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Greetings From Melanie Biersmith

Georgia 4-H State Leader



“Georgia 4-H is as important and relevant as it has ever been, and we have more work to do together.”

I often use a recognizable image as an illustration that depicts a windshield, open to the future, and a rear-view mirror, reflecting on what has passed. Rear-view mirrors are important to drivers: they show us where we’ve been, what is still behind us, and keep things within our sight. The windshield draws our eyes to what is in front of us; we balance that rear view by looking ahead to what we are approaching.

This balanced mindset provides an appropriate framework for an annual report. The reflective view offered in this edition of the Cloverleaf allows us the pleasure of celebrating the 2022-2023 4-H program year. The stories, data, and acknowledgments highlight our accomplishments and successes in those 12 months.

You will find inspiring accounts of student ambassadors leading the way in educating their peers, descriptions of life-changing county programming, and a comprehensive list of our newest Master 4-H’ers – to name a few. We also pause to thank volunteers, faculty, staff, and stakeholders in numerous capacities, including those who generously support us through financial donations.

Amidst our reflections, we maintain our focus on the windshield of positive youth development. The annual report reminds us of all that is still ahead of us. Our ability to grow, adapt, and improve is dependent on our understanding of where we’ve been. We will continue to provide experiences that impact the lives of young people across Georgia.

Let’s look together in the rear-view mirror while getting excited about all that’s still ahead through our windshield.

Thank you for all that you do to support Georgia 4-H. Whether you contribute your time, your talents, or your treasure, we appreciate you! Georgia 4-H is as important and relevant as it has ever been, and we have more work to do together.

All the best,
Melanie

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Biersmith". The script is fluid and cursive.

Melanie Biersmith
Georgia 4-H State Leader



Rain or Shine

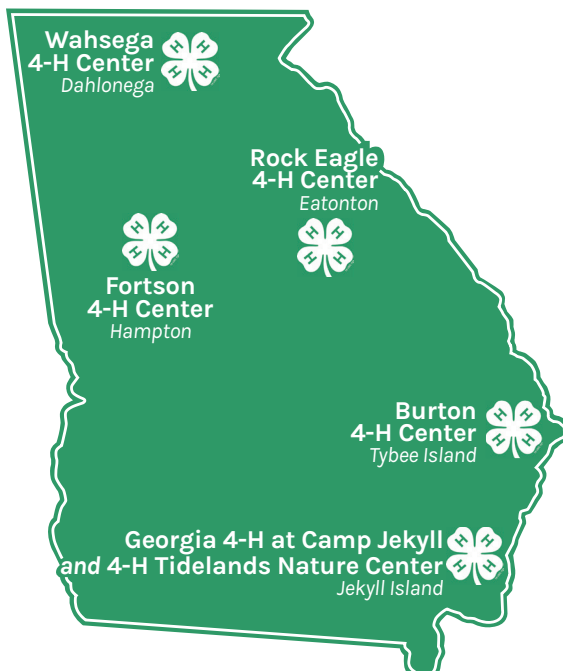
Georgia 4-H centers deliver life-changing experiences in a safe and supportive environment.



Georgia 4-H Facilities Update

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

Available across the state from the mountains to the sea, the Georgia 4-H facilities provide lodging accommodations, meeting spaces, dining halls, and programs for a variety of youth and adult groups. The 4-H facilities serve over 100,000 guests in a typical year.



Two projects funded from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II) were completed at Rock Eagle 4-H Center this year. These improvements were made to the Callaway Building and to the Quad area (the open space between the dining hall and the auditorium in front of Sutton Hall). The Callaway Building improvements included interior and exterior paint, flooring, windows, technology upgrades, HVAC improvements, and accessibility improvements to the entrance of the building, made possible in part by support from the

Callaway Foundation and Truist. The Quad improvements included grading, new ADA compliant sidewalks, new seating, and new lighting.

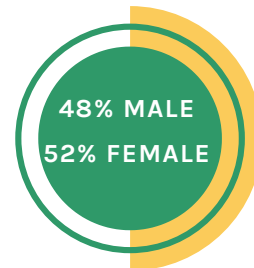
Additionally, work continues on the Barkuloo-Rich Building at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, with expected completion in spring 2024. Work is also beginning on three new cabins. Once these are completed, only 12 traditional cabins remain to be replaced.



Georgia 4-H is grateful for the financial support received during the fiscal year 2023 amended budget.



173,505



Total Participation



10-Year Rolling Average for Participation: 172,129



Where do 4-H'ers live?

Rural Non-Farms: 45.5%
Towns & Small Cities: 30.4%
Urban & Suburban Areas: 11%
Central Cities: 9.3% • Farms: 3.8%



103,368

4-H Enrollment from Public & Private Schools

27,492

4-H Enrichment Program Participants

6,612

4-H Enrollment from Fort Valley State University

2,580

Homeschool 4-H Enrollment

65.4%

Elementary

29%

Middle School

5.6%

High School



50.8% White

23.8% Black/African American

2.2% Asian

1.0% American Indian

0.3% Pacific Islander

18.8% Undetermined

3.1% More than one race

8.1% Latino

91.9% Non-Latino



4,433

Military Dependents Served by 4-H



Hands to Larger Service



4,921 Adult Volunteers

119,289 Volunteer Hours

1,334 Teen Volunteers

40,104 Volunteer Hours



From the Mountains to the Sea

92,733

Guests Served by 4-H Facilities

32,800

4-H Environmental Education Participants



8,637

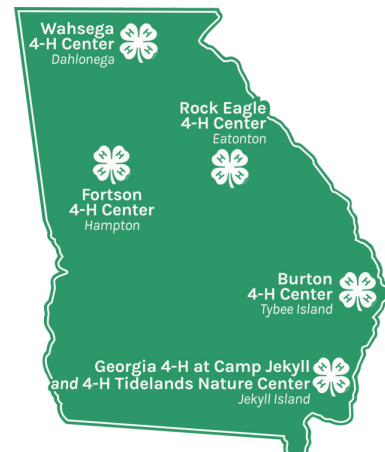
Residential Summer Camp Participants



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Georgia 4-H Prepares Youth For Life



Georgia 4-H provides experiences for youth to learn by doing. Georgia 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning in the focus areas of Agriculture, STEM, Civic Engagement, Leadership, and Healthy Living. The 4-H mission is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens.

Agriculture & STEM

81,165 4-H'ers impacted
in 2022-2023

Youth explore agricultural sciences, natural resources, environmental sciences, plant and animal sciences, agribusiness, rocketry, robotics, renewable energy, computer science, technology, engineering, and more.



Civic Engagement & Leadership

123,669 4-H'ers impacted
in 2022-2023

Youth explore opportunities to be well-informed and engaged citizens through experiences focused on leadership, communication, performing arts, public speaking, organization, service to communities, and more.



Healthy Living

44,334 4-H'ers impacted
in 2022-2023

Youth explore nutrition, obesity prevention, drug prevention, bullying prevention, health and fitness, financial literacy, clothing and textiles, safety, stress management, social and emotional wellness, food science, and more.



Georgia 4-H is guided by the "THRIVE" model for positive youth development.

Youth in Georgia 4-H explore their interests, discover their sparks, and engage in learning experiences that grow their social, emotional, and cognitive abilities. Through high-quality designed programs, youth find a sense of belonging and safe, positive relationships with caring adults. Georgia 4-H'ers are set on a pathway to adulthood that leads to academic and vocational success, and happiness and well-being.



CORE 4

Each county program is anchored by these four activities for youth.

Find out more at georgia4h.org



Showcasing Excellence

Move over, Master Chef: Food Showcase is bringing the next generation of cooks to the kitchen every fall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

Four contests give 4-H'ers the chance to show off their kitchen skills with a panel of judges to name the greatest dishes of the day: Chicken Barbecue, Turkey Barbecue, Egg Preparation Demonstration, and Food Challenge.

Healthy Living is one of the focus areas that guide 4-H programmatic content, joining Civic Engagement and Agriculture and STEM as the major three. Georgia 4-H Healthy Living initiatives seek to educate and empower youth with knowledge and practical skills surrounding nutrition, fitness, bullying prevention, safety, and stress management. Health represents the fourth "H" in the four-leaf clover, and millions of 4-H'ers around the globe have pledged their "health to better living" for their clubs, communities, countries, and world.

Students competing in the Chicken Barbecue and Turkey Barbecue contests prepare dishes outdoors on charcoal grills using chicken thighs and ground burgers. Participants have two hours to complete their dish and must utilize best practices for food safety at every step. Their finished dishes are presented to a panel of judges that have been enjoying the tempting smells wafting from the grills.

The Food Challenge contest is a whirlwind of activity reminiscent of Food Network's *Chopped* series. Teams of students cook with "mystery" ingredients and create an original dish in 40 minutes. The teams present their completed dish to judges and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value, and cost.

The Egg Preparation Demonstration calls for students to learn about nutritional value, preparation and storage, functional properties, grading, versatility and economics of cooking with eggs. Each contestant prepares a dish with eggs as the featured ingredient with a one-hour time limit. Like the aforementioned contests, the finished egg dishes are presented to qualified judges who carefully select winners.

Chicken Barbecue, Turkey Barbecue, and Egg Preparation Demonstration contestants also create and present an educational demonstration that displays their knowledge of the essential components of safe and healthy cooking with poultry products.

Extension Agents from the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences partner with Georgia 4-H to facilitate the contest. This collaboration is invaluable for the participating 4-H'ers and contributes to the robust understanding of healthy lifestyles that 4-H healthy living programs seek to provide. Dr. Alison Berg, Associate Professor and Extension Nutrition and Health Specialist, is a key member of this partnership; she believes the impact of healthy living programming in 4-H cannot be understated. "Learning how to cook to not only feed yourself, but to nourish yourself and those around you, is a life skill," she reflects. "Daily, I see the impact that not having these skills can have on our adult lives. I am honored to support our 4-H youth in developing nutrition knowledge, a love for cooking, and healthy eating."



The sponsors for Food Showcase are Ken & Chris Jones, Ed & Dorethea Graham, Rhea Bentley, and our Healthy Living Pillar Sponsor Premium Peanut.

