraged her to go to college and that sticks with me.”

Williams shared she could “do 4-H forever if every kid came out inspired like that.” One of her passions in 4-H is working with the Heroes for Health program, teaching youth simple ways to live a healthier life. Her involvement in that program even took her all the way to Washington D.C. with her daughter.

“I had never even traveled out of state before in my life, until I got involved in 4-H. My goal has always been to travel and it’s helped me reach my goal,” Williams said. “Having the opportunity to go and learn things and bring them back home to make 4-H here better, as well as take things to other people, was a great opportunity. If you’re helping kids, if the opportunity comes to the kids, it’s also going to come to you.”

Williams recommends the 4-H program to all youth and adults alike, but understands jumping in to lead a project can seem daunting and has a few pieces of advice to offer new volunteers.

“As a volunteer, do the projects you love and the ones that make you happy. Also, get the training! The more you learn, the more you can teach,” Williams said. “Seek other volunteers to help you, too. If you’re struggling, don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

With no end in sight for her 4-H experience, the youth of Brazos County 4-H and beyond will continue to reap the benefits of their star volunteer, Ms. Lynn, who truly gives from every ounce of her heart.

“I just love what I do and I don’t mind telling people what I love to do. Being part of 4-H happens to be one of the things I love to do,” Williams said. “Making kids happy and helping them succeed. If I could do it all day I would. That’s just what I love doing.”

4-H VOLUNTEERS HELP LEADERS BLOOM.

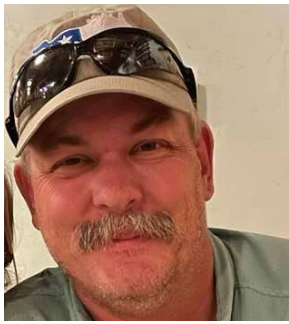


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The *Salute to Excellence Awards* were created to recognize, celebrate, and thank the outstanding Texas 4-H volunteers who have, and continue to, help 4-H youth blossom. Volunteers lead clubs, teach project areas, and mentor. They are often a sounding board for youth. They provide guidance in and out of 4-H programming and, often, the encouragement that keeps a young person striving towards their goals.

Of the more than 29,500 registered volunteers in 2021-2022, 34 of those were recongized throughout our statewide Salute to Excellence awards. One or two volunteers are selected from each district for the Salute to Excellence district awards. The Meritorious Service, Leader Legacy, Commendable Service, Citation for Outstanding Service, and Texas 4-H Alumni awards are chosen on a statewide basis. These recipients have provided a multitude of positive experiences for youth, in their own unique ways.

Enjoy learning more about the recipients in the following pages, based on what their nominators had to say about their service to 4-H. We want to thank all 4-H volunteers for their impact on 4-H youth year-round.



Kelvin Britten

District 1

Salute to Excellence

Kelvin Britten is the best volunteer in the Armstrong County 4-H program by far. His love for the kids and educating is beyond compare. He continues to take members to district and state contests through the archery program while teaching lifelong skills along the way. He has been a vital part of the Armstrong County 4-H Shooting Sports Club for almost 9 years. He is one of the hardest working, loyal, respectful individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He would drop everything he is doing to come and help you if you asked. He averages about 40-50 kids a year in our shooting sports program and continues to add more. Archery in Armstrong County is one of the most popular and in-demand projects offered. It is all because of Kelvin and how good he is with the kids. The kids look up to him and respect him. He has played a big part in their lives and has taught them many lessons. He was also a great part in our lamb and goat projects a few years ago. He provided knowledge and skills to exhibitors to better them in the show ring.



Angela Spinhirne

District 1

Salute to Excellence

Angela Spinhirne has been a 4-H volunteer in Oldham County for ten years. Through those 10 years she has volunteered for many different projects and activities. She has been the head project leader for our Bottle Calf Project for 5 years. In those 5 years she helped revamped the record book, for that part of the project, and helped the agent expand the learning opportunities by helping co-host/host monthly practices, 4-5 months out of the year that focus on the three components of the project: showmanship, interview, and record book. Not only does she help with the Bottle Calf project, but she also helps with many other projects, community service activities, and fundraisers that are hosted through or for 4-H. We are grateful for the time and effort she puts into the Oldham County 4-H program.



Gary & Kristy Henniger

District 2

Salute to Excellence

Gary and Kristy Henniger have been involved with the Lubbock County 4-H program for the past 12 years. During this time, they have served as club managers, project leaders, Parent Leaders Association Officers, and volunteers. They are always happy and willing to help, providing a very positive environment and experience for the youth and adults that they have worked with. They have left a significant impact on the Lubbock County 4-H program and continue to "Make the Best Better" through their 4-H involvement.



Sheila Birdwell

District 3

Salute to Excellence

Sheila Birdwell has and continues to be an influential leader in Jack County 4-H. She began her volunteer service along with another parent to start a 4-H Club in Bryson, Texas. What is most amazing about this act of service is her son was not even old enough yet to be in 4-H at the time, however; she recognized a need and set out to make a difference in the community. Sheila has compassion and dedication to helping all 4-H members accomplish their goals, she has not only helped 4-H members further their project work and contest experiences, but also helped with other youth events in the Jack County community.



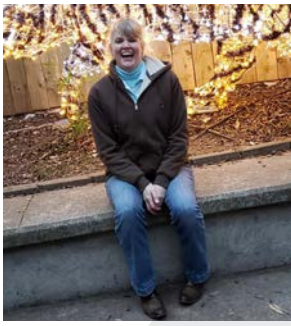
Laurie Washburn

District 3

Salute to Excellence

Laurie Washburn has been a 4-H Volunteer and Wise County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Support Staff member for 15 years. In her volunteer role with Wise County 4-H, Laurie's expertise in the Fashion and Interior Design Project has been shared with many 4-H members, and she is also a wealth of knowledge in other project areas. Laurie has also been a huge asset for the 4-H program and the Extension Office when the office had a turnover in 4-H agents. Wise County is incredibly lucky to have Laurie as a continued volunteer in their program!





Nikki Milam

District 4

Salute to Excellence

Nikki Milam is a 10-year 4-H volunteer from Collin County, District 4. Her three kids, Ashlyn, Kayla, and Grant were drawn into 4-H through the Horse, Vet Science, and Shooting Sports projects. When needed, Nikki stepped up as the Field and Stream 4-H Club Manager, and the coach for Hippology and Horse Quiz Bowl. While her two daughters graduated from 4-H, she has continued to coach Archery and Horse Quiz Bowl every week. This year she traveled across the country to Ohio to coach the Texas 4-H National Qualifying Quiz Bowl Team.



