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Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation
Annual Report 2022



2022 Volunteer Awards

Presented at the Arizona 4-H Clover Ball, June 4th, The Graduate Hotel, Tucson.

BONNYE STUHR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Debbie (Deborah) Keating, Maricopa County

ROOKIE VOLUNTEER

Deborah Jean Fogleman, Apache County

MID-CAREER VOLUNTEER

Amy Karvoski, Yuma County

INNOVATOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE

Derek Hulsebus, Pinal County



Carlos Delgado, State 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador 2021-2022 presenting to Derek Hulsebus at the Clover Ball.

Supporting Those Who Support Us

Volunteers are the heart of AZ 4-H. Dedicated volunteers give thousands of hours and dollars to our 4-H program every year and are truly crucial to our successes.

But volunteering doesn't look like it did even 15 years ago. Today every volunteer that comes in contact with 4-H youth must undergo a background check and be finger-printed. Much different from the "Come join us!" and a requirement to just "show-up" of years past.

In 2019 the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation made a commitment to support our important volunteers and cover \$15,000 of the costs for background check and fingerprinting for the 726 volunteers currently in AZ 4-H. "It's so important for the 4-H Foundation to step-up and cover these costs," says 4-H volunteer and Foundation Board member, Tom Peterson of Yavapai County. "This is just our way of giving a little 'thank you' to everyone who steps up to serve as a volunteer," Peterson adds.

The Director of AZ 4-H liked this idea so much that he also invested money in support of these efforts. Dr. Jeremy Elliott-Engel reports that while "business is booming", "we still need more volunteers to step up in everything from Shooting Sports to Cavies to the Drone Project."

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In every conversation that we have with 4-H alums, people don't mention how they lost the Championship belt buckle or that big purple first place rosette. People talk about the growth they experienced, a special adult who inspired their younger selves to greater success or how they overcame shyness and low confidence.

This is 4-H and what we do every day. Please consider making a donation to AZ 4-H this year. We are growing and need your help to bring more of our great programming to youth in every county and six Tribal Nations.

Thank you for inspiring our next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs and community leaders.

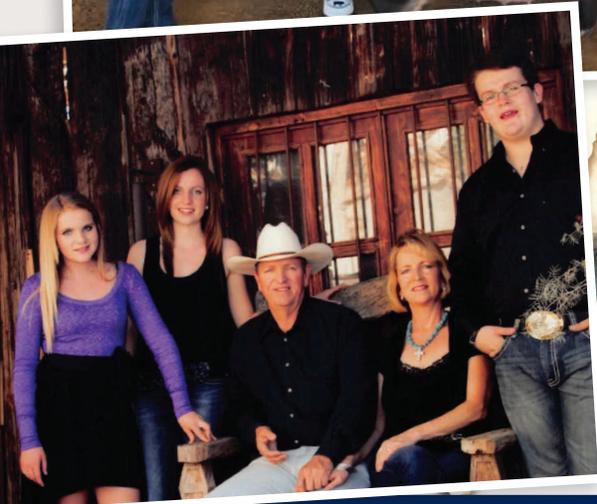
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COVER: Ian Corona of Santa Cruz shows his prize winning chickens in billboards across Arizona promoting AZ 4-H. Other pictures show youth STEM activities, cooking at the 4-H Healthy Living Center, our dog project and shooting sports practice.



Remembering Kevin Rogers

Kevin Gene Rogers, a longtime supporter of Arizona 4-H and past president of the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, passed away on April 13, 2022, due to a heart attack at the age of 61. We are honored to celebrate his life and generous contributions to Arizona 4-H and the Arizona agriculture community.

Kevin was born July 2nd in Phoenix, Arizona, and attended the University of Arizona. His roots in agriculture and his passion for learning and improving knowledge in the industry are reflected in his work on the family farm, "Rogers Brothers" in Laveen to the halls of our nation's capital. He spent countless days and hours conveying the importance and need for agriculture to thrive in Arizona. His white cowboy hat and crisp bright colored shirt were a trademark for Kevin as an active member of the Arizona Farm Bureau for over 35 years, serving as their state president for 14 years. Following his Farm Bureau leadership, Kevin was the Executive Vice President for the Arizona Cotton Growers Association.

Kevin was a long-time supporter of the Maricopa County Fair and all youth stock shows in Arizona. He gave generously to Arizona 4-H in his time, talents and treasurers. He served as the 4-H Foundation President 2007- 2010, bringing a strong leadership style and presence to our organization. He is survived by his wife Janel and three children, Taylor, Kevin Gary, and Morgan.

We honor Kevin as a leader, a mentor, a father, a husband, and a strong youth advocate. Continued prayers and good thoughts to his family.

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State Archery Tournament Winners, (Front) Shane McNutt and Trace Bennett. (Back Row) Kip Bennett (4-H leader), Joshua Tenpenny, David Allen, and Tommy Nez.