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH

High school 4-H'ers are bridging technology gaps in the agriculture community with Georgia's new 4-H Ag Tech program, part of the National 4-H Tech Changemakers initiative. This innovative opportunity for youth received national, regional, and state awards in its first year of existence, including the Excellence in Geospatial Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals.

Students trained as 4-H Tech Changemakers create educational opportunities for adults to learn essential workforce-related technology. Georgia 4-H created the 4-H Ag Tech Changemakers program to expand the subject area coverage to include agriculture-specific skills, with a focus on precision agriculture. Youth take the skills they learn to provide outreach programming to their local farming communities.

Precision agriculture allows farmers to maximize the usage of diverse tracks of land. Large farms typically contain spatial variations of soil types, moisture content, and nutrient availability. With the use of remote sensing, geographical information systems (GIS), and global positioning systems

The Future is Now



(GPS), farmers can more precisely determine what inputs are most beneficial, including water, nutrients, pesticides, and herbicides. These methods increase productivity and profit.

University of Georgia precision agriculture specialists developed and facilitated a comprehensive training for youth to begin the program year in September 2022. The two-day experience in Tifton equipped the students with knowledge of cutting-edge agricultural methods, programs and equipment. Topic areas include drones, soil sampling, digital pest and weed identification, sprayer calibration, irrigation scheduling apps, and GPS guidance aids.

The 30 members of the first 4-H Ag Tech Changemakers cohort are led by UGA Cooperative Extension 4-H and Agriculture and Natural Resources agents in a unique partnership between the program areas. Nine counties including Houston, Toombs, Decatur, Peach, Worth, Pulaski, Emanuel, Jackson and Ben Hill are represented. During the inaugural year,

more than 2,480 adults have been reached through youth-led events. County leaders worked with youth to engage audiences who would benefit from learning about these technologies within their communities. Programs were held alongside local Farm Bureau chapters, Master Gardeners, production meetings, Cattleman's Associations, and Young Farmers as youth take the lead to connect with the workforce.

Pulaski County 4-H'ers hosted a workshop for 110 farmers and farm business owners and introduced attendees to free weed and pest identification mobile apps. Jackson County 4-H'ers presented a drone usage course to the Hall County Master Gardeners and provided operation tips and application ideas. Participants were rewarded with the opportunity to fly a drone on-site.

Grant funding for 4-H Tech Changemakers provides youth with equipment to use in their communities. All nine counties received state-of-the-art drones, tablets, sprayer calibrators, and guidance aid systems that allow students to teach with a hands-on approach.

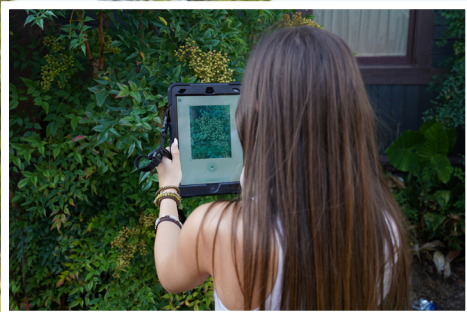
"We are thrilled to

expand our existing Tech Changemaker programming into the agriculture sector with this new program," said Katie Bowker, program coordinator for Georgia 4-H Tech Changemakers. "Agriculture is a huge industry in Georgia and we are eager to connect students with new ag technologies. In turn, we connect our communities with them as well."

Wes Porter, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist for precision agriculture and irrigation, led the effort to create the initial training for youth and agents. Contributing UGA faculty, staff, and graduate students included Jason Edenfield, Seth McAllister, Coleman Byers, Lisa Baxter, Cody Mathis, Savannah Tanner, Simerjeet Virk, Daniel Jackson, Triston Hansford, and Jason Mallard.

National 4-H Council facilitates the 4-H Tech Changemakers Program. The 2022-23 grant cycle was Georgia's fourth year participating in the program. "We are excited to welcome even more counties into the program for next year. Both youth and adults are gaining valuable knowledge that affects our agricultural production across the state," said Katie.

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH



Leaders of Tomorrow

The Georgia 4-H Ambassador Program offers unique opportunities for students to learn and lead in areas including science, nutritious cuisine, healthy lifestyles, weather, the environment, professionalism, agriculture, and technology. Ambassadors are selected for a specific track through an application process and then participate in a dynamic and intensive training weekend. These individuals subsequently plan activities to increase and share their knowledge with others, representing Georgia 4-H as ambassadors in the field.

This program has a rich history of success and impact. The inaugural program launched in 2005 and featured more than 30 youth working in their communities to make the best better! Today, 86 youth serve as Georgia 4-H Ambassadors in six different areas.

Tech: Tech Ambassadors work within their communities to empower others to increase their digital literacy and strengthen their digital skills. Tech Ambassadors achieve this goal by building their own knowledge of digital programs and technologies so that they may share this knowledge with those around them and engage in civic leadership within their communities.

STEM: With economic competition becoming global and STEM-related careers continuing to grow and expand, there is a need for young people to develop interest and skills in these areas. STEM Ambassadors help provide youth the opportunity to engage in hands-on STEM projects in their home counties and surrounding areas.

Pollinators: Over the last several decades, the decline in pollinator species can be attributed to many causes – pests, pathogens, chemical exposure, loss of species and genetic diversity, the changing climate, habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation within ecosystems. Because humans depend on plants and

pollinators for food supply and a healthy environment, a balance must be maintained to sustain life on earth. Pollinator Ambassadors teach about the importance of pollinators and easy conservation efforts. The Georgia 4-H Pollinator Ambassador Program is sponsored by the Georgia Cooperative Council.

Wildlife: Georgia is one of the most biologically diverse states in the nation, ranking 2nd in amphibian species, 3rd in freshwater fish species, 7th in reptile species, and 7th in vascular plant species. Wildlife Ambassadors become certified Project WILD Educators as part of a national environmental education program coordinated by the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies. Their goal is to teach people in their communities about the importance of wildlife conservation throughout our state.

Livestock: Animal production contributes \$5.9 billion to the annual farm gate value of Georgia, representing over 40% of all agricultural production in the state. The goal of the Georgia 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program is to provide educational experiences for youth to explore their interest in animal and poultry science. The program focuses on connecting youth with local animal production systems and industries, exploring the richness and diversity of animal production, developing advocacy skills, and increasing their access to career and post-secondary opportunities in animal and poultry sciences.

Healthy Living: Cultivating healthy habits around food, nutrition, and physical activity is essential for ensuring your own health and the health of your community. Healthy Living Ambassadors learn and share about food and nutrition, food access and security, budget-friendly meal and snack preparations, and general health and well-being.

Georgia 4-H Ambassadors reach more than 225,000 people annually through this community outreach program.

WRITTEN BY KELLE ASHLEY



“The Ambassador program has a rich history of success and impact in Georgia.”

Leading Today

Nortrayvious Brown caught the buzz as a Pollinator Ambassador.



Nortrayvious Brown (Tray) joined Terrell County 4-H in 2016 as a 4th grade student. In 2018, after some encouragement from his speech therapist and 4-H agent, Tray began competing in District Project Achievement, which he has continued to do every year since. In February 2023, Tray earned first place at Southwest Georgia 4-H District Project Achievement in Environmental Science with a presentation about the mutual impact of bees on and by local environments.

Tray applied and was selected as a pollinator ambassador for the 2022-23 program year, a role that he planned to take very seriously. He was accepted into the program and completed the intensive training weekend at Rock Eagle, which had a considerable impact on him. During his first term as an ambassador, he worked a summer job and saved his money to purchase his first beehive and bees. Tray also began working closely with a local beekeeper to learn best practices for beekeeping and how to move a bee swarm.

Ambassador selection was not the first time Tray caught the pollinator buzz. Before he started his first term, he was chosen to host a community service project at State Council where he taught participants how to make seed bombs. These seed bombs are small balls of mud and soil filled with native wildflower seeds that are essential to the local pollinators, and Tray taught over 430 youth attendees how to make and properly spread them.

Tray is currently serving in his second term as a pollinator ambassador. He spreads pollinator awareness online by producing videos that have been published and shared via Facebook and YouTube for Kids. His first video was created in May 2023 and shared on the Terrell County Facebook page, which garnered over 400 views and 100 comments and shares. Tray has since made another video and plans to continue making

content to spread awareness of the importance of pollinators.

For the past two years, Tray has worked with the Terrell County Public Library to lead several projects for the community and for their summer reading program. He is currently a regular guest on a program providing education to youth and adults about pollinators and the environment at the library every month.

As an extremely involved 4-H'er, Tray has been a member of the Terrell 4-H County Council since the 7th grade. He has served in various positions on the board and currently serves as the President for the 2023-24 program year. Tray has also logged nearly 200 service hours of volunteering for Georgia 4-H over the past two program years, including service as a Teen Leader for Cloverleaf Camp in the summers of 2022 and 2023.

In September 2023, Tray was selected to serve on the 2023-24 Georgia Department of Education Student Advisory Council. He is one of 69 Georgia students selected to serve on the council. In this capacity, Tray will have the opportunity to meet with State School Superintendent Richard Woods to provide feedback on the impact of state policies in the classroom. Outside of 4-H, Tray is extremely involved in his high school band. He has been a member of the Terrell County marching band since 7th grade and has served as a section leader for most of his high school career.

Tray is actively taking steps to increase pollinator and environmental awareness in Terrell County 4-H and in his entire community. Margaret Halbrook, Terrell County 4-H Agent, is inspired by Tray and says, "He is an outstanding 4-H'er and a shining example for the benefits of the pollinator ambassador program."

WRITTEN BY COOPER HARDY

Georgia 4-H's summer camping program continues to provide a safe, fun experience that encourages youth to be involved in their local 4-H programs.

A week away from home with their county Extension 4-H leaders and adult and teen volunteer leaders helps connect campers to a support system that lasts beyond the week of camp. In 2023, Georgia 4-H served 6,837 campers in grades 4-6 at four of five of our 4-H Centers. Almost 580 middle-school aged campers attended camp at Fortson 4-H Center. Senior Camp and Senior EXTREME Camp at Rock Eagle remained popular with almost 530 high school-aged 4-H'ers attending. Marine Resources Camp at Burton and Wilderness Challenge Camp at Wahsega attracted 430 sixth through eighth grade students. Community Camp at Fortson and camps supporting military youth served about 250 students and rounded out another summer of positive youth development.