LaTonia Arris

District 4

Salute to Excellence

LaTonia Arris has been a champion for Fannin County 4-H for 10 years. In her time as a 4-H volunteer in Fannin County, Mrs. Arris has been a proven leader, founding a new 4-H club and serving as Club Manager. In her capacity as Club Manager, Mrs. Arris has been extremely successful in recruitment, establishing the Fannin 4-H Club as the largest and most active club in the county. Within her club, she leads numerous projects, notably the Food and Nutrition and Consumer Education projects in which she has led several 4-H teams to honors at county, district, state, and other major contests. One of her strongest qualities is her ability to develop relationships with 4-H members, helping them to grow and achieve. She is shining example of 4-H, making the best better.



Christi Grandgeorge

District 5

Salute to Excellence

Christi Grandgeorge is an outstanding 4-H volunteer that surely bleeds green! She grew up in Angelina County 4-H and has been a dedicated leader for the past 10 years. She works diligently at club and county 4-H events and has been a tremendous asset at major livestock validations, a 4-H Momma to every kid, a Club Manager, and never turns down an opportunity to tell others how great 4-H is. She attends 4-H camp as a chaperone and has as much fun as the kids themselves regardless of how little sleep she has had. She is always willing to do what it takes to make the 4-H program work. Since her own children have outgrown the program, she has become certified as a 4-H archery coach to help grow a struggling archery project in the county. There is no distance too far, no night too late, or number of livestock to validate that scares her away. She is a County Extension Agent's dream volunteer leader, and it is with great pleasure that we honor you, Christi! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our program.



Sheryl & Marty Herrington

District 5

Salute to Excellence

Sheryl and Marty Herrington have been 4-H volunteers in Newton County for over eight years. In that time, they have made tremendous strides in advancing the County 4-H program and creating new and exciting opportunities for the youth. They chartered the Newton Area Youth Gun and Bow Club and, since its inception, have received close to \$30,000 in grant funding. They are the epitome of what Texas 4-H volunteers should be. Excited, reliable, trustworthy, honest, hard-working, inclusive, and as Sheryl will tell you - they bleed Green. Newton County is lucky to have them!



Rowdy & Michelle Ballard

District 6

Salute to Excellence

Rowdy and Michelle Ballard have devoted many years of service to Val Verde 4-H. Mr. Ballard served as a Shooting Sports coach for 15 years. Mrs. Ballard served as a Food & Nutrition project leader for 15 years and went on to serve as the Food & Nutrition coordinator for 11 years. She has led the Photography Project for 10 years and has served as Livestock BBQ Chairman for 12 years. All three of their children have been or are currently active members of Val Verde 4-H. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard have continued the legacy of service to the 4-H organization, modeled by their parents, one of which is still currently serving as a shooting sports volunteer.





Melody Daniel

District 6

Salute to Excellence

Melody Daniel has been a volunteer adult leader for the Winkler and Loving County 4-H members for over 16 years. She currently leads the Fashion and Interior Design Project Meetings with up to 15 4-Hers participating. She has taken many 4-H members and their projects to the district level Roundup and traveled to the ReFashion Retreat 5 times with as many as 10 4-H members. She has helped with District contests, hauled 4-H members to and been a chaperone at 4-H camp, Re-Fashion Retreat, showmanship camps, helped with projects such as Consumer Decision Making, Photography, Food & Nutrition, Shooting Sports and more. Melody is a 20-year Veteran and has led many programs teaching 4-H members what it means to be patriotic. She and her husband have sponsored many 4-H members' projects throughout the years helping them to learn what it means to raise an animal correctly for stock shows, instilling traditional values such as work ethic and compassion into them.



Ben & Meredith Taylor

District 7

Salute to Excellence

Ben and Meredith Taylor have been a vital asset to the Coleman County 4-H Shooting Sports project. The Taylor's serve as certified shooting sports instructors, and have been instrumental in coordinating weekly practices for the past fourteen years. They have helped recruit additional volunteers to the program and secure various equipment to enhance the program. Ben and Meredith have worked tirelessly to secure grants and additional funding to build silhouettes and backstops for the shooting program. Through their leadership over the past fourteen years, approximately 600 4-H youth have been involved in the shooting sports project. Ben and Meredith have coached and hauled youth to numerous contests, where several youth including their own kids, have been named champions.



Sandra Pfeuffer

District 7

Salute to Excellence

Sandra Pfeuffer is an avid supporter and advocate for the Tom Green 4-H Program. During her time as an adult leader, she has made a positive impact on all the youth and adult leaders she meets. She has dedicated many years of service as a club manager, project leader for Range science, leadership, and soil judging to name a few. If you are ever in need, she is the type of person to drop everything and assist.



Evelyn Steglich

District 8

Salute to Excellence

Evelyn Steglich of Holland, Texas has been a tremendous leader in the Bell County 4-H program for over 12 years. Her knowledge, background, and willingness to help have truly expanded the programming reach. Serving as the Holland 4-H Club Manager and the Bell Livestock Coalition Treasurer, she takes pride in recruiting youth, offering high quality club level experiences, and motivating members to pursue district, state, and national recognition in project areas. Her passion for the swine project, ag literacy education, and all things youth development have made her and her family an irreplaceable asset to the Bell County 4-H program.



Wes Allison

District 8

Salute to Excellence

Wes Allison has been a 4-H volunteer for 14 years in McLennan County and has served as a club manager, project leader, coach, member of the Leadership Advisory Board, Livestock Task Force, Fair Board Member, and Adult Leaders Committee. He has overseen and helped manage over 1,000 4-H youth and over 250 adult volunteers in his time spent as a club manager. He has been instrumental in starting the local 4-H scholarship program where over \$5,000 is given annually to graduating 4-H members, as well as growing the annual 4-H fundraiser to help raise funds for 4-H members to attend contest and camps.





Tchendra Williams
District 9
Salute to Excellence

Tchendra Williams or simply known throughout Brazos County as Mrs. Lynn has been an active club manager at North Bryan New Birth Baptist Church 4-H for over 7 years. In that time, the club has had representation on the national level at the National 4-H Conference, Heroes 4-Health Convention, and National 4-H Congress all in Washington, D.C. On the state and county level, her club members regularly attend Youth Leadership Lab and Junior Youth Leadership Lab (PVAMU), the statewide Healthy Living Summit, District 9 4-H Roundup, and Texas 4-H Roundup.