Aiming for mastery with safety

The Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports and Education program has had dedicated volunteers and staff since the very beginning of our program with Cooperative Extension Agents like Larry Sullivan in Cochise County, and volunteers like Marge and Gene Bayless of Phoenix.

Arizona 4-H is now positioned to grow the Shooting Sports program. "We are so proud to report that with recent funding from the Arizona State Legislature and base funding from the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, we are able to hire Erik Schroder as a Shooting Sports Specialist in a full time capacity for our Shooting Sports program," says Dr. Jeremy Elliott-Engel, State 4-H Director. "Erik will be in charge of coordinating the State Shooting Sports State Team, working with county programs and building support for the program," adds Elliott-Engel.

Kip Bennett of Page, started as a 4-H leader in 2018 with a dozen youth. He finds tremendous satisfaction in watching youth gain confidence, and "bust out of their shell." "I grew up in 4-H and was fortunate to have parents that cared about what interested me and I found the challenge of shooting, exciting," says Bennett. "It's important to me to pay that forward."

Bennett chaperoned the Arizona Archery team to Grand Isle, Nebraska in the fall of 2021. "I was so proud of our youth," states Bennett. "Our experienced archers became tremendous role models and helped the younger members to do really well at a high level," he adds. Bennett is part of the leadership that has taken the Page area to an enrollment of 59 youth and counting.

2022 Arizona 4-H Mid-Career Volunteer award winner, Derek Hulsebus of Casa

Grande has also been instrumental in the recent growth of the Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports program. Hulsebus, a member of the Arizona Board of Directors for Veterans of Foreign Wars is coordinating efforts both statewide and nationally to involve VFW with Arizona 4-H. "Growing Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports through getting more trained adult volunteers is extremely important," says Hulsebus. "There are lots of shooting programs out there, but 4-H emphasis on safety is top-notch," he adds.

How you can help.

Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports needs additional funding for training adult volunteers, shooting sports equipment, especially ammunition and targets, as well as travel funds for youth to go to Arizona State Shooting Contest and National competition each year. Go to: support4H.com and make a contribution to Arizona Shooting Sports today. Thank you!

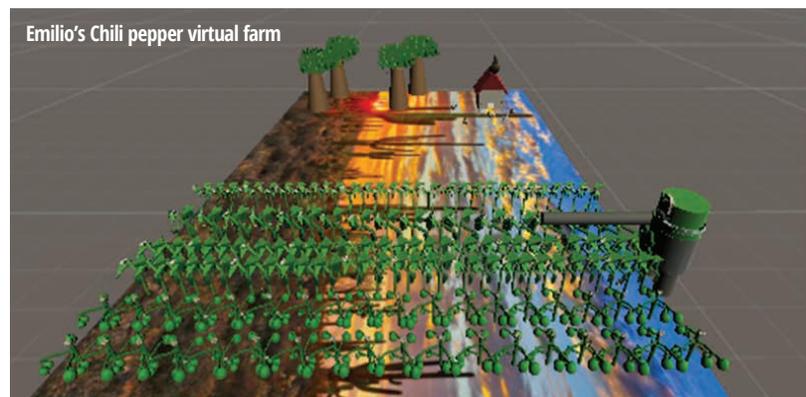
4-H in Virtual Reality

Engaging 4-H youth by integrating Cross Reality (XR) and sustainable Agriculture farming systems through the new project "Designing a Virtual Farming System with XR happened this year.

XR, aka, virtual reality and augmented reality is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) tool many of us have seen using VR headsets and QR codes.

This curriculum focuses on five activities that engage youth to learn a variety of Agricultural topics such as: what is in a farm; land use, sustainability, and ecology; precision Ag; Ag marketing and careers. At the same time youth learn XR skills and how to navigate virtual space using tools like Stereoscopic technology, Cube Maps, 360 Panoramic Imagery, 3D Modeling, and Mozilla Hubs, an online tool to tour virtual spaces.

Congratulations to Emilio Martinez from Maricopa County 4-H Discovery Club for completing the training. Emilio is now ready to train his club members on the XR project.



Emilio's Chili pepper virtual farm

Funding from the National 4-H Council and Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation supported the expansion of the Floating Farm Project into this new tech and Ag curriculum. The curriculum was developed by Andie Astra, AR (Augmented Reality) Instructional Specialist Coordinator, College of Education; Gigette Webb, Associate Area Agent, Ag Literacy & STEM Education; and Dr. Gerardo (Jerry) Lopez, Associate 4-H STEM Specialist, School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona.

