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2022 TEEN CONFERENCE

For the first time in two years Kentucky 4-H held a full capacity Teen Conference! Over the course of four days on UK's campus in Lexington youth were able to hear from inspirational speakers, learn about career opportunities, and most importantly spend time learning about themselves and others. Additionally, new State Officers were installed, four

new Emeralds were announced, and the 2022-23 Kentucky 4-H theme "Put Kentucky 4-H in the Picture".

Thank you to Teen Conference, State Teen Council and State Officer sponsors Kentucky Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Mid America, and Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board for making the week possible.



Pictured Top left:
Kentucky 4-H Performing Arts Troupe
Pictured Bottom Left:
Incoming State Officers with Fran McCall,
Kentucky Farm Bureau representative
(L to R: Reporter Kiersten Foit, Butler
County; Treasurer Lance Munday,
Montgomery County; Secretary
Katherine Zimmerman, Fayette County;
Vice President Lucas Arnold, Hopkins
County; and President Magalee Blazina,
Crittenden County.
Pictured Right:
Lt. Governor and Kentucky 4-H alumna,
Jaqueline Coleman addressing teens

Join us for the 2nd Annual
Kentucky 4-H

FRIENDS + ALUMNI

Ice Cream Social

August 18, 2022 | | Kentucky Expo Center | | 7 PM EST

Sponsored By:





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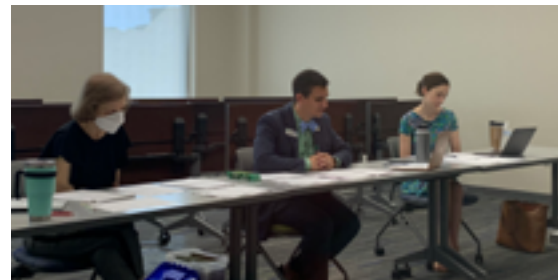
The Kentucky 4-H Achievement program is a cumulative compilation of 4-H'ers entire 4-H experience and work. 4-H'ers apply and compete for four progressively higher Achievement levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Emerald). Each level provides youth with recognition and prizes including scholarships to attend State Teen Conference, National Congress, and National Conference.

The highest honor in Kentucky 4-H's Achievement Program, the Emerald Award, is presented annually to four 4-H'ers chosen following a rigorous application and interview process. In addition to their interview, participants are judged on their resume, cover letter, a video presentation, which highlight their accomplishments across five categories: Leadership, Citizenship, Communications/Marketing, Community Service, and Participation.

Each year, the Foundation seeks out donors to sponsor each of the Emerald Awards. We are grateful for this year's sponsors Paul & Jill Hall, Steve & Melanie W. Kelley, Glen & Becky Kinder, and the Foundation Board of Directors. If you are interested in sponsoring an Emerald Award, please contact Director of Advancement, Ben Carr (ben.carr@uky.edu).

Pictured Right (top to bottom):

Pamela R. Larson, former Foundation Board Chair with current Foundation Board Chair, Dr. Brent Hutchinson, and 2015 Emerald Winner, Mackenzie Jones Preece; Foundation Board Members and Emerald Sponsors Glen Kinder and Melanie Kelley along with guest judge Aubrey Travis of Rubicon; Guest judge, Melissa Bond, Emerald Sponsor and Honorary Emerald, Paul Hall, and 2020 Emerald Winner Morelia Falcon.



Emerald Gala

OUR FIFTH ANNUAL GALA RAISED OVER \$100,000 FOR KENTUCKY 4-H YOUTH

Top Left to Right: Board Member Jaclyn Walden with guests from Farm Credit Mid-America; Ben & Candace Carr and Ramel Bradley & Chen Horesh; Richard & Ruth Heath; Walt and Margaret Lundsford; Emerald Gala Chair and Board Member, Elizabeth Chaney Lunsford with husband Chase, Hatton Foundation Board Member, and guests; Steve & Nancy Willis; 2022 Honorary Emerald Award Recipient Pamela Larson with husband Dave; Clover Sponsor BlackSoil KY guests; James & Marci Hicks and Joe & Teresa Goggin; Friend Sponsor Triple Crown Advisors guests; Foundation Treasurer Melanie Watson and husband RP; Roberta & David Wallace; Steven & Tara Elder.