WRITTEN BY CHARLIE WURST





Expanding Opportunities: Natural Resources Exploration Camp

"This was seriously my favorite day! I learned so much about the sport of fishing, lake management, and aquatic ecosystems." - JANELLE SPIVEY, BULLOCH COUNTY 4-H'ER

"So, when the boat gets back, we'll quickly identify the fishes, record their length and mass, and then release them back into the lake," says Dr. Jay Shelton, Associate Professor of Fisheries at the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. Ten youth gathered around the energetic professor while two more youth were out on a small boat at Rock Eagle Lake sampling for these organisms. Using a method known as electrofishing, a mild electric current was distributed in select areas throughout the lake via a small generator on the boat. The fish are momentarily stunned, captured, measured, and safely released. By looking at the average sizes of the different species and their predator and prey relationships, electrofishing allows researchers to assess the overall health of the lake. As camper Janelle Spivey shared after the experience, "This was seriously my favorite day! I learned so much about the sport of fishing, lake management, and aquatic ecosystems." Electrofishing was one of the many activities offered this summer as part of Georgia 4-H's first Natural Resources Exploration Camp.

Over 60% of Georgia is heavily forested with pine, and Georgia leads the eastern region of the United States in lumber and pulpwood production. Georgia is the world leader in kaolin mining and processing and is also

well-known for clay and granite. With over 70,000 miles of rivers and 425,000 acres of lakes, Georgia's water resources support wildlife, recreation, and electricity industries. Realizing the importance of educating youth about our natural resources, the Natural Resource Exploration Camp gave youth a chance to learn about wildlife, forestry, fisheries, technologies, water, and invasive species. Hosted in conjunction with UGA's Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources on July 10-14, 2023, the camp combined in-depth environmental education sessions with traditional camp activities including canoeing, fishing, swimming, and campfires.

"What's great is that these youth got to experience real-world science related to our natural resources," said Charlie Wurst, Extension 4-H Camping Specialist. Activities during the week-long program occurred at both Rock Eagle 4-H Center and UGA's main campus in Athens. Whitehall Forest, an 840-acre forest south of Athens, served as a location for many sessions. In addition to electrofishing, youth were busy completing other activities such as: sampling streams for macroinvertebrates, setting and reviewing trail camera footage to survey wildlife, learning more about wildlife tracking and trapping, flying forestry-related drones, identifying native tree

species, dissecting owl pellets and completing an owl prowl, interacting with live invasive species negatively affecting Georgia ecosystems, and touring the Whitehall Deer Research Facilities and the Whitehall Fisheries Lab. Participating faculty included Dr. Kris Irwin, Dr. Michel Kohl, Dr. Jay Shelton, Dr. James Johnson, Dr. Nick Fuhrman, Dr. Adam Edge, Ms. Holly Campbell, and Mr. Triston Hansford. These faculty and staff were crucial to the successful pilot camping week.

Twelve teens from ten counties applied and were selected to attend the brand-new camp. "The 2023 Natural Resources Exploration Camp was an outstanding experience for all involved," said Dr. Kris M. Irwin, Associate Dean for Outreach and Senior Public Service Associate for the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. "The camp would not have been possible without the leadership and logistical support provided by the Georgia 4-H faculty and staff. The success of the camp was also the result of a collaborative effort between 4-H and our school's faculty." Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received about the camp, and Georgia 4-H is excited to continue this camp during the 2024 camping season.

WRITTEN BY KASEY BOZEMAN



Winning Legacy

Keeping a legacy alive that was started back in 1979, the Gordon County 4-H Livestock Judging Team was once again named Georgia State Livestock Judging Champions in March of 2023. Mr. Jack Dyer, somewhat of a legend in the Calhoun area, coached the first recorded state winning livestock judging team, and since that time Gordon County has been keeping that tradition alive with winning teams spanning nearly 50 years.

Gordon County 4-H Program Assistant and current coach, Tim Street, credits the program's popularity and success to what he calls the "secret sauce." He says, "The reason I feel like that Gordon County has such a rich tradition of livestock judging is simple. People have seen such incredible success in these kids' professional lives due to the success they experienced in their livestock judging careers, it makes it easy for that to be a goal they set for themselves. Younger 4-H'ers have someone that they can look up to and say 'I want to be like that person.'"

That's an easy sell when so many of the past team members go on to have successful collegiate judging careers and professions. Tim estimates that 80% of his

team members go on to judge at junior college and 4-year collegiate levels. All four of the team members from the Reserve National Champion Team in 2011 went on to judge in junior college and two of them went on to Oklahoma State University to compete at a four-year level. Both Taylor Langford and Timothy Hubbard also went on to serve as collegiate livestock coaches.

Three members from the 2014 and 2015 teams went on to judge on the same team for Oklahoma State University that was named the 2018 National Champion Livestock Judging Team. John Romero is the Sale Facility Manager for Pfeiffer Farms in Orlando, OK; Kevin Edwards is General Manager of Ideal Video Productions based out of Texas, and Lori Edwards is Director of Shows and Youth Activities for the International Brangus Breeders Association in Texas.

One of Gordon County's newest judging ventures is a livestock judging contest called "The Darby." The Darby is a culmination of what the program stands for: "past 4-H'ers coming together to support the current generation." The contest is named in honor of Matthew Darby, Gordon County 4-H alumnus and member of the 2007 State Champion Livestock Judging

Team, who passed away in 2021 at the age of 30. He was an individual who never met a stranger and always had a smile on his face. After graduation, Matthew attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO) in Miami, OK on a livestock judging scholarship. He attended NEO along with his teammates from his Champion team: Jacob Holmes, Tyler Turnquist, and David Miller. Matthew, along with other teammates from NEO, came back to the University of Georgia to judge livestock there as well. Matthew then went on to become an ag teacher in Houston County. The Darby is a tribute to Matthew and was the product of family members, high school and college teammates, current and past 4-H'ers, and countless others who were influenced by him all coming together to honor his memory.

The livestock judging legacy of Gordon County is characterized by quality, compassion, and dedication. With five state titles in the last ten years and a long ledger of excellence, the foundation for continued success will certainly continue for the next 50 years.

WRITTEN BY CAROLE KNIGHT



Gordon County State Champion Livestock Judging Teams & Coaches

- 1979:** Jack Dyer
- 1986:** Jack Dyer & Joe Darby
- 1990:** Jack Dyer & Joe Darby
- 2007:** Lee Crump & Joe Darby
- 2011:** Kurt Sutherland & Lee Crump
- 2012:** Kurt Sutherland & Lee Crump
- 2014:** Kurt Sutherland
- 2015:** Kurt Sutherland
- 2018:** Tim Street
- 2021:** Tim Street
- 2023:** Tim Street & Lee Crump

Pictured, top to bottom: Members of Gordon Co. judging team at a 2023 contest; Gordon Co. team at 2023 national contest; Matthew Darby; Hunter Petty & Rebekah McElrath signing for Northern Oklahoma College

Wynning Tradition

With numerous national and world championship titles to the family name, the Wynns are no stranger to the equine winner's circle.



Cindy Mott Attends National 4-H Congress

CINDY MOTT, (second from left), State 4-H horse winner, will attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago next month.

These titles all come with decades of knowledge and experience. Henry, Cindy, JT, Jon, and Sunnie Wynn have a family tradition of loving Georgia 4-H.

The family's support of 4-H spans three generations in a variety of projects and events, but their largest passion lies in horses. Cindy Wynn's father, Robert Mott, was an active 4-H Club member and camp counselor in North Carolina. His support for 4-H continued as his daughters joined the 4-H Horse and Pony Club in Florida in the 1960's. In 1973, the Mott family moved to Lowndes County where there was not a 4-H Horse Club. Robert Mott took the reins and began a Horse Club, serving as the volunteer leader. Cindy was an active 4-H'er, mastering in the Horse Project in 1978, attending National Congress the same year, and being named a National Winner and Scholarship recipient in the Horse Project.

Cindy and her husband, Henry, raised their children in Thomas County. When the Wynn children were old enough to join 4-H, Cindy began volunteering with the Thomas County 4-H Horse Club, eventually becoming the leader and coaching horse quiz bowl teams. In 2006, Cindy became the Thomas County 4-H Agent and her family's impact on the Georgia

4-H Horse Program grew. She coaches Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging, supports the State 4-H Horse Show and Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships, and serves on the equine advisory committee. Henry, a professional horse trainer, served as an instructor at 4-H Horse School from 2011-2016. Henry and Cindy have tirelessly supported 4-H riding clinics, competitive

teams, and horse shows while appreciating the impact this program has on youth in Georgia. The Wynn family, alongside others, were instrumental in the development of and fundraising for the fastest-growing division of the State 4-H Horse Show, the Ranch Horse Division, which began in 2011.

JT, Jon, and Sunnie Wynn were all very active in the Georgia 4-H Horse Program as well as other programs like Project Achievement, SAFE programs, Dean's Award, camp, and serving as District and State officers. Sunnie is a seven-time Master 4-H'er. As adults, they continue to serve Georgia 4-H as volunteers for Horse School and state Horse Shows and coach youth in a program they are passionate about supporting.

For generations, the Wynn family has been highly competitive inside the horse show arena. For the same amount of time, they have also loved and supported Georgia 4-H and the programs that it provides outstanding youth in this state. They are a truly Wynning tradition.

WRITTEN BY KATE WHITING



Pictured, top to bottom: JT, Jon, and Sunnie Wynn; Sunnie Wynn at 2011 State Congress; Cindy Wynn with her father Robert Mott



The Leadership in Action program recognizes 4-H'ers as leaders in their communities. 4-H'ers identify an issue or need in their community, brainstorm ways to make a positive difference, and then put their plan in action.

Leadership in Action

Amiyah Elam

Ware County - State Winner

Ware County offers life-changing camping opportunities for underprivileged youth. After serving as a camp counselor at these camps, Amiyah realized additional needs and created an organization called "I Am." This initiative seeks to provide young girls with resources and support to guide them through life and overcome traumatic experiences and challenging circumstances in their lives.