Chance Abercrombie
District 9
Salute to Excellence

Chance Abercrombie is an alumni of the Hardin County 4-H Program and is now carrying on the tradition with his children. The first to offer a helping hand to new families, no matter what that looks like, he truly wants to see his 4-H family succeed. Active across all 4-H programs, he is also a member of the Adult Leaders Group, and he spearheaded the donation of a building to the Hardin County 4-H Program. His dedication to make sure the youth of Hardin County have all the opportunities as larger communities, has even led to his certification by Texas 4-H in the Rifle area to bring back a program that has been missing from the county for 15 years. Mr. Abercrombie's help and support is unmatched and he brings excitement to all programs he is involved with.



Jennifer Wyle
District 10
Salute to Excellence

Jennifer Wyle served as a club manager for Kendall County 4-H and has extended her knowledge to grow the Meat Judging program. Jennifer goes above and beyond to build confidence and knowledge for students in the 4-H program. Through her passion and dedication to the meat judging teams she has successfully helped 4-H members qualify for several national contests which most recently led them to the American Royal where they received the Champion Team title and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th high individuals in the contest. With this success students have been noticed by several colleges to continue their education. Through Jennifer's leadership, this will benefit 4-H members in their future careers, and we are forever grateful.



Wendy Schmidt
District 10
Salute to Excellence

Wendy Schmidt has a huge heart for the mission of 4-H, its community and its youth. To work beside her is to know her passion for people and service. She strives to lead, teach, encourage, promote, and love others as evidenced by her service to all. She has served 4-H at the county level, in the county office, Travis County Youth Show, as Regents 4-H Club Manager, and she works closely with the Buyers Group that supports our club and many others. She leads teams in Consumer, Ag ID, and Wildlife Judging. She opens her home and resources regularly for study/practice sessions, project workdays and fellowship – not just for our club members, but for others as well. She works enthusiastically to bridge gaps, meet needs, and make things work. She has helped our club to grow to 66 members. Last year she helped our club to establish a scholarship fund for our seniors that will continue forward. Our youth thrive largely because of her and on behalf of our club, we'd be lost without her!



Elizabeth Sommerfeld
District 11
Salute to Excellence

Elizabeth Sommerfeld is the volunteer every 4-H organization dreams of. She always says yes, she always says, "how can I help?," and always has the best interests of not only her children but all the youth within the organization. She is a parent volunteer and also a project leader. She has always stepped up when others have failed or stepped down. Jackson County 4-H cannot thank Elizabeth enough for everything she does for us. Thank you for always being there!





Doug Borgo

District 11

Salute to Excellence

Doug Borgo is a volunteer in Nueces County that has put forward everything for the success of the kids. Doug is a Mounted Border Patrol Officer that knows what it is like to serve and protect. Mr. Borgo helps to teach the 4-H members some of the same things he has learned over the years. Doug is the club manager of the Nueces County Archery Club as well as a coach for the archery team. He has helped put on the Cotton Country Classic, a prospect show in Nueces County. He has also helped to run the 4-H booth at the Home and Garden Show. Promoting 4-H and promoting the teaching of our future leaders is what Doug loves to do.

Angela Smith Bull

District 12

Salute to Excellence

Angela Smith Bull has served in various capacities throughout the past 11 years. Her involvement started as a parent where she quickly realized the value of the 4-H program. Mrs. Bull's contribution to the program includes club leader for the Wild Horse Desert Club, horse judging coach, supporter of the little food pantry, and having served on various committees.

Elena Valles

District 12

Salute to Excellence

Elena Valles is a wife and mother of three girls that she has raised in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program within La Salle County. She and her family reside in the small town of Encinal, TX, population of 540. Elena has been the Encinal 4-H Club Manager for 15 plus years, stating she knew what 4-H was before enrollment went into effect online. Over the past 15 years, Elena has overseen countless club officers, fundraisers, and 4-H OneDay events. Her passion for youth work is in her heart. Elena strives to match her passion with purpose to empower tomorrow's youth.

Flora Williams

Meritorious Service

Brazos County Extension Agent, Flora M. Williams, has a passion for the 4-H program. Flora goes above and beyond to provide opportunities for the 4-H youth. Her tireless dedication to this program is the highlight of her nomination, along with her uniqueness in accomplishing so much in the time she has been employed as the Brazos County Family and Community Health Extension Agent. Her quiet humility makes it easy to overlook her significance and the asset she has been to her community. She consistently demonstrates reliability, quality of work, initiative, and professionalism in all she has accomplished as an Extension Agent, and the successes of Brazos County 4-Hers are her living legacy.

Dr. Darlene Locke

Meritorious Service

Darlene Locke not only believes in positive youth development, but puts her belief into action with each program, activity, or training she provides. Darlene's goal is to lay a foundation for youth to succeed in the present and the future. She continually looks for innovative, engaging, and fun ways to help youth reach their full potential. Even though she has taken on roles outside of the 4-H program, she continues to work tirelessly for the youth of Texas and Texas 4-H. The international focus, global citizenship structure, research connections, and risk management knowledge are vital pieces of 4-H. Darlene does a tremendous job of keeping members and parents engaged as well as keeping faculty members on track. Her passion for providing new and exciting opportunities to youth is contagious!





David Holt
Leader Legacy

David Holt has spent his adult life sharing his enthusiasm for the outdoors and his passion for Shooting Sports and Competitive Rifle Shooting to multiple generations of Lubbock County 4-H youth and their families for the past 49 years. It is with great pleasure that the Lubbock County 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee nominated David for the Leader's Legacy Award. His dedication and passion for the program are evident as he donates so much of his time and effort to the Lubbock County and District 2 4-H Rifle project.



Linda Brinlee
Leader Legacy

Linda Brinlee, Club Manager of the Bonham Texas Star 4-H Club within Fannin County, has been a 4-H volunteer for 32 years. Linda strives to provide 4-H programs and activities that club members are interested in and will benefit from in their future 4-H membership and lives. Linda also ensures that her co-managers and project leaders are always included in project activities and lessons. Linda's club has continued to be active in many projects including robotics, dog training, rabbits, goats, poultry, and service. Linda has led a large community service project in the county for many years, a Christmas day meal for the community, and she strives to include 4-H members in the planning and implementation of this great community service event which benefits the community as well as the youth.



Karen Fangman
Commendable Service

Karen Fangman is the Oldham County Administrative Assistant and has held this position for the past 12 years. Karen is a hardworking employee, and she greatly cares about the Extension program in Oldham County and its residents. You can always find Karen supporting our local businesses and promoting our Extension program at the same time. When you walk into the Oldham County Extension office, you can guarantee that you will be greeted with a smile and a happy, "Hello!" Karen is the number one supporter of the 4-H program in Oldham County, and she strives to make sure all families and 4-H members feel welcomed into the program.