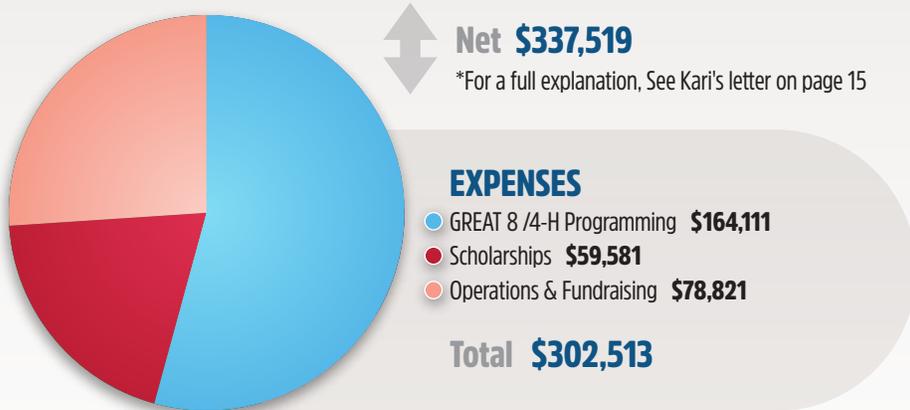
Making money work for 4-H

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation is a unique 501 c-3 organization with dual organizational objectives. The first is to raise money on behalf of the Arizona 4-H program and second is to provide fiduciary oversight to all 4-H Club, Council, and groups as the "umbrella" organization through which all 4-H monies are reported each year to the Internal Revenue Service.

We present to you the income and expenses of the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation.

The most current IRS tax filing is for the time period 10/1/2020-9/30/2021.

***All 4-H Club/Council/Groups Income was \$556,315 and Expenses were \$361,342 from 10/2/20-9/30/2021. Leaving a net of \$194,973 at all local clubs/councils and groups.**



Our Executive Board

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Another way to look at our finances is to see where our endowments are allocated. All endowments fall into one of the three following categories: General Support, Programs or Scholarships.

Our endowments are invested with Jackson Life Insurance Company and managed by the Board with guidance from our brokers, Baird Investments.

Endowment Allocations

General Support **\$874,432**

Programs **\$562,141**

Scholarships **\$1,015,790**

We also wanted to break down our spending of 4-H Program monies into the GREAT 8 Pathways.



Stock Show & Roundup

For 260 4-H youth and their cheering squad, the first weekend of March was a time of learning, competing and preparation for spring county fairs.

"The Southwestern Fair Commission (Pima County Fairgrounds) was absolutely fundamental in our success," says Dr. Jeremy Elliott-Engel, State 4-H Director. "The generosity of President Garrett Hamm and the professionalism of Fair Manager Jon Baker and his outstanding staff in Julia Heavner, gave us a great experience."

"Its our hope that this becomes 4-Hers first stop before heading to their county fair," adds Elliott-Engel. "The Stock Show & Roundup is an excellent place to learn, practice and see what you don't know," he adds.

Former 4-Hers and 4-H parents, Bob and Judy Prosser of the Bar T Bar, outside Winslow, also wanted to bring real learning to the Stock Show and became key partners in our large and small stock Quiz Bowls. "I helped the Junior Cattle Growers develop a program and Bob and I are pleased that 4-H wants to broaden youth learning about their animals," she adds.

The Prossers were joined by a number of other new partners in supporting AZ 4-H at the Stock Show. "The Maricopa County Livestock Committee stepped up in a big way," says 4-H Foundation vice president, Michele Murphy. "I showed animals here as a 4-H youth and I am so happy that we can bring this experience back, because our youth need a great place to practice, learn and become the best they can be," she adds. "We so appreciate all of our partners in this effort."



"4-H is an opportunity to strengthen my leadership through various programs. 4-H has given me a community of like-minded peers and mentors to foster my strengths and dreams. My goal as the Arizona 4-H State Agriculture Ambassador is to advocate for the agriculture industry. I hope to educate about agriculture and advocate for the industry."

Cora McGibbon

Arizona 4-H State Agriculture Ambassador



Youth from across Arizona showed off their skills and shared in community at the First Annual Arizona 4-H Stock Show and Roundup.



3 Cheers for Navajo County!

Read about this year's Arizona State 4-H Horse Show on our website.



"Hosting the Arizona 4-H Horse Show is a vital part of growing Horse programs in our county. Thank you to everyone who made this happen! Volunteering was the easiest part."

Rusty Despain

UArizona Cooperative Extension Council Advisory Committee member

Look at us GROW!!

Your support of AZ 4-H helped us to enrich eight counties and three Tribal Nations this year. Here are some of the highlights.

Hopi Nation Susan Sekaquaptewa, Assistant 4-H Agent won a \$3,000 grant to expand 4-H programming for Hopi youth. Susan used some money to get the 4-H pledge translated into Hopi. "We don't write our language," says Sekaquaptewa. "We hear it and we speak it. So, this money helped us to take huge steps," she says. They also utilized funds for helping leaders to travel long distances to start new clubs and provide flags and essential club items.

