



# KENTUCKY

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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KENTUCKY'S YOUTH

Fall 2019



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*And so much more!*

### THREE FAMILIES INDUCTED INTO KENTUCKY 4-H FAMILY HALL OF FAME

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation established the Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Fame last year by honoring two inaugural families – the Goodman and Wallace families. This year three more families join them. These families created exceptional legacies of service by contributing their time, resources and leadership for the betterment of the Kentucky 4-H programs on a local, regional and state level.

The Westerfield brothers, David, Jerry, Larry, Oscar, Joe, and Tom Westerfield, grew up on a dairy farm in Hartford, Ohio County, Kentucky. They first got their start in 4-H in elementary and high school clubs and later the Ohio County Teen Club where the brothers held various offices. The brothers achieved at various levels in 4-H including various state championships, trips to National Congress and state officer. As adults, the Westerfield brothers have given generously to various Kentucky 4-H programs, including State Teen Council, the Emerald Gala, and the Kentucky

State Fair's Cloverville. The brothers credit 4-H for teaching them responsibility, perseverance, attention to detail, the importance of hard work and broadening their horizons outside of Ohio County, Kentucky.

Dr. George (Logan Co.) and Ruth (Washington Co.) Duncan were both 4-H'ers growing up. George was a member of the square dance team and Ruth first became involved with dairy projects. She went on to win a state competition in dairy and was a runner-up for beef. George became more involved with 4-H as part of his annual work as an Extension Specialist in Agricultural Engineering and he played an instrumental role in introducing computers to Kentucky 4-H. In 2018, the Duncan family was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Their daughter, Celeste, was active in 4-H, participating in many projects, giving primary emphasis to clothing, foods and nutrition, and leadership. She is appreciative of the many extension staff and volunteer leaders — and her parents — that

served as mentors and encouraged her to pursue a position as an extension agent upon graduation from the University of Kentucky.

The Wilson/Kelley family consist of three generations of 4-H'ers. A 4-H alumna herself, Steve and Melanie's mother began taking them to 4-H meetings at a young age. As they grew older, both Steve and Melanie learned life lessons participating in horse, beef, and foods projects. Steve, a former state vice-president, once road 280 miles on horseback to the Kentucky State Fair. Steve was one of the first sponsors of the Kentucky 4-H Ham Project and played an integral role as host for the Foundation's first and second Emerald Gala fundraisers. Melanie faithfully serves in countless volunteer roles at the county, district, and state level. Her commitment to 4-H led to her receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008 and inspired her to serve on the Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board. Her children, Kristopher and Katie,

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## ANNUAL APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

This year's Annual Donor Appreciation Breakfast at the Kentucky State Fair was a wonderful opportunity to honor numerous individuals, families and companies for their support of Kentucky 4-H. Three families were

inducted into the Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Fame. This was the second year in Cloverville's new location, South Wing A of the Kentucky Exposition Center.



Outgoing Chairwoman Pam Larson was recognized for her service



Dr. Nancy Cox, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, brought greetings



Dr. Laura Stephenson brought greetings from Cooperative Extension



State Officers greeted guests

## 'AG TAG' CHECK PRESENTATION

The Appreciation Breakfast program included the new state officer team accepting the 2019 'AgTag' check for just over \$204,400 from Commissioner of Agriculture, Ryan Quarles. Thank you to everyone who made the \$10 donation when purchasing their 2019 farm tag. A special thank you to the County Clerk's offices who promote this program that funds life-changing programs across the Commonwealth.



Luke Jacobs, State Vice President, Hannah Snyder, State Secretary, Reba Prather, State Treasurer, Gloria Bolin, State President, and Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles

## Foundation Board of Directors

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 Dr. Mark Mains

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## Cathy Weaver

Cathy Weaver is the 2019 President of Kentucky Association of Extension 4-H Agents (KAE4-HA). Cathy is the 4-H Youth Development Agent in Jessamine County where she has worked for 15 years. She graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Public Service and Leadership and a Masters in Agriculture Education. Cathy grew up in Fayette County 4-H and started attending summer camp at age 10. She served as Kentucky State 4-H Treasurer in 1998-1999. As an agent, Cathy has groomed seven teens to run for office. "I am excited to serve on the Kentucky 4-H Foundation board to continue my life's mission of helping young people succeed," she said. Cathy lives in Nicholasville with her dog Gizmo and volunteers as a small group leader in Southland Christian Church High School Ministry.