Rita Wilson
Commendable Service

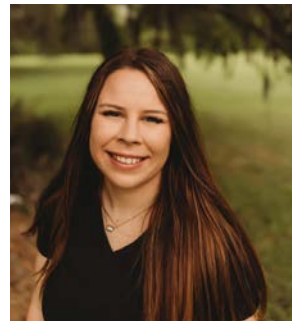
Rita Wilson has served as the Office Manager for the Lubbock County Extension Office for the past 28 years. Throughout this time, Rita has worked with, trained and assisted over 27 county Extension agents and support staff, plus numerous county and state interns. Attention to detail, planning ahead, organization and resource management, are all skills that she has utilized to keep the Lubbock County Extension Office running smoothly. Commitment and dedication are words that can be used to describe Rita's devotion to her job. Rita has been and continues to be asset to Lubbock County 4-H and a valued employee of the Lubbock County Extension Office.



Colleen Carpenter
Commendable Service

Colleen Carpenter has been working for Denton County AgriLife since 2014 and she hasn't missed a beat since. Colleen has been instrumental in several of the office's key programs – most notably the Corinth Elementary outreach program and the Lake Dallas Middle school project. The Corinth Elementary program was also the very first Texas 4-H Champion School and the first Healthy Texas Recognized School. From the Lake Dallas Middle School project, the first AgriLife school elective class in the state was created. Colleen does not just talk about things or think about things, she gets things done! She truly makes the best better for the residents of Denton County.





Rode Family, Creative Awards

Citation for Outstanding Service

When you think of Creative Awards, a few things come to mind such as dependable, reliable and service above all. The Rode family has spent years building a business full of love, hard work, and genuinely good, hard-working people. Between providing awards for countless livestock shows and businesses across the country, their passion for this industry has never wavered since 1992. Wayne and Sherry Rode, are more than just business owners, when you work with Creative Awards, you become a part of their extended family.

Tina Warwick

Citation for Outstanding Service

Tina Warwick is an exceptional volunteer. She goes above and beyond to ensure the STEM Ambassadors and all Texas 4-H members have the best experience possible. She has devoted countless hours mentoring youth, driven thousands of miles and made a positive impact on youth across the state. Her level of selfless service, persistence, commitment, and passion to see youth succeed is a rare, but valuable quality. Tina encourages youth to push themselves and strive to always do their best. She is more than deserving to be recognized for her passion and dedication to the Texas 4-H program.

Shirley Haisler

Texas 4-H Alumni

When thinking of an outstanding 4-H alum, Shirley Haisler immediately comes to mind. Shirley was a 4-H member in Denton County and moved away after college. When she got back to Denton County, she returned to the 4-H club she was a member of and renewed their efforts. She served as a 4-H Club Leader for more than 30 years. She has also hosted 12 international exchange youth, created the Denton County Blue Ribbon Club, and served as a member of several Program Area Committees. Most notably, is her work with the Blue Ribbon club. Within a few years of the inception of the club, they started offering scholarships in 1989. To this day, Shirley is still involved and this year they are giving \$26,000 to Denton County 4-H and FFA members. Shirley Haisler has carried out the 4-H pledge.

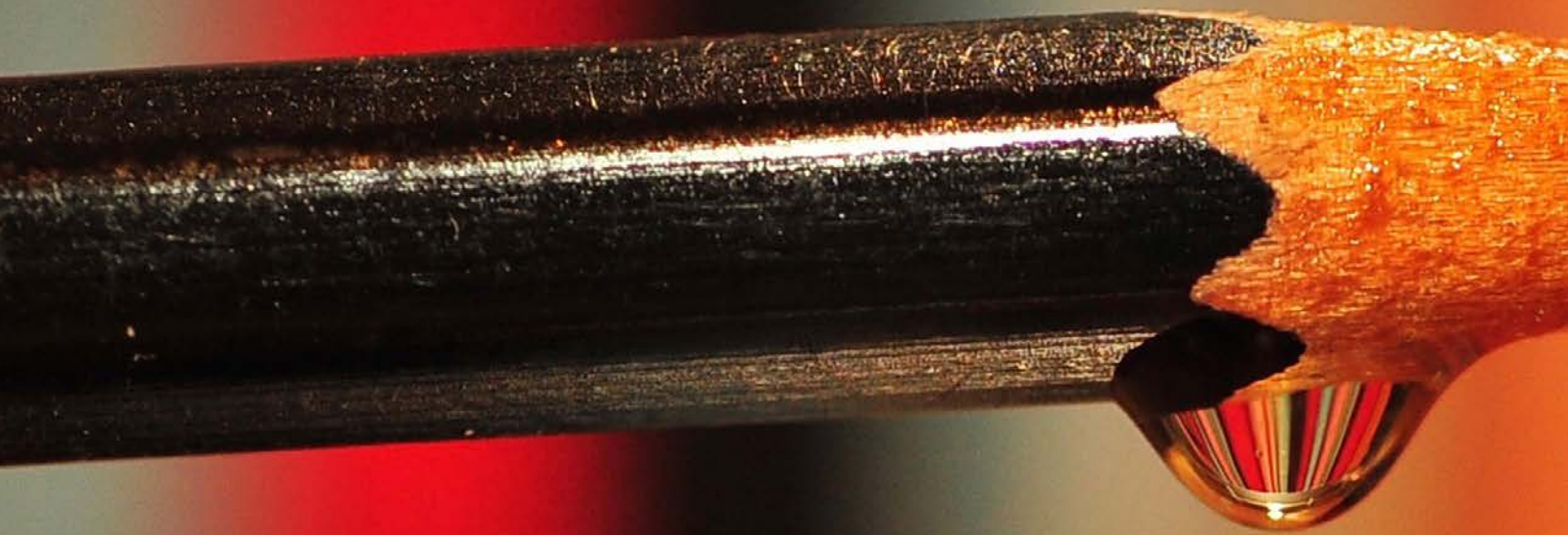
Cynthia Medina

Texas 4-H Alumni

Cynthia Medina is most deserving of this award! She is the quintessential outstanding 4-H alumni – sharing her head, heart, hands and health with the members of her club to ensure that the tradition of 4-H stands strong. Cynthia has great ideas, loves everything 4-H, works hard and is intentional in guiding our members to find balance within 4-H. She has encouraged the Spring Branch 4-H members to try new things, find their passion, then plan and practice in order to be the best possible at whatever it is they chose to pursue. Her 4-H club unanimously agrees that Cynthia Medina be acknowledged for her good, positive efforts to keep our members and their families connected and inspired throughout the past couple of years. We are all so thankful and appreciative of all of her efforts, and salute her for her excellence as a Texas 4-H Alumni!