Jack Wurst

Columbia County - State Winner

Baking and cooking are passions for Jack, and he was inspired to create recipes to share that joy with families in his community. He ran into a challenge when he discovered that many people in his community relied on the shelf-stable grocery options from local food pantries. Through research and evaluation, he found that you can make a great cake using only a box of cake mix and a can of soda. Through his project called

"Celebration Cakes," he was able to distribute over 100 cake kits in Columbia County to inspire families to bake together.

District Finalists:

Lilly Kate Farrar, Habersham County
Venya Gunjal, Cobb County
Thomas Holt, Ben Hill County
Coleman Mangham, Tift County
Aubrianna Stewart, Bryan County
Winta Ykeallo, Spalding County

Full STEAM Ahead

For over a decade, the Georgia Department of Education has been recognizing select public schools through the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and the science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) certification processes. This certification is not simply for schools with advanced science or mathematics classes, but instead recognizes excellence for these initiatives. At these schools, teachers typically have students complete project-based learning exercises throughout the year, incorporating multiple academic disciplines while also having community partnerships that enhance instruction efforts. For 4-H Agent Adrienne Cox in Harris County, supporting the elementary schools in STEAM certification is a critical part of her local program efforts.

Since 2014, Adrienne has partnered with New Mountain Hill Elementary School, Park Elementary School, and Mulberry Creek Elementary School to be a community partner in their year-long certification process. She started working with New Mountain Hill Elementary School in 2014 by serving on the STEAM Board and teaching on certain STEAM Days. From there, support for the program grew exponentially, and Adrienne was soon offering lessons during the school day. Before she knew it, the program had expanded to other elementary schools in the area.

Harris County Schools chose to focus their STEAM projects on agriculture-related topics, holding exciting future opportunities. Adrienne supports students of all grades and abilities, based on the specific local needs identified by the educators. "Extension began as an education entity into the community with agriculture and home economics," she said. "We want kids to learn about agriculture because agriculture runs the world. And they need to know how their lives fit into that."

The school system recognizes the strength of the Extension partnership. From donating chickens to helping with garden projects, Harris County 4-H is proud to continue the partnership. Harris County teacher Lauren LeCompte shares, "I appreciate that she can supplement our teaching and get to things that we don't always have time for in the classroom." As the schools prepare for recertification, the 4-H team is ready with more seeds and soil for agricultural STEAM fun!



Exceeding Their Potential: Young Alumni

Three 4-H alumni share how they contribute to a program that gave them so much. "Our hands to larger service" is a pledge that continues long after high school graduation.



"One of my favorite aspects of my job is being able to work alongside my friends in 4-H and extension. The Dairy Alliance works with 4-H in every state in the Southeast, and I enjoy volunteering and helping judge competitions! I also stay involved by volunteering with Oconee County 4-H and coaching poultry judging every year. Poultry judging was my first 4-H event, and I love seeing students get excited about animals and learning where their food comes from."

Audri Crews

Dairy Alliance Agricultural Affairs Manager
Coweta County Alumnus



"In the philanthropic sector, we recognize many ways to give back. Most people identify it with money, but I think the most valuable way is with your time and talent. I can't begin to count the number of times when a simple conversation or showing up in support made a difference for a 4-H'er. The beautiful thing about this is the joy we get from seeing a 4-H'er develop and grow just because of the time that we spend being there for them."

Darius Maynard

Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Inc.
Program Officer
Bibb County Alumnus



"I believe that personal dedication is the use of your time, or assets, or donations to help. I can say that without a doubt, the use of our time and resources is one of the strong pillars helping to keep Georgia 4-H standing strong. I have spent the past 13 years in this organization, through livestock shows in first grade to state level conferences my senior year, but none of it would have been possible without supporters and volunteers."

Christopher Kuhbander

Cook County Extension 4-H Program Assistant
Ware County Alumnus

WRITTEN BY JENNA DANIEL

Georgia 4-H military support programs earn national recognition

Georgia 4-H was recognized in 2023 by the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals for excellence in supporting military dependent youth. Georgia is home to the 5th largest military population, and Georgia 4-H works to support the youth of military families. In 2023, Georgia 4-H served 4,433 military dependent youth and offered two military residential camps. These camps provide specific support to bolster resilience in youth and allow them a respite from the unique challenges of military life. Following the camps, youth reported that camp activities created a space for them to make friends, provided an opportunity to experience and enjoy the outdoors, and allowed them to challenge themselves through new experiences.

WRITTEN BY LAURA GOSS

National Conference is the ultimate civic engagement experience for high school 4-H members.

Since 1927, 4-H'ers from land grant universities across the country have gathered at our nation's capital to develop the next generation of leaders. Today, 4-H delegates have the unique opportunity to lend their voice to important issues that impact decision making at the federal level. Federal agencies provide an issue of importance in which youth research, discuss, debate, and present their findings to the agencies. The federal partners are eager to receive youth perspective in tackling complex issues. Youth report that this experience increases their leadership, civic engagement, agency, and social and cultural competence. They are empowered by what they learn to make a change in their own communities.

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WRITTEN BY KELLE ASHLEY

ONE GEORGIA

IMPACTING AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS



Most Americans are now generations removed from the farm with only 2% of the nation's population residing on working farms and 1% of the population claiming their occupation as farming, fishing, or forestry. In an effort to increase agricultural awareness, education, and literacy with Georgia youth, a statewide Extension 4-H agent and staff team coordinated a six-day urban and rural agricultural experience to expose students to the diversity of Georgia agriculture.

The 2023 six-day urban-and-rural agricultural experience consisted of two sessions- one hosted in northeast Georgia including

Dahlonega and the second in southern central Georgia. During sessions, participants were actively engaged in over 35 hours of tours, interviews, and hands-on experiences. Session one was focused on northeast Georgia in the Dahlonega/Ellijay area. The cohort began with a visit to Red Oak Lavender Farm and Holly Hill Christmas Tree Farm. The group also visited two apple orchards including Mercier Orchards and R&A Orchards, Mountain Valley Farm Store, Ellijay Mushroom Farm, and Warbington Farms "u-pick" strawberry operation. Many of these facilities had a strong agritourism focus and were diversified operations. This gave the cohort insight on agritourism with emphasis on public education, environmental stewardship, and entrepreneurship.

During session two, the students focused on rural agriculture in southern central Georgia. Students began with a visit to the Georgia Farm Bureau headquarters for a session about agricultural advocacy and had the opportunity to visit the Farm Monitor television set. This session had a large connection to animal sciences including visits to a poultry farm, a dairy, and the Fort Valley State Goat Research and Meat Center. A local agricultural Extension Agent taught the cohort the importance of and how to scout for pest and diseases in cotton and peanut crops. Students also visited a peach orchard, sod compost facility, and a grain bin facility. These visits gave youth a diverse view of conservation and sustainability practices.

"I did not realize how important agribusiness is in Georgia and many other states."

"Agriculture has a big impact on everyone and everything."

"It is up to the next generation of students to make the world around us better."

Anecdotal responses from youth participants when asked, "What was the most important thing you learned during your One Georgia session?"





Beyond Vegetables

Lamar County 4-H School Garden Initiative

Nestled within the grounds of the local elementary school, the Lamar County 4-H's School Garden has been an integral part of the community since it began in 2008. With eight raised beds, the garden serves as an educational sanctuary, inspiring and nurturing the young minds of Lamar County.

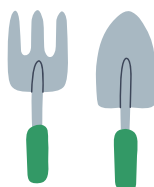
The garden was created to enrich science education for fifth graders, but over the years it has grown to serve students as young as third graders and reaching up to adults in the community. Recent programs in the garden include participating in the pollinator census, which emphasizes the importance of pollinating organisms in our ecosystem, and the "Learn, Grow, Eat, and Go" program for fourth and fifth graders, emphasizing nutrition and physical activity within the context of gardening.

With over 3,000 youth and community members since the initial planting, the garden's impact in Lamar County is

evident, especially when positive comments are shared. "Just wanted to let you know that I got to see the gardens while in full splendor. They are wonderful! Thanks for a great project," shared former Lamar County Superintendent Bill Truby. In addition to providing educational opportunities, the Lamar County 4-H School Garden program also gives back to the community. Students have planted and donated vegetables to families in need for the winter holidays and sold produce at the local Farmers' Market.

The Lamar County 4-H School Garden transcends basic agriculture by cultivating young minds, fostering community partnerships, and planting values of giving back. As it continues to blossom and flourish, it is a testament to the power of education, community, and the simple act of planting a seed.

WRITTEN BY CHRISTIAN ALBRITTON



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4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT



2022-2023 Program Year



Students choose a project area of interest, research the topic, and write and present a presentation to demonstrate their understanding. Youth develop leadership, creativity, and public speaking skills throughout this process. At the middle and high school level of Project Achievement, a record-keeping component is added that promotes independent thinking and research.



55,972

Received Instruction in Project Achievement

Cloverleaf Project Achievement

3,213

Competitors
in Grades 4-6

63

Project
Categories

12

Area
Contests



Junior & Senior Project Achievement

1,419

Competitors
in Grades 7-12

104

Project
Categories

4

District
Contests

289

Grades 7-8
Winners

195

Grades 9-12
Winners

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213

Competitors
in Grades 9-12

50

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Jack’s Superpowers

The world in 2023 is full of challenges, with youth facing some of the greatest hurdles of identity and belonging. Georgia 4-H empowers young people to pursue their passions and discover their potential as individuals with unique and diverse opportunities. Once armed with pertinent knowledge and skills, the next generation is practically unstoppable in making the best better in all aspects of the world around them.

Jack Williams is an Emanuel County Georgia 4-H’er with an extensive resume and an admirable reputation. One of Jack’s first experiences with 4-H took place in the 7th grade, when Emanuel County 4-H Agent Jakyn Tyson encouraged him to create a presentation for District Project Achievement. While any kid would be nervous about delivering a speech in front of judges and peers, Jack is presented with the additional challenge of anxiety and dyslexia diagnoses. These could make participation in such an event a particularly daunting feat. However,

despite any perceptions about his ability, Jack has been determined to succeed. With the support of staff and volunteers, he prepared an excellent presentation about forestry and secured first place in the project! Georgia 4-H ensures equal opportunity for 4-H’ers through support and accommodations as needed. “I think people sometimes feel sorry for me because I have dyslexia,” Jack said. “But I can read any word backward, sideways, and upside down. I wish they didn’t look at it like a disability, because it’s more or less a superpower.” From that initial competition to his final year participating in District Project Achievement, the impact of 4-H was undeniable. In years past, he delivered his speech privately to judges. In his senior year, his confidence in public speaking developed to the point of delivering his presentation to his fellow participants, as well. He achieved master status – the highest honor bestowed in Georgia 4-H – in the Food Safety & Preservation Project.