Cathy Weaver

## Steven Lycans

Steven Lycans is the President and CEO of Lycom Communications, an independent provider of internet, television and phone in Eastern Kentucky and has been in the telecommunications industry for 19 years. He previously was a Firefighter and Paramedic with the Lexington Fire Department. Steven holds an Associate's Degree in Applied Sciences with honors from the Kentucky Community and Technical College with certificates specializing in fire science and fire department administration. He is happily married to Bianca of 19 years and is a proud father of Sarah (17) and SJ (16). Steven is an avid sailor holding multiple American Sailing Association certificates for chartering coastal waterways. Steven is a great advocate for all that Appalachia has to offer and has a strong desire for growing the communities of Eastern Kentucky. Steven serves as President of Rotary Club of Louisa and as a board member of the Louisa Utilities Board. He was a 4-H member in Southern Ohio in his youth and is excited to join and serve as a board member for the Kentucky 4-H Foundation.



Steven Lycans

# KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION

# MISSION STATEMENT

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KENTUCKY 4-H YOUTH

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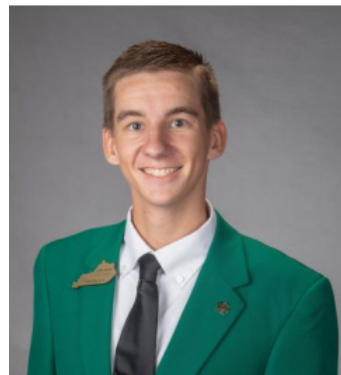


We, as your 2019-2020 Kentucky 4-H Officers, are thrilled, honored, and excited to serve this organization throughout our upcoming year. Our goal to accomplish this year is to promote a safe, fun and inclusive environment for youth to expand their skills to reach their highest potential. We will work to improve the knowledge and implementation of the seven core content areas of the 4-H program, and learn how we as leaders can further inspire the development of the numerous statewide leadership opportunities available to 4-H members.



**Gloria Bolin, President**

Growing up in the 4-H program, I have a strong passion for this organization. My journey began when I joined the sewing club at six years old. From there, I explored countless programs and areas in the 4-H program, from Sewing and Fashion Revue to Natural Resources and Shooting Sports. The more involved I was the greater my love for 4-H became. As a senior 4-Her, I participated in Forestry Competitions, Country Ham, Fashion Leadership Board, State Teen Council, and the Achievement Program. By participating in these programs, I developed professional skills such as public speaking, networking, and organization, which cultivated me into the leader I am today. 4-H has provided me opportunities and mentorships that helped me grow as a leader. I look forward to giving back to Kentucky 4-H and being a mentor to youth across the state. It is an honor to serve as your Kentucky State 4-H President this year and I look forward to working with you this year!



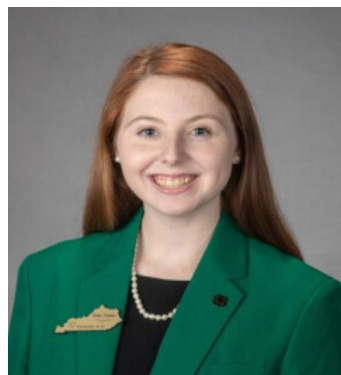
**Luke Jacobs, Vice President**

I have had a lifelong passion for the 4-H program. I got my start as a cloverbud at age 7, where my first project was a shotgun shell collection. One of my favorite projects as a kid was the popcorn project, where we ate popcorn and watched an entertaining movie. From there, my love for 4-H grew and grew. I have been actively involved in the Communication Project, Achievement awards, Country Ham Contest, and State Teen Council. I will be attending Western Kentucky University majoring in agronomy. Becoming a Kentucky 4-H State Officer has always been a dream of mine. I am very thankful to be able to give back to the organization that has made me who I am today. My goal is to leave a legacy that will inspire youth to grow into better leaders.