Reflections of inclusion





AT 4-H CAMP

Summer camp is a unique experience in an adolescents' life where many lessons are learned. Gaining independence, interacting with new peers, and of course, two-stepping, are just a few benefits of attending Texas 4-H Camp.

Mission Possible has been held at the Texas 4-H Center for many years as an inclusive camp for youth with and without disabilities to co-mingle and "camp" together. During the summer of 2022, the need to expand geographically met the need to provide an improved experience with those campers at the brand new "South Texas Camp."

"The South Texas camp was our initiative, with support from the Texas 4-H Foundation, to expand our 4-H camping programs into different regions of the state so that we could expand our reach and get more kids to camp," Texas 4-H Center Director, Melvin Atkinson, said. "In the process, since that south Texas camp was going to be held at Morgan's Wonderland, which is a facility that is built specifically for campers with disabilities in an inclusive environment so they can house campers with or without disabilities, we transitioned our Mission Possible camp to be held there as well."

The new South Texas Camp was held in San Antonio, Texas, at Morgan's Wonderland August 1-5, 2022, as an immersive experience for ALL youth.

"It allows us to have a completely inclusive camp for campers with disabilities and those without. They get to participate in the same things with each other, whereas when we were doing Mission Possible Camp here at the 4-H Center, they were still separated in some activities," Atkinson said. "This allowed us to provide a better service for those campers with disabilities, make it an inclusive environment, and even make life easier and more efficient for our staff."

Morgan's Wonderland Camp was designed in 2010 as a camp where ALL youth can play and explore typical camping activities.

"In addition to our staff that are trained on youth development and facilitating camp, they [Morgan's Wonderland Camp] have a full-time staff that are trained specifically for campers with disabilities and that's a great benefit for us to have," Atkinson said. "The facilities are brand new so they have been constructed with ADA compliance and beyond."

Some of the features that make the camp so unique include: a common area with laundry services in between each set of sleeping lodges, handicap accessible showers in every dorm restroom, ADA compliant equine activities and bicycles, an accessible high ropes course and zip line, a zero entry pool and lazy river, additional lifeguards, a wheelchair accessible archery range, indoor and air-conditioned art and recreation rooms, a wheelchair accessible amphitheater, and a golf cart or tram to transport campers, just to name a few.



“We know that Morgan’s Wonderland can provide better for the kids as the facility is built specifically for that. So, moving forward, our plans are that we will be doing our Mission Possible camp at Morgan’s Wonderland,” Atkinson said. “In doing it this year and talking to some of the adults and the parents, they realize what Morgan’s Wonderland can do for their kids versus the traditional program that we’ve done here.”

Atkinson mentioned that one camper with Down syndrome, Colton Whiteaker, has been attending Mission Possible at the Texas 4-H Center for years, and attended the inaugural South Texas Camp this past year. Not only was his Mom, Jessica Whiteaker, ecstatic about the closer proximity to their hometown, she “couldn’t have been happier” with the switch knowing that those facilities were “geared towards campers like her child.”

“Just knowing that there was extra staff, not just the folks from 4-H, but also the staff members from Morgan’s Wonderland camp gave me an extra sense of security that he was cared for and I didn’t have to worry about him while he was gone.” Whiteaker said. “He loves camp so much. For months afterwards, he woke up every day and said, “Momma, go to camp?””

Whiteaker said that she appreciates not having to worry about Colton being cared for or loved well while he’s away at 4-H camp. She also credits 4-H for making the camp accessible to more families by keeping prices low, meaning more youth get to share the enriching experience.

“He loves every bit of it. He loves everything from going to the cafeteria to get meals, to getting to go swimming, to meeting new friends, and getting to do all of the different activities. He also just really loves the interaction that he gets to have with the friends and the people that are there,” Whiteaker said. “His camp experience is much like his neurotypical brothers when he goes to 4-H camp at Mission Possible.”

One of the most intriguing aspects of this camp is the inclusivity for campers with AND without disabilities, which provides a unique experience, as well as a superb learning opportunity.

“It was great seeing not just campers with disabilities enjoy themselves, but also seeing those other campers jump in and help out and be a great role model and helper for the staff and show those kids that they have a place that they can be loved on,” Atkinson said. “I noticed several of the campers stepping up and helping out and being a role model. Even though they were a peer, they tried to make sure everyone had a great time.”

While camp dates aren’t yet set for 2023, plans are being made for the upcoming South Texas Camp and the Texas 4-H camp facilitators can’t wait to see the growth that is sure to come.

“We want to fill it up this year. We’re going to start with a goal of 50 campers, but I would love to get to 75 or 100 campers.” Atkinson said. “And if a quarter of them have special needs, that’s great. We’ve got the capabilities to cover that and it will be great to have all of the campers together.”

To learn more about sending a child to one of the many camps offered, supporting the Texas 4-H Center, or providing scholarships for more youth to attend camp, please visit texas4hcenter.tamu.edu or contact Melvin Atkinson at Melvin.atkinson@ag.tamu.edu or 325-784-5482.



TEXAS 4-H CENTER

In the 2021-2022 4-H year, the Texas 4-H Center saw...

10 4-H SUMMER CAMPS WITH

969 YOUTH 93 ADULTS

17 SEASONAL SUMMER STAFF

OTHER 4-H PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

103 ADULTS 211 YOUTH



Improvements at Center...

Began construction of Amphitheater | NEW Lobby and hallway flooring | New doors and countertop in lobby | New lawn mower

Coming soon...

Dorm improvements | Additional upgrades in main building | Completion of Amphitheater | Upgrades and additions to Ropes Course | Irrigation improvements | "Global Community" | Leadership Lodge repairs and improvements | Trail system (TPW Recreational Trails Grant) | New sound system



TO LEARN MORE, GIVE, OR SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP, VISIT
TEXAS4HCENTER.TAMU.EDU.