Jack’s involvement doesn’t just include District Project Achievement. After competing in events including indoor archery, modified trap, and skeet for years, he recently served as a National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, representing Georgia on a national scale. He also participated in Food Challenge and the Pantry Pride cooking competitions. After competing as a member of the Forestry Judging team



on the county level, he also placed first in the Forestry project at the state level. Whatever interest Jack discovered, 4-H allowed him to explore and develop it to the fullest extent of excellence.

Jack graduated from high school in 2023 and has completed a welding degree from Southeastern Technical College. Jakyn describes him as, “a leader and an inspiration to his peers” and knows that he will continue his involvement in the Emanuel County community as a volunteer and mentor for 4-H. Jack has already completed the Georgia 4-H Certified Archery Coach training and serves as a cloverleaf coach.

Jack said, “4-H has taught me that no matter what the situation is, there’s always a better outcome as long as you try and put forth the work. I think that’s helped me to become the best version of myself that I can be. I really believe that.”



WRITTEN BY LILY THOMAS

Connecting through Collaboration



The Well Connected Communities initiative has made big impacts on three Georgia counties.

Paper plates full of nachos get loaded to capacity as Georgeanne Cook ladles taco meat from a slow cooker in the Washington County Extension office kitchen. High school students gather around tables, and adults arrive two, five, and ten minutes late as they rush in from their jobs across the Sandersville area to join the teens for lunch. Once everyone is seated with sweet tea in hand, the meeting of the Washington County Health Coalition officially comes to order. As a Well Connected Communities grant recipient, Washington County formed this coalition in 2018. Since then, people of all ages, vocations, and backgrounds have been working together to make wellness a reality for their neighbors.

Well Connected Communities (WCC) is a grant-funded wellbeing initiative facilitated by Cooperative Extension through partnership with National 4-H Council and funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Washington County joins Calhoun and Colquitt Counties as Georgia's WCC focal regions.

A health coalition is a foundational component of every WCC county plan. In these groups, students and adults work together to assess and address challenges and needs specifically focused on health and wellness. Collaboration between 4-H'ers and workforce professionals creates the key

to the success for these diverse groups of caring citizens. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension faculty and staff bridge the gap between all stakeholders and help turn goals into reality.

Colquitt County calls the youth component of their coalition the "Teen Board." After considering the needs of the county, the board chose to focus on supporting youth, particularly those impacted by the foster care system. A recent project called Carnival for Care provided a day of fun for children in foster care and their families. The carnival included resources and activities to support overall wellness for participants. Similarly, the "Delightful Duffels" initiative provided brand-new luggage to youth in foster care. Valerie Bennett, 4-H Agent, and Suzanne Williams, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, support WCC in Colquitt County.

Nutrition, physical activity, tobacco prevention, and social wellness all came to the forefront of the Calhoun County assessment. The Healthier Together Calhoun coalition is present in their community with high-impact projects, including a wellness podcast, farmer's market promotions, and regular health fairs. A recent program called "Fruit on the Field" provides fresh fruit to student-athletes; this goes hand-in-hand with their concession option improvement

prepares for the Mental Health Youth Summit that is fast approaching. With a county-wide focus on mental health, this summit is the second one the health coalition has planned; the first one reached every 8th grader at the Washington County middle school in May 2023 through a partnership with Mercer University. In addition to reaching youth with life-saving information, adults in the county jail are reached by the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program. Washington County partners with the Family Connections organization to reach those in the criminal justice system. Georgeanne is the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in Washington County and Cindy Sheram, 4-H Agent, also supports the program.

In the years since Georgia's grant cycle began in 2018, these three health coalitions have impacted their communities in ways that would be near-impossible to measure. Thousands of lives have been improved by the work of youth and adults with a united goal to improve wellbeing. "The youth have a voice," Georgeanne said as she discussed the overwhelming success of their programs. "They see the importance of this work and they invite their friends."

As the grant cycle comes to a close in 2023, each county has plans to continue many of their initiatives. Colquitt County is working to establish a long-lasting Peer Court to help youth make wise choices and find accountability. "No Smoking" signs will continue to be installed in parks across Calhoun County, and youth in Washington County are already excited about the next Mental Health Summit in May 2024. A healthy community is possible when everyone is working to be better together.

Extension's Well Connected Communities initiative helps build diverse, multi-generational, cross-sector coalitions that can recognize and address systemic health inequities. By intentionally forging connections, building capacity, and taking action in these communities and across the Extension network, life-long health and well-being are within everyone's reach.



plan to offer healthier choices at sporting events. Shanda Ashley, 4-H Agent, and Luke Crosson, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, support WCC in Calhoun County. Lunch in Washington County turns into a spirited discussion as the group

Pictured: Members of the Washington County Health Coalition

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH

Thirty-Two Years of Denny Kuhr

Georgia 4-H's Project SAFE Shotgun program is thriving in large part due to the efforts of Denny Kuhr. Certified Volunteer Coaches are the backbone of each Georgia 4-H shooting sports discipline, and nearly every active shotgun coach has been trained by Denny. He was the first person in the state to earn National 4-H Shooting Sports Level 2 Certification, enabling him to train Georgia volunteers to serve as county coaches.

Since 1992, Denny has served Georgia 4-H in a variety of roles. He was instrumental in creating a Fayette County 4-H Shooting Range on land owned by the Peachtree City Water and Sewer Authority. Great perseverance was required to establish the range, and Denny's desire to have a place where 4-H youth could share in his passion for shooting trap and skeet helped him work through all the details and see the project to fruition. Denny led the Fayette County Shotgun Club as Head Coach for nearly twenty years.

Denny has actively worked to improve SAFE Shotgun by participating on the SAFE Shotgun Advisory Committee. Current shotgun guidelines are a result of his untold hours of research on other programs, making sure that Georgia's rules align with National 4-H Shooting Sports standards and the governing bodies of the shotgun games. Never one to be satisfied with the status quo, Denny was instrumental in developing the first Advanced Shotgun Training held in February 2023.

Realizing that many youth in SAFE Shotgun have limited opportunities to hunt, he used his networking skills to find a landowner with a similar vision to provide 4-H Shotgun Club members a place to hunt. For the last several years, Aaron McWhorter has invited our youth to a dove hunt the second weekend of the season. Denny leads the safety briefings and coordinates the hunt.

Denny strongly believes in the 4-H mission, and his volunteering is not limited to SAFE Shotgun. He has served on the Georgia State 4-H Advisory Committee and lends his expertise as a Project Achievement presentation judge. Georgia 4-H is better and stronger because of Denny Kuhr.

WRITTEN BY CRAVEN HUDSON



Summer Health Squads

Fostering a culture of well-being for Georgia's Youth

Head, heart, hands, and HEALTH! These four words make up the core of 4-H. While all four aspects of our organization are of equal importance, Georgia 4-H particularly prides itself in its innovative healthy living programming. Among its many initiatives, the Summer Health Squads led by 4-H AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) Summer Associates in Habersham County, Houston County, Peach County, and Fulton County stand out as beacons of empowerment, educating and engaging young minds in a holistic approach to wellness.

Georgia 4-H's Summer Health Squads aim to foster a culture of well-being among Georgia's youth. These squads are designed to inspire personal growth, instill lifelong habits of healthy living, and promote healthy food access. From the bustling streets of Fulton County to the serene countryside of Peach County, the program spans the state, catering to diverse communities and demographics.

The wonderful thing about these health squads is that their initiatives can be applied to any and all regions,

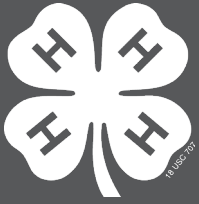
both across the state and outside of our lines. In the summer of 2023, helpful adaptations were made county-to-county in order to effectively reach the populations who can benefit from the initiative. In Houston County, students learned the importance of nutrition, fitness, and mental health, while Peach County's program dove into issues on agriculture, food systems, and sustainable living. Meanwhile, in the diverse city of Atlanta, Fulton County's Summer Health Squad focused on urban health challenges and the importance of physical activity. However, one thing all of these unique Health Squads have in common is an emphasis on youth leadership. Through hands-on service activities and leadership opportunities, participants learn how to take charge of their health and become ambassadors of wellness within their own environments.

The program doesn't just teach them about healthy choices but empowers them to lead by example, and students are already taking action establishing a common mindset of healthy living.

Out of the 229 students the program reached in its first year, 87% of students felt that they more adequately knew how to educate others on the importance of health after being a part of a Health Squad.

The impact of Georgia 4-H's Summer Health Squads is far-reaching. By equipping young individuals with the knowledge and skills to make informed health choices, these programs are contributing to the overall well-being of Georgia's youth. As these participants grow into young adults, they will carry forward the lessons and values instilled by the Summer Health Squads, becoming leaders who prioritize health and wellness in their society.

WRITTEN BY KATIE BETH BREWER



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I AM HERE TO MAKE AN IMPACT."

Persistence Paying Off

WRITTEN BY KELLE ASHLEY

As Braylen Howell's name was called as the winner of the 2023 Dean's Award in Family and Consumer Sciences, he could not contain his emotions. Tears of accomplishment rolled down his face as he accepted his 4-H medallion. Receiving this recognition was a storybook ending to his remarkable 4-H career. Eight years prior to this moment, Braylen started his 4-H story in the Time and Money Management project. This pursuit of achieving Master 4-H status for his work in the area of financial literacy came with the highs and lows one would expect when dedicated to becoming the best in their discipline. Each year at DPA, Braylen was runner-up for a bid to State Congress. He credits 4-H with teaching him how to handle loss. "Losing is not the end. Those moments taught me to put in the extra effort." That extra effort paid off when Braylen attended his first State Congress as a senior in high school and took top honors in the Financial Planning and Consumer Economics project.