**Hannah Snyder, Secretary**

I was first exposed to the 4-H program at the age of eight years old. My older sister and I joined our local homeschool club as a way to become involved with our community. My first project was the demonstration contest in fourth grade. Being nine years old and presenting a speech seemed terrifying to me, however, that speech is what taught me how to step outside of my comfort zone to reach my goals. Since then, I have worked towards creating an involved career within the Kentucky 4-H program. I have found a passion for public speaking and leadership, along with a love for teaching others. This fall I will be attending the University of Louisville as a double major in political science and communications, hoping to pursue a career in the broadcasting industry. My goal for this upcoming year as Secretary is to inspire youth across Kentucky to find their passion through the 4-H program. I look forward to serving this organization!



**Reba Prather, Treasurer**

I had my first experience in 4-H showing livestock as a Cloverbud. It was also at a cattle show where I met a State Officer for the first time at the Kentucky State Fair. After that encounter, I knew from that day forward I wanted to become a State Officer. I have been fortunate enough to attend numerous 4-H events, such as 4-H Camp, Issues Conference, and Leadership Bootcamp. I was also a member of my county's Livestock Club, District Teen Club, and State Teen Council. I will be a freshman at the University of Kentucky this fall, majoring in animal science with a minor in agriculture education. Throughout my term as Treasurer, I hope to inspire 4-H members all across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to make the best better. I am looking forward to this upcoming year and am anxiously waiting to meet you all!

**CLOVER HERITAGE SOCIETY 2019 INDUCTEES**



*Dr. Mark and Cindy Lynn*



*Russ and Tammy Kissel*

Two couples were inducted into the Clover Heritage Society this year. Russ and Tammy Kissel were inducted into the society at the Bronze Clover level for lifetime donations totaling \$10,000-\$24,999. Dr. Mark and Cindy Lynn were inducted into the society at the Emerald Clover level with lifetime donations totaling more than \$100,000. The Foundation applauds the Kissels and the Lynns for their generous gifts! Kentucky 4-H is grateful to each Clover Heritage Society member for their steadfast support. A complete list of society members can be found to the right of this article. If you'd like to learn more about the society, please contact Ben Carr, Kentucky 4-H Foundation Director of Advancement at ben.carr@uky.edu.

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carried on the family tradition and were active 4-H'ers growing up.

Foundation Executive Director. "We applaud the Westerfields, Duncans and the Wilson/Kelley families for their unwavering support of Kentucky's youth."

"Each of these families have made tremendous contributions to the continued success of the Kentucky 4-H program, impacting the lives of thousands," said Melissa Miller, Kentucky 4-H

Please join us in congratulating the Westerfields, the Duncans and the Wilson/Kelley Families on this prestigious honor!



*The Wilson/Kelley Family (Not pictured: Steve Wilson)*



*The Duncan Family*

The Clover Heritage Society recognizes individuals for their exemplary donations to Kentucky 4-H across their lifetimes.

**Emerald Clover**

\$100,000+  
Larry Addington  
Dr. Mark & Cindy Lynn

**Gold Clover**

\$50,000-\$99,999  
P.W. Lawrence  
H. David Wallace  
Jerry D. Westerfield, M.D.  
Steve Wilson & Laura Lee Brown

**Silver Clover**

\$25,000-\$49,999  
Dr. George A. & Ruth H. Duncan

**Bronze Clover**

\$10,000-\$24,999  
Brenda Bandy  
Dennis L. Cannon  
Jake Fink  
Paul & Jill Hall  
Helen Horton  
Melanie W. & Steve Kelley  
Russ & Tammy Kissel  
Pam Rowsey Larson  
Christine N. Riley  
Keith L. & Holly Rogers  
Carol G. Taylor  
Joe B. Williams



## Congratulations to the 2019 Emerald Winners!

The 2019 Emerald Award Winners bring varied 4-H experience from across the commonwealth! Please take a moment to learn more about these extraordinary Kentucky 4-Hers and the accomplishments that led them to winning the 2019 Emerald Awards!

Morelia Falcon has been involved in Kentucky 4-H for over 11 years. During this time, she developed curriculum and presented at numerous workshops, clubs, and classes across the Commonwealth. Her most impactful experience in 4-H came during her time as the Chair for the Kentucky 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Leadership Board. "My time [in 4-H] laid the foundation for my leadership abilities and sparked my passion in me to make a difference in my community."