2021 Recordbook Winners



Agricultural Sciences – Kinsey Gardner, Coryell Co., D8
 Beef – Miranda Skaggs, Brazos Co., D9
 Citizenship & Civic Education – Faith Lauderdale, McLennan Co., D8
 Consumer Education – Rylie Carroll, Hopkins Co., D4
 Dog Care & Training – Makenna Van Huss, Ellis Co., D8
 Entomology – Erik Dieterich, Denton Co., D4
 Fashion & Interior Design – Ashlynn Messer, Lubbock Co., D2
 Food & Nutrition – Audrey Rathgeb, Collin Co., D4
 Gardening & Horticulture – Gabriel Ramthun, Milam Co., D8
 Goat – Sunny Cowley, Randall Co., D1
 Health & Personal Safety – Bryan Perez, Starr Co., D12
 Horse – Rylee King, Nueces Co., D11
 Leadership – Tanner Owen, Randall Co., D1

Natural Resources – Floyd Smith, Uvalde Co., D10
 Photography – Peyton Smith, Brazos Co., D9
 Plant & Soil Science – Michael Chaloupka, Lubbock Co., D2
 Poultry – Dalton Winkelmann, Washington Co., D11
 Public Speaking – Ryleigh Whitaker, Eastland Co., D8
 Rabbit – Hannah Fields, Randall Co., D1
 STEM – Michael Trees, Tom Green Co., D7
 Sheep – Avery Detten, Deaf Smith Co., D1
 Shooting Sports – Hayden Hajovsky, Wilson Co., D10
 Swine – Ashley Riddle, Clay Co., D3
 Theatre & Performance Arts – James Garren III, Johnson Co., D8
 Veterinary Science – Saylor Kvalheim, Johnson Co., D8



2021-22 National Champions



National Wool Judging Contest:
 Champion Team, Gillespie Co., D10 (Alexandria Sione, Justine Nimitz, Holt Geistweidt, Daniel Raab)
 Reserve Champion Team, Val Verde Co., D6 (Paige Qualla, Margaret Zuberbueler, David Isaac, Samuel Isaac)

Great American Seafood Cook-off:
 Reserve Champion Team, Victoria Co., D11 (Macy Rae Cantu, Kade Kubecka, Maci Kolodziejcyk, Trapper Fuerbaucher)

State Fair of Texas National Food Challenge:
 Champion Team, Johnson Co., D8 (Faran Atkins, Sarah LeBlanc, Emily Skelton, Callie Welty)

All American Quarter Horse Congress
 Team Presentation Communications - Champion Team, Bee Co., D11 (Ellie Daughtry, Addie Brown)
 Horse Quiz Bowl – 7th Place Team, Collin Co., D4 (Charlee Proctor, Samantha Kitch, Sarah Muckelroy, Tessa Kendrick)
 Horse Quiz Bowl – 7th Place Team, Kendall Co., D11 (Anna Beth Muck, Corrie Smith, Lily Valentine, Elizabeth McFarland); 8th Place Individual ID Stations- Anne Beth Muck

ASKARBEN Livestock Judging:
 Champion Team, Coryell Co., D8 (Kinsey Gardner, Costin Allison, Jenna Coward)

American Royal Livestock Judging:
 Reserve Champion Team, Guadalupe Co., D10 (Holly Alderson, Mason Wurzbach – 3rd Place HP, 6th Place Reasons, 2nd Place Sheep/Goats, 1st Place Swine, Haylyn Gembler, Dylan Reiley – 8th Place HP, 10th Place Reasons, 8th Place Sheep/Goats, 6th Place Swine)

American Royal Meat Judging:
 Champion Team, Kendall Co., D10 (Anna Wyle - 1st Place HP, Caroline Holmes – 2nd Place HP, Karson Kurtz – 4th Place HP, Kelsey Pfeiffer – 3rd Place HP)

North American International Livestock Exposition Livestock Skill-a-thon:
 Champion Team, Randall Co., D1 (Barrett Bradshaw - 6th Place HP, Alex Wilson – 3rd Place HP, Sunny Cowley, Tanner Owen – 7th Place HP)

North American International Livestock Exposition Livestock Judging:
 Reserve Champion Team, Washington Co., D11 (Chet Fritsch, Tanna Thiel, Waylon Hinze, Weston Hinze)

North American International Livestock Exposition Livestock Skill-a-thon:
 8th Place Team, Runnels Co., D7 (Alexandria Kalina, Avery Flanagan, Benjamin Flanagan, Carly Taubert)

National 4-H Poultry Contest:
 Champion Team, Wilson Co., D10 (Daniel Lee – 1st Place HP, 1st Market Poultry, Blye Magnum – 6th Place HP, 2nd Past Production, Rance Magnum – 11th Place HP, 1st Place Past Production, Miguel Borrego – 13th Place HP)

National Western 4-H Roundup FCS Quiz Bowl:
 Champion Team, Wilson Co., D10 (Luke Scribner – 1st Place HP, Logan Baker – 2nd Place HP, Michael Campos – 4th Place HP, Haden Hajovsky – 5th Place HP)

National Western 4-H Roundup Horse Quiz Bowl:
 3rd Place Team, Wise Co., D3 (Angelina Newbold – 3rd Place HP, Abigail Newbold – 8th Place HP, Katie Daniels, Cassidy Wilson)

National Western 4-H Roundup Livestock Quiz Bowl:
 Champion Team, Austin Co., D11 (Brooke Diezi, Morgan Hesters – 1st Place HP, Stewart Poffenberger – 3rd Place HP, Emma Eckelberg – 4th Place HP)

National Western 4-H Roundup FCS Skillathon:
 Champion Team, Lee Co., D9 (Emma Smith – 3rd Place HP, Emma Lyon – 1st Place HP, Mikayla Kothmann – 4th Place HP, Emme Dallmeyer)

National Western 4-H Roundup Horse Judging:
 4th Place Team, Coryell Co., D8 (Bracy Foote, Callie Goins – 6th Place Reasons, 5th Place HP, Irena Murphy, Kacy Maurer)

National Western 4-H Roundup Livestock Judging:
 Champion Team, Brazos Co., D9 (Nathan Kerth – 1st Place HP, Kaitlyn Kotrla – 2nd Place HP, Karli Kaase – 3rd Place HP, Hayden Bennett-4th Place HP)

National Western 4-H Roundup Parliamentary Procedure:
 Reserve Champion Team, Guadalupe Co., D10 (William Anderson, Megan Clark, Emily Kruse, Lauren Elley, Christian Bertling)

National Western 4-H Roundup Public Speaking:
 Champion, Bell Co., D8 (Alexandria Harris)

National Western 4-H Roundup FCS Presentation:
 Champion, Walker Co., D9 (Katie Phillips)

National Western 4-H Roundup Fashion Revue - Purchased:
 Reserve Champion, Brazos Co., D9 (Peyton Smith)
 3rd Place, Collin Co., D4 (Ainsley Schraeder)

National Western 4-H Roundup Fashion Revue - Construction:
 Reserve Champion, Briscoe Co., D1 (Lindee Miller)
 7th Place, Cameron Co., D12 (Carissa Cantu)



BLUEBERRY LEMON CHEESCAKE JARS

Peyton Smith, Brazos County, District 9

Prep time: 20 minutes, Cook time: 5 minutes, Cost: \$1.07/serving

Lemon Blueberry Filling:

4 cups blueberries
1/3 cup maple syrup
zest from half a lemon
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Cheesecake Filling:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
5 ounces plain Greek yogurt
2 tablespoons maple syrup
zest from half a lemon
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Graham Cracker Almond Crust:

5 ounces lightly salted almonds
9 full-sized graham crackers
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1/4 teaspoon salt



Lemon Blueberry Filling

Add blueberries, syrup, lemon zest, lemon juice, and salt to a saucepan over low-medium heat. Sauté for 5 minutes, gently stirring. Mix cornstarch and water in a small bowl. As the berries form a sauce, add the cornstarch mixture and cook for a few more minutes until the sauce has thickened. Let the berries cool.