It wasn't just Braylen's 4-H leaders pushing him to excel; there was always consistent encouragement from his mom. Braylen says from a very early age his mom stressed the importance of learning how to manage money. She urged him to stretch himself academically and seek unique opportunities that would lead to a successful future. In middle school, Braylen enrolled in Georgia College's Early College program. This allowed him to take high school courses in

middle school, freeing up his high school years to dual enroll with colleges. Before graduating high school, Braylen earned an associate's degree from Central Georgia Technical College in Banking and Finance and an additional associate's degree in General Studies from Georgia Military College. Braylen became a certified Banking and Finance Specialist and was a bank teller intern at the Exchange Bank of Milledgeville as a high school student.

Braylen's exceptional work in the field of financial literacy has been recognized well beyond Georgia 4-H. In a letter of support for Braylen's pursuit of Dean's Award recognition, State School Superintendent Richard Woods praised Braylen for being a "diligent ambassador" of his Student Advisory Council and noted that Braylen advocated for personal finance to be a required high school course. This fall, Braylen started his freshman year at the University of Georgia pursuing a double major in Management Information Systems and Finance from the Terry College of Business. In reflecting on his experience, Braylen recognizes the significant impact 4-H has had on his life. The professional skills he gained from presenting and interviewing at 4-H contests have been invaluable as a student. Braylen hopes to use these



skills to get involved in campus life as an Orientation Leader or maybe even working at the UGA Business Center. His goals for this chapter of his life are not much different from his time in 4-H, "I am not just here to be here. I am here to make an impact."

Pictured, left: Braylen receiving first place for Dean's Award in Family and Consumer Sciences with Melanie Biersmith; top: Braylen being recognized during State Congress 2023



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The future is green, and so is the Georgia State Capitol!

On February 8, 2023, the halls of power were infused with the energy and enthusiasm of a new generation ready to shape the future. More than 600 Georgia 4-H'ers, staff, and volunteers gathered in Atlanta to celebrate the impact of Georgia 4-H. This annual event connects youth with legislators, donors, supporters, and fellow 4-H'ers in a day characterized as "learning by doing."

The 2023 Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol, presented by Gulfstream Aerospace, gave 4-H'ers the unique experience of seeing a current fellow 4-H'er speak in front of the State House of Representatives and Senate. Georgia 4-H President Venya Gunjal spoke to legislators on behalf of all Georgia 4-H'ers. "There is something for everyone in 4-H," she remarked. "This organization is the driving force behind my discovery of my passion for STEM, and 4-H'ers alongside me learn to pursue their paths to development and leadership."

While legislators were able to hear about Georgia 4-H and its endless opportunities, 4-H'ers could step into the legislators' shoes and roam the halls of the Capitol. Many counties held meetings and tours with their legislators, allowing 4-H'ers to converse one-on-one with those who represent them. During this time, students asked questions, learned about happenings in the Capitol, and shared why 4-H is important to them.

A luncheon in the Georgia Freight Depot provided further opportunities for 4-H'ers to connect with elected officials. Senator Larry Walker and Representative Rick Jasperse serve as 4-H hosts in the Senate and House of Representatives and they also hosted lunch. Thomas Holt, Ben Hill County 4-H'er, spoke about the impact 4-H has had on his life - his message resonated with peers and leaders alike. Undoubtedly, 4-H has impacted Thomas; similarly, Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol impacted all those in attendance.

Civic Engagement is one of three primary focus areas in Georgia 4-H. This focus area is illustrated by 4-H'ers learning more about the political process and establishing relationships with their elected officials. Opportunities to interact with young constituents and hear about the organizations that matter to them affords politicians the privilege of knowing that the future is in good hands.

Going Green

WRITTEN BY ALYSSA HAAG



Pictured, left to right: 2022-2023 Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors and advisors; 4-H Vice President Carter Hewitt with Senator Larry Walker

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559

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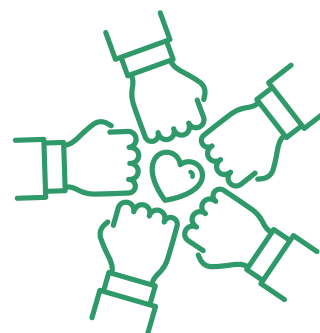
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Applauding Volunteers



Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer: Billy Wilkes, Columbia County

Billy Wilkes is a Columbia County 4-H legend! He has been serving as a Columbia County 4-H volunteer for more than 22 years and has reached generations of youth. Throughout the years, he has transported hundreds of students back-and-forth to 4-H events all over the state as the dedicated volunteer bus driver. After safely arriving at each event, he continued to tirelessly chaperone youth.

Due to his consistent and continued commitment to serve, he has had the opportunity to impact youth at district and state-wide events such as Fall Forum, Junior Conference, and District Project Achievement. In addition, Billy has served as a chaperone for summer camp at all five 4-H centers. His service doesn't end there; he has supported countless county events, including 4-H Fun Nights, 4-H Club Expo, 4-H Days in Columbia County, holiday festivals, and more. When he wasn't driving a bus or chaperoning youth at an event, Mr. Billy may have been found selling Vidalia Onions or gathering pecans in support of Columbia County 4-H programs.

Youth who have experienced his guidance have gone on to become camp counselors, environmental educators, 4-H agents, and state staff members. He is now mentoring the children of those who were his original 4-H'ers! Due to his dedicated and impactful service to the youth of the state, Mr. Billy was named the 2022-23 Georgia 4-H Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer.

Pictured above, left to right: Lauren Luoma, Melanie Biersmith, Billy Wilkes, Sue Chapman, Keri Hobbs

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Georgia 4-H Volunteer of the Year: Jessica Collins, Houston County

Jessica Collins recently completed a year of volunteer service as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America) with Houston County 4-H. While in this role, she recruited 83 new 4-H Club members into Houston County 4-H. She worked directly with programs like Tech Changemakers, SAFE Target Sports teams, and Performing Arts Club to connect more youth with their interests.

In an effort to build the capacity of the program, she created two innovative fundraisers - the monthly Eat and Grow Nights and the Fill the Bus campaign for 4-H summer camp. Her service enabled more than \$6,400 to be raised in support of Houston County 4-H.

Jessica created a new homeschool 4-H club in Houston County to reach additional audiences. She also created a new management system for volunteers in the county to best align their interest areas with a needed service. During her tenure, she recruited nine new volunteers, and supported a total of 75 volunteers during the year. Overall, her service has cultivated volunteer excellence, fund development, and youth participation efforts which result in an overall strengthened county program in the future. Due to her tireless and impactful efforts, she was named the 2022-23 Georgia 4-H Volunteer of the Year.



Pictured above, left to right: Samantha Price, Melanie Biersmith, Jessica Collins, Sue Chapman, Keri Hobbs

Volunteers are mission-centric to our work with young people. If you are interested in volunteering with Georgia 4-H, get in touch with your local Extension office and find out what is happening in your area!



Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award: Representative Rick Jasperse

The Georgia 4-H Program recognizes outstanding public servants who have been stellar supporters of the 4-H program during their careers with the coveted Green Jacket Award. The 2023 Green Jacket Award recipient was State Representative Rick Jasperse.

Rep. Jasperse has advocated for legislation and funding for UGA, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and Georgia 4-H for several years. He began his career with UGA Extension and spent 29 years as the Pickens County Extension Agent. He and his wife Marcia raised their three children in 4-H, and each of them eventually served as 4-H summer camp counselors.

Rep. Jasperse has supported local and state-level 4-H events throughout his terms, serving the 11th district of Georgia as a representative since 2010. He is the past Chair of the House of Representatives Higher Education Committee, and he currently serves as the chairman of the Transportation Committee and sits on many others.

"He has served as the Georgia House of Representatives host for 4-H Day at the Capitol for many years," said Melanie Biersmith, Georgia 4-H State Leader. He takes time each year to speak to the 4-H delegation at the Capitol, inspiring them to actively participate in the civic process. During the 2021-22 legislative session, Rep. Jasperse co-authored a bill stating that a student who participates in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H shall be credited as present by the school in the same manner as an educational field trip.

"At the Capitol, it's the easiest thing in the world to stand up in front of the house or whoever I have to talk to and tell them what a wonderful thing 4-H is and what it does for young people and the opportunities it gives them," said Rep. Jasperse. "We're blessed to have an organization that somebody thought of a long time ago, that's here in 2023, that allows us to learn, share, and become better leaders."

The Green Jacket Award, established in 2008, recognizes individuals for their outstanding statewide support of Georgia 4-H. It is presented annually at State Congress on behalf of Georgia 4-H alumni, donors, volunteers, and friends.

Positions at time of award

2022

Brian and Marty Kemp, Governor and First Lady of Georgia

2021

Ellis and Aletha Black, State Senator and Spouse

2020

Gale Cutler, Senior Public Relations Coordinator
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2019

Francis "Abit" Massey, President Emeritus
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2018

Jack Hill, State Senator

2017

Gary Black, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture

2016

Tom McCall, State Representative

2015

Paul Wood,
President/CEO of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation

2014

Terry England, State Representative

2013

Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia

2012

Hank Huckaby, Board of Regents Chancellor

2011

David Ralston, Speaker of the House

2010

Randy Nuckolls, Georgia 4-H Foundation Trustee

2009

Mike Beatty, Georgia Department of Community
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2008

Sonny Perdue, Governor of Georgia

Friend of 4-H Award: Gary Black



Georgia 4-H and the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals recognize individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding support of Georgia 4-H with the Friend of 4-H Award. This important award highlights exemplary contributions towards the Georgia 4-H vision and mission. The 2023 Friend of 4-H Award recipient is Gary Black, former Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture.

Gary's early career was spent developing leaders in Georgia Farm Bureau's Young Farmers' program; he was selected to lead the Georgia Agribusiness Council and elected to fulfill the role of Georgia Agriculture Commissioner in 2010.

The Baby Barn at the Georgia National Fair, which uses 4-H and FFA members to educate the public about the livestock industry, was Gary's vision. As was the Legislative Livestock Showdown, an opportunity for sitting state house and senate members to pair with youth livestock exhibitors. The friendly competition provides an experience for legislators to learn more about the livestock industry firsthand from 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors.