Beth Huffman began 4-H as a shy Cloverbud in her Oldham County Dog Club and continued her involvement in Dog Club throughout her 4-H Career. "Early on 4-H helped me use dogs as a tool to come out of my shell...[4-H] taught me confidence, how to be a leader, and invaluable communications skills." In addition to dogs, Beth began showing a horse during

her final year of 4-H.

Walter Steely is a 9-year 4-H member who first made it his goal to achieve Emerald as a nine year-old. During his 4-H career Walter has participated in Livestock Judging, Shooting Sports, Country Ham Project, State Teen Council, and Land Judging. Walter also served at State Vice President during the 2018-2019 term. "I would not be who I am today without the friends and mentors I have gained through 4-H".

Will Banks is a 6 year 4-H member from Harrison County. Will is proud of his family's deep roots in agriculture and loves working with his family on various 4-H Livestock project. Will also participated in 4-H Livestock Judging, camp, and his Harrison County's Teen Council. Will credits 4-H for giving him new opportunities, skills, and friendships.

Please join the Foundation in congratulating Beth, Morelia, Will and Walter on this achievement!



ABOVE (L-R): Beth Huffman, Morelia Falcon, Will Banks and Walter Steely were presented with the 2019 Emerald Awards at Teen Conference in June.

**Join us in recognizing the Emerald Winners at the 2020 Emerald Gala!**

Learn more on page 5.



Dr. Laura Stephenson, Associate Dean & Director of Extension, UK

I am so happy to be back in Kentucky and serve as Associate Dean and Director of University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension! I look forward to travel across the state and meet people in your communities. These county visits will be the best way for me to learn how we can continue to provide the local support through our agents, staff and volunteers for our 4-H programs.

As a former 4-H'er, I know how important this organization is to the youth of Kentucky. We have had a very busy and successful year thus far. The projects on display at this year's State Fair were wonderful. Our Kentucky 4-H Camp continues to grow enrollment. The youth leadership programs are thriving across the state. Our community clubs and in-school programs remain a vital way to teach youth important life skills. Kentucky 4-H is on a great path forward.

I want to stay in close communication with all of our valuable partners, volunteers and clients. As you know, UK Extension is embarking on an administrative structural transition. I invite you to visit our transition website and sign up for the email updates. The goal of these structural changes is to increase agent time available for programming, increase mentoring opportunities between agents and supervisors, streamline our fiscal accountability and compliance and reduce our staff to supervisor ratios. The changes are administrative only, so our current district programming does not have to change.

Thank you for your continued support of 4-H and Extension. Your time, financial support and talents are appreciated as you invest in the youth of Kentucky through our local programs.

## TEEN CONFERENCE

### 95th Annual Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference a Success

The 95th Annual Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference was held at the University of Kentucky June 10-13, 2019. The annual event attracted 557 youth and 147 adults from 98 Kentucky counties. Teen Conference provides a dynamic opportunity for youth to experience life on campus while gaining independence and giving them an opportunity to see themselves outside of their typical environment.

In 2019, Kentucky 4-H partnered with 34 community serving agencies to allow 557 youth to log 1,671 hours of service. This translates into a cost savings of \$12,114.75 (3 hours \* \$7.25/hour) for organizations versus using paid employees. These efforts support local service organizations and empowered the 4-H delegation to think about their ability to impact change in their community.

Kentucky 4-H partnered with the Kentucky Soybean Board to provide the leadership

keynote speaker who focused on authentic leadership and workshop focused on diversity and inclusion. The curriculum for the leadership workshop was a collaboration between Kentucky 4-H and the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences Program at the University of Kentucky.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation through the Kentucky 4-H Achievement Program awarded over \$21,000 to 139 Kentucky 4-Hers to attend Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation awarded over \$10,000 to fourteen 4-Hers in post-secondary education scholarships during Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference.

Teen Conference was sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Program, the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, and Farm Credit Mid-America.



A group of teens explored Kentucky's biological aquatic resources as part of their "major" at the 2019 Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference.

## CULINARY CHALLENGE

### Montgomery County 4-H to Compete in National Culinary Challenge

The Montgomery County 4-H Culinary Team, coached by Lee Etta Greer and Agent Charles Comer, won the Kentucky 4-H Culinary Challenge on August 2, 2019 in Boone County. Teams must first win their district challenge to become eligible to compete in the state challenge.