Cheesecake Filling

Add cream cheese, yogurt, maple syrup, lemon zest, and lemon juice in an electric mixer and combine.

Graham Cracker Almond Crust

Add the almonds to a food processor and blend until the nuts are crushed very fine. Pour into a bowl. Finely crush graham crackers in the food processor. Mix the graham crackers, nuts, and salt. Drizzle melted butter and stir until completely mixed.

To Assemble

Pack down 1/3 cup of crust into six 8-ounce mason jars. Add 1/3 cup of cream cheese mixture into each jar and gently shake to settle the layer evenly. Top off jars with the blueberry sauce and chill.

*Food Show
State Champion*



BROCCOLI CAULIFLOWER SALAD

Madison Moran, Washington County, District 11

Prep time: 35 minutes, Cook time: N/A, Cost: \$1.65/serving

- 1 head cauliflower, broken into florets
- 1 bunch broccoli, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 ounce jar pimientos, drained
- 1 - 8 ounce can water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 1 - 16 ounce can kidney beans, drained

Dressing:

- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup salad dressing
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil

Topping:

- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/2 cup crumbled bacon bits



Rinse cauliflower and broccoli with water. Break head of cauliflower into florets and cut broccoli into bite-sized pieces. Combine cauliflower and broccoli with chopped onion, pimiento, water chestnuts and kidney beans into a large bowl. Set aside. To make the dressing, dissolve sugar in vinegar and mix well. Add salad dressing and oil; mix. Drizzle over vegetables and chill. Before serving, sprinkle topping of cheese and bacon bits over vegetables. This salad can be prepared up to 24 hours before serving; however hold the topping until serving time. This dish should be refrigerated when not serving and can be stored in airtight container in fridge for up to 3 days. Yields 8 servings.

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Located

in south central Texas, Kendall County AgriLife Extension provides the typical opportunities for 4-H youth in the community. But beyond the monthly meetings and record books, Kendall County 4-H is also home to a non-profit organization focused on finding a deeper purpose in raising livestock.

Colton Whiteaker is a joy-filled teenager who doesn't let Down Syndrome stop him from participating in his favorite youth development program. However, certain aspects of showing livestock do require assistance for him, so his Mom, Jessica Whiteaker, and a team of supporters stepped up to create opportunity for not only Colton, but for all youth with special needs in their community.

"Our family, and other families, founded a non-profit in Kendall County called "Show Partners," Jessica said. "We are a 501(c)(3) organization and the initial funding came from Colton's first year of showing, actually."

In their initial effort for Colton to become involved with the livestock show, they found a family to provide the needed space and support for Colton to be successful with his first goat project.

"Word got around in our sweet little community that there was a kid with special needs showing and that any proceeds from the animal would go towards helping other kids with special needs show," Jessica said. "In his first year of showing in 2018, he sold his goat for over \$20,000 at our county show. We, as well as several other families in the community, took that and started our non-profit."

SHOW PARTNERS

There are now 12-15 special needs youth who participate in the program each year, but those aren't the only youth who benefit from the enriching experience.

"They're matched with neurotypical kids in our county to help raise their animal and give them that show experience," Jessica said. "Then, the money that they sell for goes back into continuing our program and we are then able to provide funds for things that those families need."

Texas 4-H works to continuously improve and increase inclusive opportunities for all youth. Programs like Show Partners across the state provide experiences for youth like Colton year-round.

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Show Partners is active on Facebook as a way for people to learn more or provide support. The Kendall County Junior Livestock Show featuring Show Partners, or what Jessica considers the "most rewarding thing she does every year" will be held in January 2023.

AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT



TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP 2022

Texas 4-H Roundup is the pinnacle competitive event in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. The 2022 theme was Amplify Your Impact, where the Texas 4-H Council members and leadership team worked to create an exciting event for all. Held June 6-9, 2022, in Bryan/College Station, Texas 4-H Roundup was an opportunity to network, compete, learn, grow, and have fun for participants from around the state.

STATISTICS

PARTICIPANTS



1,463 YOUTH

VOLUNTEERS



550+ ADULTS

EVENTS



50 CONTESTS
LEAD ACADEMY

SCHOLARS



242 YOUTH
\$2.9 MILLION

EXPERIENCES

SEEING THE 4-H MEMBERS COMPETE AND HAVE FUN | MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND SEEING MY FRIENDS | NETWORKING WITH 4-H'ERS AND OTHER AGENTS | THE CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH OTHER 4-H FAMILIES FROM ACROSS THE STATE | THE FRIENDSHIPS MADE | THE FAMILIES COMING TOGETHER | THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FRIENDS AND COWORKERS AND HELP IGNITE THE PASSION AND EXCITEMENT AMONG THE YOUTH FOR 4-H | DANCES | WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES | COMPETITION

CONTEST WINNERS

Indoor Rifle Match:

Team - Burnet Co. D7 (Bethany Butler, Elijah Butler, Carson Moore, Elizabeth Lilly)

Individual – Camryn Camp, Hill Co. D8

Agriculture Product Identification:

Team – Starr Co. D12 (Kaylon Ramon, Juan Rocha, Aylin Gonzalez)

Individual – Kaylon Ramon, Starr Co. D12

Archery Compound-Unaided:

Layne Horak, Comal Co D10

Archery-NASP:

Aubree Harp, Cass Co D4

Archery-Compound Aided:

Kaeden Pruitt, Madison Co D9

Archery-Recurve:

Blair Dahl, Hartley Co D1

Archery-Barebow:

William Anderson, Guadalupe Co D10

Family & Community Health Quiz Bowl:

Team – Collin Co D4

Individual – Collin Callagher, Collin Co D4

Fashion Show Buying-Business Interview Attire:

Chambre Clawson, Swisher Co D2

Fashion Show Buying-Fantastic Fashions:

Gianna Aldrett, Fort Bend Co D9

Fashion Show Buying-Semi Formal to Formal:

Berkley Carver, Hale Co D2

Fashion Show Buying-Special Interest:

Rylie Carroll, Hopkins Co D4

Fashion Show Construction-Everyday Living:

Kaitlyn Carruth, Aransas Co D11

Fashion Show Construction-Theatre/Costume:

Aubrey Rosser, Angelina Co D5

Fashion Show Construction-Semi Formal to Formal:

Carissa Cantu, Cameron Co D12

Fashion Show Construction-Refashion:

Avery Meredith, Burnet Co D7

Fashion Show Natural Fiber-Cotton:

Maggie Landry, Jefferson Co D9

Fashion Show Natural Fiber-Wool/Mohair:

Emily Shaw, Travis Co D10

Food Show-Appetizer:

Jayden Ingalls, Bexar Co D10

Food Show-Healthy Dessert

Peyton Smith, Brazos Co D9

Food Show-Main Dish:

Rebecca Catlin, Brazos Co D9

Food Show-Side Dish:

Madison Moran, Washington Co D11

Horse Quiz Bowl:

Team- Brazoria Co D9 (Isabelle Hildebrandt, Kara Hernandez, Keira Short, Rachel Wilson)

Individual- Isabelle Hildebrandt, Brazoria Co D9

Livestock Quiz Bowl:

Team - Randall Co D1

Individual – Kyler Wendt, Brazos Co D9

Livestock Skill-A-Thon:

Team – Gillespie Co D10 (Addison Hahn, James Jenschke, Landri Ottmers, Layton Beyer)

Individual – Luke Sanders, Brazos Co, D9

Leaders 4 Life:

Guadalupe Co D10 (Morgan Carnes, Kage Herfurth, Luke Anderson, Haylee Keyser, Kase Kelso, Justin Braune)

Photography Judging:

Team – Scurry Co D2 (Whitley Anderson, Cooper Caswell, Allie Gullett, Molly Herring)

Individual – Whitley Anderson Scurry Co D2

Range & Pasture Grass ID:

Team – Milam Co D8 (Joseph Hollas, Jenna Lindig, Ryan Luckey, Jason Ponnalya)

Individual – Joseph Hollas, Milam Co D8



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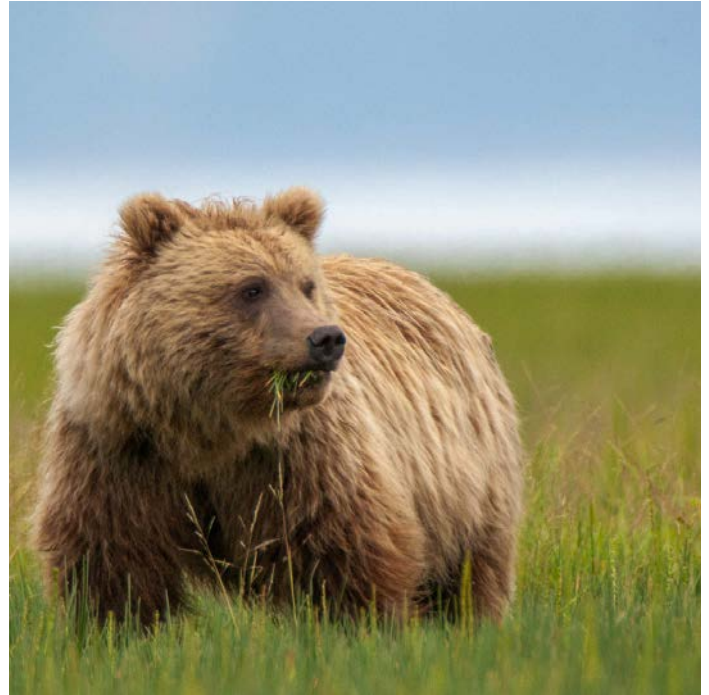


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4-Ft Beyond the Galaxy

Photo by: Rykin McCown, Scurry County, Catch All Champion

4-STEM is more than robots and video cameras. This diverse project reaches not just beyond the horizon, but beyond the galaxies.

The Texas 4-H Night at Nasa was held March 5-6, 2022, at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston for 120 4-H members and their families. AgriLife Extension 4-H STEM Specialist, Derrick Bruton, led and organized the event.

“This was an event for 4-H members to get a firsthand look at the aerospace industry. We kicked it off with a presentation and Q&A from astronaut William McArthur. Johnson Space Center staff conducted some different STEM lessons with the kids, focused on aerospace activities,” Bruton said. “For the overnight portion, families pitched tents underneath the rockets and space shuttle outside. The next morning, we went on a tram tour of the international space station and Rocket City and families took self-guided tours of the exhibits in the space center.”



The 4-H Aerospace project has been offered for many years, but has lacked participation in recent years. Bruton and the Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors, who helped host the event, hope that events like this will bring some life back into the program.

“There’s a lot of things that really sparked it – the history of us doing it in the past, plus the current state of the space race right now,” Bruton said. “With the renewed interest and activity in the space program with Space X and some of the new NASA launches, we wanted to re-expose our 4-H members to the aerospace industry and kind of get us going to re-kickoff the aerospace program.”

Bruton said the participants gained a “greater appreciation of the space industry,” and potentially some career path interest for the future.

“Most importantly, though, we wanted them to be engaged in some STEM activities to reinforce the things they’re being taught in school,” Bruton said. “Whether or not they go into the aerospace field, it’s important to build that foundation of science, technology, engineering, or math.”

The event is currently being planned to happen again in the spring of 2023 and more information will be released soon. Bruton has high hopes for the outcome of this program not only for the youth involved, but the future of the 4-H relationship with NASA.



“What we hope will come out of it is that the Space Center has longer, more advanced programs for youth. We hope that this is kind of the kick off to get inspired to pursue it a little bit more,” Bruton said. “If they’re really interested in this project area or career field, they hopefully will have that opportunity to expand their knowledge and interest a little more to see if that’s what they really want to do.”



the fire starters...



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4-H 4 More is the new marketing campaign to be used across the state of Texas, in hopes of increasing Texas 4-H membership. We will be using the slogan over the next two to three years as a way to encourage new members to join the program.

We believe all youth can find their spark in 4-H, they just have to be introduced to it first.

Join us in creating 4-H opportunity for more youth by inviting four more youth into the program. We're challenging each 4-H member or friend of 4-H to invite four friends to join 4-H.



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