Gary is an avid Georgia 4-H supporter, and he continues to champion opportunities for 4-H'ers and their communities to make the best better. He is committed to youth development and provides leadership opportunities for youth. He and his wife, Lydia, host state 4-H officers for dinner and leadership lessons at the beginning of each officer term.

"It's never a 'me' game; it has to be a 'we' game," Gary said. "I'm just fortunate enough to have been a part of a pretty good doggone group of 'wees', and I'm very grateful."



William H. Booth Award: Cindy Meadows



The William H. Booth Award recognizes an Extension agent with more than seven years of experience from each of the four districts for outstanding 4-H professional achievement, 4-H educational development, professional and university service, and philosophy. This honor acknowledges peer recognition and career achievement and is sponsored by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation. The 2023 state winner of the William H. Booth Award is Cindy Meadows, Seminole County 4-H Agent and County Extension Coordinator.

Cindy has served the Seminole County community for 23 years, working diligently to coordinate community resources to benefit local youth. During her tenure, Seminole County has had 20 district and state officers, 44 State Congress delegates, and 1,000 members participating in 4-H judging teams. She has also secured, managed, and supported funding for 4-H programming totaling more than \$160,000.

Cindy uses her life beliefs that anything can be accomplished with hard work, perseverance, and ethical values as a foundation for her 4-H philosophy. "I pride myself in being a positive role model in the lives of the 4-H'ers not only in Seminole County but throughout the state," Cindy stated. "I want them to all experience a caring adult in their lives like I was blessed with while growing up. I want them to realize that success comes from within; if they believe it, they can achieve it."

THE GREEN JACKET AWARD AND WILLIAM H. BOOTH AWARD ARE SPONSORED BY GEORGIA'S EMCs.



Ryles Rising Star Award: Rachel Frisbie



The Ryles Rising Star Award was established upon the retirement of former State 4-H Leader Dr. Roger C. (Bo) Ryles to recognize an outstanding 4-H staff member in the first five years of employment. These individuals make significant and exceptional contributions to the success of 4-H, either in a county program, at a 4-H center, or in the state 4-H office. The 2023 recipient is Rachel Frisbie, Monroe County 4-H Agent.

Rachel started her career with Extension in 2017 while she worked to obtain her bachelor's degree, and then she transitioned into the role of 4-H and Youth Development Agent. She is obtaining her master's degree in public administration, showing her commitment to growing her knowledge and expertise.

Her impact has been profound throughout her short time with Monroe County 4-H. Participation has grown exponentially, with

the number of active members growing from 229 active members to 1,147 youth. Furthermore, camp participation increased from 15 campers in 2021 to 93 in 2022, an increase of over 520%.

Rachel currently leads 40 in-school club meetings for youth in grades 4-8, serving over 1,000 youth. She has developed an afterschool Cloverbuds Club, Outdoor Adventure Club, County Council, Community Service Club, Poultry Judging Team, Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Team, S.A.F.E. Shotgun Club, Culinary Clovers Club, and multiple teen leader clubs. Within 4-H, Rachel strives to develop leaders. She has increased her teen leader team by 400%. Through this program, her teens have developed and led multiple successful programs.

Leading by example, Rachel has served on the Monroe County Superintendent Community and Parent Involvement Board, as a

regional judge for the R.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program. Currently, she serves the Monroe County Family Connections as a Board Member. She has also been elected as the Northeast District Junior Director for the Georgia Association of 4-H Youth Development Professionals.

"This recipient always leads by example, always putting the needs of others first and actively listening to others," one of her colleagues said. "Her ability to connect with 4-H'ers on a personal level and build meaningful relationships has been instrumental in her effectiveness as a 4-H Agent."



Special Award: Laura Perry Johnson Association of Southern Region Extension Directors' 2023 Award for Excellence in Leadership

This award was presented at the Southern Region Program Leadership Network in Orlando, Florida in recognition of outstanding service to Extension.

National 4-H Hall of Fame: Percy Hunter Stone



Percy Hunter Stone was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame on October 7, 2022. Stone served as Georgia's first Black 4-H state leader in the era of segregation, leading the organization known then as the Negro 4-H Club. He was recognized for his unwavering dedication to creating equal opportunities for all 4-H'ers.

Stone is credited with the establishment of Dublin 4-H Center, opened as the first state center for Black 4-H'ers in the United States in 1957. The center was named to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service in 2022.

Born in Virginia in 1893, Stone earned an undergraduate degree from Hampton Institute before moving to Georgia in 1919 to begin his career as an Extension Agent in Clarke County. Four years later, he was transferred to Savannah to assume the role of State Leader of the Negro 4-H Club.

Upon his arrival in Savannah, Stone began working to remove barriers preventing Black students from participating in 4-H. He strengthened all facets of 4-H programming of that time by incorporating more organization to the club's framework, including expanded leadership training for the members and greater incentive for competing in judging, exhibits, project production and record books.

Membership steadily increased and Stone and his state staff decided to consolidate the girls' program with the boys' program. The first State Federation for Negro 4-H Club Boys and Girls was established in August 1933 at Georgia

State Industrial College. An equal number of boys and girls were elected to fill the officer positions.

Stone is credited with nurturing the Savannah business community in support of 4-H, believing that "the community is the basis of club organization." Mills Bee Lane, Jr., a young Savannah banker, began sponsoring the Negro 4-H Calf Clubs in 1936 by financing 26 steers for participants. Other businesses followed and opportunities for Black 4-H'ers continued to improve.

Camping became Stone's next priority. Black Extension Agents dreamed of a centrally-located center that would be controlled by the Cooperative Extension Service. In 1939, he assisted with the acquisition of property in Laurens County to begin construction of the Dublin 4-H Center.

World War II and its aftermath slowed the construction of the new facility, but Stone persisted with his initiatives. By 1954, there were 50,000 Black 4-H members in Georgia.

After 37 years of service, Stone retired in 1956 and moved to Washington, D.C. to serve in the Federal Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. He returned to Georgia in 1957 for the opening and dedication of the Dublin 4-H Center. Thanks to the work of Stone and other Black Extension Agents, the center served Black 4-H'ers and their families until it closed in 1968.

Stone changed the course of history for Black youth in Georgia by creating opportunities for them to develop and belong as 4-H'ers. "It was only 65 years ago

that Dublin 4-H Center was dedicated," said Dr. Fred Harrison, retired Director of Extension and Dean Emeritus, Fort Valley State University. "The 4-H program in Georgia was segregated, we had two separate camps. The reason we can confidently say today that the Extension programs in Georgia are combined is because people like Percy Hunter Stone worked hard and did not quit."

The history of Dublin 4-H Center is commemorated with permanent signage installed near the Emery Thomas Auditorium. Replicas have also been installed in Sutton Hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia.

"We are committed to making sure this history is remembered," said Arch Smith, retired 4-H State Leader, who nominated Stone for the National 4-H Hall of Fame. "The 4-H'ers of tomorrow will have the opportunity to learn about the work that was done by those who came before them."

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Throughout its history, Georgia 4-H has served as the state's premier youth development organization by providing crucial leadership, communication, and workforce development programs. This year, the Georgia 4-H Foundation marks its 75th anniversary of assisting in those efforts by serving as the private fundraising arm of Georgia 4-H. The Foundation was created in November of 1948 with the purpose of raising funds to build Rock Eagle 4-H Center and support the mission of Georgia 4-H. Over time, construction projects grew, scholarships and endowments were added, and the Foundation diligently worked towards its goal of building meaningful and sustained relationships with corporate and individual partners throughout the state.

As we look back over 75 years of progress, supporters of the Georgia 4-H Foundation can be proud of the growth, impact, and relevant opportunities available to the next generation of Georgia's leaders. Over that time, millions of individuals have found their spark through 4-H programs and the diverse offerings available in all 159 Georgia counties. Our pillars of Agriculture, STEM, Healthy Living, and Civic Engagement have proven to be vital workforce development tools cultivating millions of well-rounded employable youth.

Opportunities through 4-H build confidence, goal setting, empathy, teamwork, communication, and interpersonal skills that serve a participant for a lifetime. The Georgia 4-H Foundation team continues to enthusiastically share that story across the state in hopes of identifying relevant alignment opportunities with prospective partners and supporters. Thank you for your impactful investment in this mission. Together, we can continue reinforcing a solid foundation of positive youth development that will last another 75 years and beyond.

With gratitude,

Adam Hammond

Executive Director, Georgia 4-H Foundation



After a rewarding 38-year career with EY, I have recently achieved the long-sought retirement milestone. As I reflected during a celebratory trip to Italy, it did not pass me by the lasting imprint and impact that Georgia 4-H has made in my personal and professional life. While growing up in Pitts, Georgia provided me many life lessons that I lean on today, it was Georgia 4-H that taught me public speaking, project organization, how to accept success with humility, and, perhaps most importantly, how to respond to disappointments with resilience. Georgia 4-H also taught me how to embrace getting on a yellow bus for camp or an airplane for a trip to Chicago and how to live out of a red American Tourister suitcase for a week. Those skills learned through 4-H made navigating the trains, planes, and automobiles of Italy a breeze.

I want to acknowledge and applaud what makes Georgia 4-H the leading youth development organization that it is: the tireless work and dedication of hundreds of individuals across the entire state. It starts at the local county level with 4-H leaders, county extension agents, local program leaders, and volunteers. The incredible work of district and state leadership keeps Georgia 4-H relevant with the programming that will ready our youth for tomorrow. The enthusiasm of our camp staff provides life-long memories to thousands of Georgia youth through the camping and environmental education programs. Georgia 4-H is special because it is a wonderful combination of caring professionals and volunteers, incredible programming, and curious kids.

I am now entering my last year as Chair of the Georgia 4-H Foundation, and it has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. The Foundation has the simple mission to support the programs and facilities of Georgia 4-H. Our 2023 biennial Gala was a tremendous success and raised over \$700,000 for Georgia 4-H. Let me express my sincere thanks - those funds will go directly to expanding the reach and access of Georgia 4-H across the state. I also encourage you to remain involved with Georgia 4-H as a volunteer. Georgia 4-H will be better for it, but so will you.