In the state competition, teams of two to four teens are challenged to create a dish using three secret ingredients, supplemented with items from the pantry. They rely on the skills learned rather than a recipe. Teams present their creation to the judges, explain their decisions, the preparation skills involved, talk about the nutritive value of the food on the plate, and determine the number of servings from the food groups included.

This year's challenge

was judged by Chef Ouita Michel, Chef Sang and Chef Ranada Riley.

The Foundation is proud to provide half of the team's travel expenses to compete in the National Culinary Challenge competition in Texas.

Montgomery County's 4-H Culinary Team also won this year's Junior Chef competition at the Kentucky State Fair.



Montgomery County 4-H Culinary Team won the Junior Chef competition at the 2019 Kentucky State Fair



Culinary Challenge judges sample the finished dishes



A culinary team works together on their dish



## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE 4-H PRESIDENT



Gloria Bolin, State 4-H President

On June 12, 2019, the 2019-2020 Kentucky 4-H Officer Team was officially announced. This team is very diverse, and we come from all parts of the state. We all have our own individual 4-H story that has assisted us in achieving our goal of becoming State 4-H Officers. My name is Gloria Bolin and I'm serving as your 2019-2020 Kentucky 4-H President. I'm from Nelson County and attend Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. Vice President Luke Jacobs is from Butler County and attends Western Kentucky University. Secretary Hannah Snyder is a student at the University of Louisville and is originally from Jessamine County. Reba

Prather, the Treasurer, is from Pulaski County and is a student at the University of Kentucky.

The past four months have been very productive for us, as we have attended numerous events and bonded as a team. In July, we attended the 2019 Kentucky State 4-H Communications Day where we assisted judges and congratulated youth. Towards the end of the month, we held our first official officer training, where we began to plan for our year. Hannah and Reba attended the first 4-H Military Camp and taught the participants about leadership styles. On August 1, I taught 4-Hers in Clark County about parliamentary procedure and specific officer responsibilities.

During the second officer training, we planned our workshop, State Teen Council year, and goals for the team. We also visited the 2019 4-H Teen Camp and spoke to campers about the opportunities in Kentucky 4-H. Following this training, we jumped right into the 2019 115th Annual Kentucky State Fair. The State Fair was an amazing fifteen days of making connections, promoting Kentucky 4-H, and interacting with the public. It was an honor to be ambassadors of the 4-H program in Cloverville, congratulating youth at livestock shows, and attending important breakfasts and luncheons. Hannah, Reba, and

I attended the 2019 Kentucky 4-H shotgun competition held on September 8 and they met with the 2019-2020 Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors. September 13-15 we had our first State Teen Council Meeting of the year. We were able to observe the 2019 council members begin this year doing great things! It was inspiring for us to watch them bond as a group and focus on their responsibilities for this year.

Our most recent event was representing Kentucky at the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference. Eight states were represented by delegates and we discussed the functions of Kentucky 4-H and learned about the policies other states utilize for their 4-H programs. We are very excited to continue our journey as State Officers and continue inspiring youth in Kentucky 4-H to make their best better.



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD CLOVER



Dr. Mark Mains, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development

Greetings Kentucky 4-H Friends!

The Kentucky 4-H program is excited and energized as we begin a new program year! During the past year, we have had many successes as 4-H programs have grown at the county, district and state level. For the second year in a row, we had record-breaking camping participation. We just completed another state fair where youth were able to share their accomplishments through 4-H. All of our project areas, and activities, continue to draw increasing numbers of youth who find their "spark" through Kentucky 4-H.

Through our programs, we continue to focus on creating opportunities in leadership, service, and communications for all 4-H participants. Additionally, we are striving to create intentional connections between 4-H involvement and a child's future career or post-

secondary education plans. Our goal is that every 4-H member leave our program with a better understanding of themselves, what makes them unique, and how they can set and achieve the goals they want to accomplish. This is a lofty effort and we could not be successful without the manpower provided by our dedicated 4-H staff and county volunteers.

Additionally, we want to thank our financial supports through the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. Each donation, large or small, helps support the youth of Kentucky. As donors, you are making an investment in a program that invests in our 4-H members. Without your generous support, we would not be able to reach the over 230,000 youth who participate in 4-H programming annually. Thank you on behalf of myself and our Kentucky 4-H'ers.