A special thank you to our 2022 Exclusive Emerald Sponsor:



Hazel Nadine Lacefield Memorial Scholarship

Funded by Glen & Becky Kinder

2022 Recipient: Jessy Zimmer, Kenton County

"4-H has many opportunities but more than anything, 4-H has taught me skills to be a leader."



Jessy Zimmer with the Kinder Family

\$1,000 Expand Your Horizons Collegiate Scholarship Program

endowed and funded by Paul & Jill Hall to support collegiate students who are Kentucky 4-H Alum



Luke Carter, Hart County

Luke attends the UK where he is majoring in Human and Health Sciences



Madison Wilmoth, LaRue County

Madison attends the UK where she is majoring in Agriculture Education

I am so grateful for this past year serving the organization that has helped me in so many ways. There are so many memories and experiences I will never forget. My team and I have been able to travel across the state and meet with countless members. This is not something we took lightly coming out of the pandemic. We have also been able to work closely with our State Teen Council and ensure they had a productive rebuilding year.

We have also been grateful to be able to promote 4-H at the state level. From speaking to state legislators and policy makers to supporters and donors on the importance of 4-H, my team and I have had impactful conversations. We are so thankful for everyone who supports the Kentucky 4-H program. Thank you to everyone who has donated or sponsored a 4-H program this year. I know my team and I will continue to find ways to give back to the organization that has given us so much.



2021-22 Kentucky 4-H State President, Madison Wilmoth passing the President's gavel to incoming President, Magalee Blazina

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MEET THE NEW HEAD CLOVER: DR. RACHEL GUIDUGLI



Rachel Guidugli is not new to Kentucky 4-H, 25 years ago she started her 4-H journey at the age of 9 as a summer camper with Madison County 4-H. As Rachel grew up through the 4-H program her 4-H Agent connected her with various experiences and opportunities to stretch her leadership skills. Rachel served as a leader in her county and district, which led her to serving on the State Teen Council.

After high school Rachel attended the University of Louisville where she majored in Communication. Immediately after graduation she worked two

years as a consultant for Chi Omega Fraternity where she continued to learn and grow on a national scale. After her two year appointment Rachel set roots back in Kentucky and began graduate school at Eastern Kentucky University, eventually achieving her Masters and Doctorate degrees. When Rachel returned to Kentucky she reconnected with 4-H as an adult volunteer. Through volunteering Rachel realized her passion was youth development work within Kentucky communities. Volunteering led Rachel to serving as the Clark County 4-H Youth Development Agent where the team she was a part of expanded the communication, robotics, shooting sports, expressive arts, school enrichment, and camping programs.

After almost four years in Clark County, Rachel moved into the 4-H Leadership and International Programs Specialist role where she spearheaded enhancements to the State Teen Council, the State Officer program, and Teen Conference. Through her leadership in the international program Kentucky grew to record numbers in both inbound

and outbound youth exchanges and produced global education curriculum now used nationwide.

Rachel is devoted to the mission and vision of the Cooperative Extension Service as she is a product of how transformational a 4-H experience is. Kentucky 4-H has the ability to change the trajectory of the lives of young people across the Commonwealth through our high quality positive youth development programs. In Kentucky 4-H young people identify their spark, are connected to a caring adult, find a place to belong among a group of peers, and are encouraged to share their voice. Rachel believes all young people have the potential to thrive, but not all have the opportunity. Kentucky 4-H can be that opportunity.

Rachel looks forward to building relationships across the Commonwealth as we move our programs forward. She also looks forward to advocating for the Kentucky 4-H Foundation as we, together, fund and provide opportunities for Kentucky youth.

FOUNDATION BOARD HOST TEENS

This June, the Foundation Board of Directors held its second quarter board meeting in Lexington. After the meeting the board hosted the 2022 State Teen Council members, the incoming and outgoing State Officers, and leaders

from the various Kentucky 4-H Teen Leadership Boards. Foundation board members enjoyed the opportunity to hear from 4-H'ers about how programs and opportunities funded through the Foundation directly affect their lives.