All the best,

Scott Shell

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Spotlight on Supporters

Katie Comer and her husband, Tyler Ashley, are no strangers to the Georgia 4-H program. Since the fourth grade, Katie and Tyler have been active in the 4-H program as participants, employees, volunteers, and donors. Katie grew up as a Carroll County 4-H'er and was introduced to 4-H



through Poultry Judging. Although she did not grow up on a farm, Katie was able to step outside of her comfort zone, experience something completely out of the norm, and even started to raise chickens from the impact of this activity. Katie participated in a litany of other activities like Project Achievement, National Conference, the camp counselor program, and serving as 4-H State President. Katie frequently looks back on her experience as State 4-H President and recognizes the opportunities and skills that came from that position. Tyler grew up as a Floyd County 4-H'er and also participated in a wide variety

of activities like Project Achievement, Georgia 4-H Achievement Scholarships, and the camp counselor program. At Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Tyler served as a Major Interest, Sports and Recreation, and Leadership Counselor. In 2010, Tyler served as Lead Counselor at Rock Eagle 4-H Center

tasked with leading the entire group of counselors in the pursuit of the best summer ever.

4-H gives youth the opportunity to form meaningful relationships and friendships across the state. For Katie and Tyler, meeting at Rock Eagle was the first step toward an eventual marriage. With so much of their lives being impacted by 4-H, Katie and Tyler continue to make a commitment to provide phenomenal financial support to Georgia 4-H. They have firsthand seen the impact that the

Georgia 4-H program has on youth development, so it is an easy decision for them when it comes to helping provide youth with the same opportunities they were able to receive.

Katie currently works as Head of Community Development for North America for Meta where she leads the community development team across 17 data centers. Tyler currently works as National Director for Strategy Execution for the Boys & Girls Club of America where he works on large-scale strategy and initiative.

WRITTEN BY RYAN ROSE

Layne Lee Varnedoe truly exemplifies what it means to "Make the Best Better."

As a Clinch County 4-H Alumnus, Layne has continued to support Georgia 4-H through the years. Her work through her Fashion Revue Project has impacted her the most as she now owns three businesses

in her hometown of Homerville, Georgia. Little Avriett, Merry Avriett, and The Avriett Store are retail stores that focus on children's clothing, holiday décor, and flowers respectively. She says that a big part of her involvement in 4-H was due to her county's home economist, Audrey James. She vividly remembers Ms. James giving her time and resources so generously to help her with her project.

Layne was involved in numerous activities during her time in Georgia 4-H. She participated in things such as Project Achievement in the Fashion Review Project and the Clothing Project, she served as both a Junior and Senior District Officer for the East District, traveled to Washington, D.C. for the Citizenship Short Course, and a multitude of district and state Events. The biggest takeaway she had from these activities was the ability to network and make connections that have lasted her entire life. All this has led her to stay engaged with Georgia 4-H and support generously.

Layne says that the biggest reason she continues to give to Georgia 4-H is to give back to the youth of the organization that meant so much to her. She does not want there to be any object blocking the opportunities presented through Georgia 4-H. She said she just wants kids to see these opportunities and "reach out and grab it" without any worry of financial obligations. The Georgia 4-H Foundation is grateful to Layne and her husband, Robert, for their incredible support of youth across the state.

WRITTEN BY WILL WOODARD



Breaking Records

THE GEORGIA 4-H FOUNDATION GALA RAISED \$720,000 IN A MONUMENTAL EVENING.



The 2023 Georgia 4-H Gala took place on August 19 at the InterContinental Buckhead. The Gala is a biennial function that serves as the largest fundraising event for Georgia 4-H. Nearly 600 guests took part in an evening of dinner, remembrance, and most importantly, support of Georgia 4-H. The theme of the event, "Together We Elevate," was on full display as donors and supporters gathered to support accessibility improvements throughout Georgia 4-H. This includes accessibility improvements at facilities, camping and programming scholarships, and the installation of an elevator tower at the historic Rock Eagle Effigy. Thanks to the generosity of countless donors, we were able to shatter our goal and raise a record-breaking \$720,000 through sponsorship, live auction, and silent auction contributions. Make plans to join us for the 2025 Georgia 4-H Gala!



The Georgia 4-H Evergreen Society is comprised of 4-H supporters who have elected to make a monthly recurring donation in support of Georgia 4-H.

These monthly commitments help to ensure the accessibility of 4-H youth development programs around the state. Whether you give \$25, \$100, or more, your contributions add up monthly and go to work immediately. For the cost of a monthly streaming subscription, your support can help a 4-H'er experience summer camp, participate in project achievement, and more! Evergreen Donors receive a Georgia 4-H Water Bottle and a yearly membership sticker for the bottle each subsequent year of membership. If you would like to be an Evergreen donor, please reach out to Ryan Rose at ryanrose@uga.edu or sign up at georgia4hfoundation.org/general-donation.

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The \$4 for 4-H campaign is an exciting annual giving day for Georgia 4-H. Each year on April 4, hundreds of 4-H'ers and supporters come together to give in support of youth development. Through the assistance of county offices, this fundraiser is completely driven through social media avenues and email. Participants are encouraged to give \$4, \$44, \$444, or more! For this campaign, donors are given the opportunity to select a specific county they would like to directly support. Eighty percent of funds designated to a county go directly back to that county for local programmatic needs.

This year, the goal was to receive at least four gifts from each county in the state and to raise an overall total of at least \$54,444. Thanks to the generosity of over 1,500 donors, a record-breaking \$63,013 was raised with over \$50,000 going directly back to the county to support local programming. Additionally, all counties received at least four donations.

Fayette County was recognized for receiving the most individual donations and Ware County for receiving the largest donation. Georgia 4-H'ers joined in the celebration of achieving the milestone as State 4-H Leader Melanie Biersmith was "slimed" at State 4-H Council in June 2023. Join us for the next \$4 for 4-H fundraiser this April!

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A Lifetime of Achievement: Randy Nuckolls

Randy Nuckolls was presented with the 2023 Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award at the 4-H Gala held in Atlanta on August 19, 2023. This prestigious award is considered the highest honor bestowed by Georgia 4-H and is presented to those who exhibit years of continued service to the organization.

Randy has been a supporter of Georgia 4-H since he began in the program as a 4-H'er in Whitfield County over 60 years ago. It was during his rich career as a 4-H'er that he became deeply involved in the organization. He earned the title of Master 4-H'er and went on to serve as a summer camp counselor at Rock Eagle summer camp from 1970-1973. Randy has continued his support of Georgia 4-H throughout his professional career.

The Lifetime Achievement award was established in 2001 to recognize individuals who dedicate significant time, energy, and resources to Georgia 4-H over an extended period of time. Past award recipients include former state 4-H leaders, volunteers, and advocates who dedicated serious initiative to the development of the organization.

Randy attended the University of Georgia to earn an undergraduate degree in agricultural economics. He went on to obtain a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1977. From there he has spent his career in Washington, D.C. as a public policy lawyer and a past member of the U.S. Senate Staff.

Randy has spent the past 50 years working in Washington, D.C. promoting Georgia 4-H, elevating awareness of the organization to the national level. He also provided significant support to the Georgia 4-H Washington Intern program by hosting and building connections with student interns and lawmakers. Along with this, his work includes supporting federal legislation that has expanded the budget and reach of UGA Cooperative Extension and Georgia 4-H.

"This represents the 10th time the Lifetime Achievement Award has been given," said Melanie Biersmith, Georgia 4-H State Leader. "It was an honor to add Randy Nuckolls' name to the prestigious list of previous winners. In keeping with our theme for the Gala where he was honored, Randy's contributions have 'elevated' our work and impact within

Georgia 4-H."

Randy has been one of the longest standing members of the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, having been a crucial factor in the success of many fundraising projects for over half of the Foundation's lifetime.

"I may not have had some sort of lightning strike idea that changed the landscape of Georgia 4-H," Randy said during his acceptance remarks at the gala. "However, through my work as a camp counselor, a camp manager, a state 4-H staff assistant, a 4-H Foundation board member, legislative counsel to two Georgia Senators in Washington, D.C., and as Washington Council for over 30 years to the University of Georgia, I have been a supporter, a sustainer, an elevator of Georgia 4-H, and a mentor to individual Georgia 4-H'ers."

Randy has had an impact on countless 4-H'ers, both directly and indirectly through his extensive financial and physical support of Georgia 4-H. His generosity and contribution of time and energy spans an entire lifetime.

During his remarks, Randy said, "We are not done yet, let's keep making the best better."

Adam Hammond, Executive Director of the Georgia 4-H Foundation said, "The Foundation would like to thank the incredible sponsors and donors for the record-breaking outpouring of support through the Georgia 4-H Gala. These advocates for positive youth development solidified funds that will continue creating life-changing opportunities through Georgia 4-H. Additionally, it was an honor to celebrate the proven support of Randy Nuckolls and the distinguished legacy he continues infusing into Georgia 4-H."

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Pictured, top to bottom: Randy Nuckolls; Randy with George Moore, former Washington, D.C. intern; Randy as a 4-H'er; Randy receiving the LAA at the 2023 4-H Foundation gala





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In order to provide support to our focus areas, the Georgia 4-H Foundation has established Pillar Sponsors. Pillar Sponsorship funds directly support 4-H programming in the corresponding focus area as well as underwrite the cost of our cornerstone program, Project Achievement. These Pillar Sponsors have made a multi-year commitment to provide sustaining support to 4-H programs. We are proud to highlight Premium Peanut, Kelly Loeffler, and the Harley Langdale Jr. Foundation as our current Pillar Sponsors.



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July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

INCOME

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|---------------------|-------------|
| GRANTS | \$352,505 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | \$1,788,820 |
| PROGRAM ACTIVITIES | \$2,066,453 |
| REALIZED/UNREALIZED | \$571,150 |
| INTEREST & DIVIDEND | \$167,238 |

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| TOTAL INCOME | \$4,946,166 |
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EXPENSES

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| CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS | \$39,964 |
| PROGRAM SERVICES | \$3,020,843 |
| SCHOLARSHIPS | \$155,484 |
| FOUNDATION OPERATING | \$454,750 |

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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$3,671,041 |
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| BEGINNING NET ASSETS | \$4,215,690 |
| ENDING NET ASSETS | \$5,490,815 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | \$1,275,125 |



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