## EMERALD GALA

### 2019 Emerald Gala Brings in Record Funding at Hermitage Farm

The second annual Emerald Gala was a huge success, raising over \$70,000 for Kentucky 4-H. These funds support the largest youth development program in the state, impacting 290,000 youth. Chef Ouita Michel prepared farm-to-table meal perfect for the occasion. Thank you to the generous support of Kentucky Farm Bureau as the Emerald Sponsor and to Steve Wilson and Laura Lee Brown for hosting the Foundation's premier event at Hermitage Farm in Goshen, Kentucky.



Hermitage Farm served as a picturesque setting for the second annual Emerald Gala

### David Wallace Recognized as Honorary Emerald Winner



Melissa Miller and Keith Rogers present David Wallace with an Honorary Emerald Award on stage at the 2019 Emerald Gala

The Emerald Award, which began in 2012 as part of Kentucky's achievement program, is considered the highest honor attainable for Kentucky 4-H'ers. In keeping with the spirit of recognizing friends of Kentucky 4-H who have pursued excellence and had an outstanding impact on their community, the Foundation presented its second Annual Honorary Emerald Award to Mr. H. David Wallace. From his time as state officer to service on the Kentucky State Fair board and as the chairman of the Foundation board, David has been a dedicated donor, volunteer and supporter of Kentucky 4-H. David and his wife Roberta most recently funded the "Pathway to Growing True Leaders" inside of Cloverville as it moved to South Wing A at the Kentucky State Fair.

## SAVE THE DATE: EMERALD GALA 2020

Join us Saturday, May 16, 2020 as the Emerald Gala makes its way across the bluegrass to Fasig-Tipton in Lexington, Kentucky. The Foundation's third annual premier fundraising event is sponsored by Heritage Bank.

Formed in 1898 by William B. Fasig and Edward A. Tipton, Fasig-Tipton Company is North America's oldest Thoroughbred auction company. Fasig-Tipton, offers an elegant venue at its Newtown Paddocks division in Bluegrass horse country.

Ouita Michel's menu was such a hit in 2019 that she will be returning to the third annual Emerald Gala. Ouita's use of locally sourced foods both helps sustain Bluegrass family farms and provides her customers only the freshest, best-tasting fine cuisine. The Foundation warmly welcomes Ouita's talent in making the best better for the annual Emerald Gala.

For more information about reserving your tickets or securing your sponsorship, please visit <https://kentucky4hfoundation.org/>.





## Kentucky Soybean Board Provides Funding for Country Ham Project Day and Teen Conference

The Kentucky Soybean Board is a longtime supporter and donor to the Kentucky 4-H program. The Soybean board partners with the Kentucky 4-H Foundation to provide opportunities in diverse programs.

One of the fastest growing programs supported by the board is the Country Ham Project Day in Cloverville at the Kentucky State Fair. The Kentucky 4-H Country Ham project begins in the cold winter months of January and ends in August at the Kentucky State Fair, where nearly 800 youth present their hams which are judged by members of the Kentucky Country Ham Producers. Additionally, students present a 3 to 5 minute speech on the project. Throughout the project the 4-Hers learn about food production, how the country ham fits into Kentucky's food heritage, and how to deliver a presentation.

In addition to the Country Ham Project Day, the board has been a large supporter of the annual Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference, a leadership event where teens from across the commonwealth gather at the University of Kentucky to gain independence through experiencing a college campus, explore possible career paths and participate in civic engagement and community service activities. The board provided funds for the 2019 Teen Conference keynote address by Alex Elswick, Extension Specialist for Substance Use Prevention and Recovery and co-founder of non-profit organization that advocates for people in recovery from substance use disorders.

Thank you to the Kentucky Soybean Board for continued support of Kentucky 4-H!



A 4-Her picks up her bag at Country Ham Project Day

## Farm Credit Mid-America Expands Support to Provide Funding for SET Board



2018-2019 SET Leadership Board

Farm Credit Mid-America sponsors several 4-H programs including Teen Conference and National Congress trips – where their funding has had a tremendous impact on Kentucky youth. This year, Farm Credit Mid-America has expanded their support of Kentucky 4-H to include funding of the Science Engineering and Technology (SET) Leadership Board.