\$1,000 Lexi Kinder Scholarship

funded by the Lexi Kinder Scholarship Endowment and Glen & Becky Kinder

2022 Recipient: Mackensie Walters, Hart County

"Because of my participation in 4-H as well as the people that I met through the organization, I obtained countless life skills that have prepared me for the next chapter of my life."



Mackensie Walters with the Kinder Family

\$1,500 JW Kidwell Memorial Scholarship

funded by Courtney Barancin, Matthew Barancin and Dorie Smith

2022 Recipient: Kendra Walker, Muhlenberg County

"Through 4-H I have gained confidence and been inspired to find ways to return value to my community through volunteer experience."



Kendra Walker with Foundation Board Chair, Dr. Brent Hutchinson

\$1,000 Chris Caddell Memorial Scholarship

funded by the Chris Caddell Memorial Scholarship Endowment and the Caddell Family and Heritage Bank

2022 Recipient: Sidney Sowder, Harrison County

"4-H mentors have taught me to strive to be compassionate and care of those in my community, especially with hopes of pursuing a career within the healthcare industry."



Sidney Sowder with Foundation Board Chair, Dr. Brent Hutchinson

\$1,000 Ale-8-One/Michael Bandy Scholarship

funded by the Michael Bandy Scholarship Endowment and Ale-8-One Bottling Company

2022 Recipient: Kiersten Foit, Butler County

"2022 will mark my tenth and final year as an active Kentucky 4-H youth, and I will spend it holding the first state 4-H officer position of Reporter."



Kiersten Foit with Foundation Board Chair, Dr. Brent Hutchinson

\$1,000 PW Lawrence Scholarship

funded by the PW Lawrence Trust Endowment

2022 Recipient: Lucas Arnold, Hopkins County

"I choose to be actively involved because of what 4-H has done for me. Through the 4-H program I have grown personally and professionally."



Lucas Arnold with Foundation Board Chair, Dr. Brent Hutchinson

\$500 William T & Joan Comer Family Scholarship

funded by the Comer Family Endowment

2022 Recipient: Paul Combs, Crittenden County

"... it (4-H) has also given me something else even more valuable. 4-H has provided me a family, with members all across Kentucky."



Paul Combs with Charles Comer

\$500 Dr. Mark Mains Scholarship

funded by Dr. Mark Mains

2022 Recipient: Jenna Utterback, Fleming County

"When the going gets tough I keep going. 4-H helped teach me that."



Jenna Utterback with Foundation Board Chair, Dr. Brent Hutchinson

\$500 Sawmill Farm Scholarship

funded by Aaron and Melissa Miller

2022 Recipient: Emmie Comer, Clark County

"I think 4-H is special because it offers such a wide variety of project areas and clubs; it gives youth the opportunity to try new things and see what they enjoy."



Emmie Comer with Melissa Miller

\$500 Fresh Start Farm Scholarship

funded by Ryan and Misty Bivens

2022 Recipient: Addison Riley, Mercer County

"Through 4-H I have found my voice and will use it each day to serve those around me. I truly desire to 'make the best better'".

Donnalee Small Memorial Scholarship

funded by Glen and Becky Kinder

2022 Recipient: Isaac Hosay, Warren County

"Through the 4-H program, I have gained confidence, learned responsibility, and developed communication skills that will help prepare me for college and beyond."

\$500 SET Scholarship

funded by the Kentucky 4-H SET Program

2022 Recipient: Madeline Hinman, Kenton County

"I know that I would not be prepared to pursue this field (US Army) if not for the influence that 4-H has played in my life."

\$500 Scholarship for Service

funded by Dr. Brent & Gwen Hutchinson

2022 Recipient: Emma Petrie, Todd County

"4-H has many opportunities but more than anything, 4-H has taught me skills to be a leader."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: DEJA HATCHETT

Kentucky 4-H is proud to recognize Deja Hatchett, newly elected member of National 4-H Council's Young Alumni Advisory Committee! Deja was a 2020-21 State Officer. She will serve a 3-year term on the committee. Congratulations, Deja!

KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:

Fund opportunities for Kentucky 4-H youth