The fastest growing jobs of the future are in the science, technology,

engineering and math (STEM) fields. 4-H is engaging youth in opportunities to get them excited about science. The SET Leadership Board gives youth real-world experience in SET, leadership, and provides youth a voice to the direction of the Kentucky 4-H program.

"Farm Credit Mid-America is proud to be a longtime sponsor of Kentucky 4-H and this year we are even more excited to expand our partnership with the SET Board," said Bill Johnson, Farm Credit Mid-America.

## Universal Funds Opportunities for Kentucky 4-H Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences Academy

Thanks to Universal's generous support, the Kentucky 4-H Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences Academy (NRESci Academy) has been able to purchase new equipment and provide an additional instructor specializing in natural resources education. Universal's funding has also covered registration and enrollment costs for many students and developed three full scholarships for the academy. The 2019-2020 NRESci Academy program year is looking bright with

69 youth enrolled, representing 21 counties and five educational events planned over the coming months.

The NRESci Academy The NRESci Academy is a three-year program designed to teach youth about their natural environment. In the program, scholars participate in hands-on investigations to learn about Kentucky's water, forest, entomology, and wildlife resources.



Academy Scholars pause for a photo at the fall retreat

## 2018-2019 LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Ryan & Misty Bivens  
Central Kentucky Ag Credit  
Chris Caddell  
Dennis Cannon  
Jim Costigan  
Torey Earle & Lena Mallory  
Jake Fink  
K. Denise Grant  
Vonda Gray  
Paul Hall & Associates  
Brent & Gwen Hutchinson  
Charlene Jacobs  
Kentucky Retail Federation  
Glen & Becky Kinder  
Pam Rowsey Larson  
Dr. Mark & Cindy Lynn



Cathy Kunkel-Mains  
Dr. Mark Mains  
Keith & Holly Rogers  
William Smith  
H. David Wallace

Kentucky 4-H is supported by many individuals, businesses, and organizations; their support is essential to providing an outstanding 4-H program. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation Leadership Circle was established in 2011 to recognize donors for substantial, unrestricted donations.

Members of the Leadership Circle are known as "Investors," and each Investor receives special recognition throughout the year. These Investors help provide the crucial unrestricted resources needed to grow overall support for Kentucky 4-H, expand opportunities for 4-H members, and ensure 4-H remains a vital center of excellence in the Commonwealth.

You can become an Investor in one of two ways. First, you may become an Investor by making an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Foundation's Annual Fund. Second, one can become a Lifetime Investor with a one-time \$10,000 donation to the Leadership Circle Endowment. Individuals, couples, families, businesses, and organizations can be a Leadership Circle Investor.

## GAME DAY

### Foundation Hosts Second 4-H Game Day Tailgate at Kroger Field

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation hosted a tailgate for 4-H Game Day again this year at Kroger Field. The University of Kentucky Wildcats took on Eastern Michigan Eagles and won by a score of 38-17. The Foundation tailgated behind the E.S. Good Barn with fellow 4-Hers set up in surrounding spots. The beautiful weather made for a fun day of cornhole and Chick-Fil-A! As part of 4-H Game Day, UK reserved a section of the stadium for 4-H supporters to purchase discounted tickets for the game. It was a great time for Kentucky 4-H friends and alumni to gather in fellowship and cheer on the cats!



Foundation staff Ben Carr, Melissa Miller and Sarah Rowlette



The state officers enjoyed a day of fun with 4-H families and even spotted a few UK administrators. Pictured with Dean Cox.

## VOLUNTEER FORUM

### Kentucky 4-H Foundation Sponsors 2020 Volunteer Forum

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the 2020 Kentucky Volunteer Forum February 13-15, 2020 in Lexington. Volunteers are an integral part of every 4-Her's journey. The opportunities 4-Her's encounter wouldn't be possible without the dedication of thousands of volunteers across the commonwealth pouring

into youth in their counties on a regular basis. This year's forum theme sums it up perfectly, "Volunteers Lighting the Way." To learn more about attending the 2020 Kentucky Volunteer Forum, please visit: <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/kentucky-volunteer-forum>.