Cochise County Mekenna Smith, Extension Assistant II, won \$2,200 for expanding their Dog program. Smith bought agility, rally and obedience equipment and curriculum and then trained leaders which enabled their program to grow. Representatives of Cochise County dog program were also in attendance at the recent State Dog Show in Globe. San Pedro Spirits 4-H Club is leading the way in reviving the Dog program in Cochise County.

Maricopa County Caroline Werkhoven, Assistant in Extension won time and expertise from the 4-H Foundation. Their request was for \$2,000 for a grant writer. The 4-H Foundation allowed Nick Morris, 4-H Foundation Partner Relations Director to write the grant for the prevention of teen pregnancy. Maricopa County was awarded over \$123,000.

Coconino County Josh Farella, Associate 4-H Agent won \$2,000 for his innovative Blacksmithing Program. Farella teaches new skills to youth and has attracted 45 new youth from across Coconino County. The San Carlos Apache and Hopi Nations have also participated in leader trainings and FRTEP (Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program) is funding significant resources for an equipment trailer in San Carlos and shop space plus materials on the Hopi Nation. Farella is conducting a "train the trainer" 3-day workshop this November with 12 volunteers and staff participating from Pima, Greenlee, Yavapai and Coconino counties.

LaPaz County/CRIT Deb Pettigrew, Assistant 4-H Agent won \$2,000 to expand the 4-H program in LaPaz County and on the Colorado River Indian Tribe. Pettigrew organized five recruitment "bashes". She had Spanish and English-speaking adults available to answer questions and speak to families. They provided hot dogs and chips, had a small stock petting zoo and a goal to increase 4-H membership by 50%. When their events were all done and the year complete, they had increased their membership by 65%!

Congratulations to all the counties and Tribal Nations that received Innovation Grants this past year.

Achieving our 20,000 True Leaders by 2025 is made through steps like these 4-H professionals are taking, one youth, one club, and one new leader at a time.



Coconino County 4-H Agent Josh Farella at work with students at the blacksmithing workshop in Flagstaff.



Atlanta, Service, and a new Appreciation

Ellen Liebig

Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Ambassador, 2021-2022

I had the privilege of being chosen to attend National 4-H Congress and experiencing my first national event with 4-H'ers from across the country.

From the diversity of stories among delegates to all of the amazing tours and trips across Atlanta, this trip was a truly one-of-a-kind experience. Spending most of my 4-H years as a member of one type of project without state or national experience, I never had the chance to see the big picture of 4-H outside of my own club and project. Congress allowed me to get a glimpse of the connections and impact 4-H has nationally, and understand how 4-H is educating youth on pertinent issues and providing resources to tackle any type of problem.

Not only did I leave with an enhanced understanding of the significance of 4-H, but I just had a fantastic time seeing so much of Atlanta and bonding with fellow 4-H'ers. I had the chance to visit the Atlanta History Museum and the Atlanta Aquarium, volunteer at the Unity Garden at Chattahoochee Nature Center, and attend educational workshops, the Gala, and the Night of Culture.

I also represented Arizona during the flag ceremony, participated in fun team building events, watched talented performers, and heard from key national political figures and their connection to 4-H. Even now, after having spent a year serving as the Arizona State Youth Foundation Ambassador and participating in all types of state and national events, National 4-H Congress still is one of my favorite memories of my final year in 4-H. Ultimately, this event fostered a feeling of connection and empowerment as one single member of the largest youth organization in the United States, and I left with a newfound appreciation for all that 4-H has accomplished.

*Because of 4-H,
I can be...*

"My time in 4-H was crucial in shaping my leadership skills and propelling me to become a productive and engaged citizen, and I am honored to have been recognized with this award."



Sadie Parent
Pima County, Becker-Bagley
Scholarship



"I wish to use my education and future careers to make a difference in people's lives, the same way this scholarship has made a difference in my life."

Amelia Brackett
Mohave County, Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship

"4-H has been one of the most life changing experiences. I attribute so much of my growth and success to my Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation scholarship."

Jessica Quesada
Maricopa County Farm Credit West
Jake Flake Scholarship



2022 Donor Partners & Scholarship Winners

COUNTY	RECIPIENT NAME	SCHOLARSHIP NAME
Mohave	Amelia Brackett	Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship
Pima	Connor Caswell	Don Landeen Memorial Scholarship
Pima	Lainey Caswell	Pima County Jr. Livestock Sales Scholarship
Cochise	Laura Dunham	Marge and Gene Bayless Scholarship
Mohave	Madelyn Goers	June Gibbs Memorial Scholarship
Pinal	Emily Goncalves	Everett Grondin Scholarship
Maricopa	Cade Haggard	Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship & College Book Fund Award
Pima	Corey Jones	Pima County 4-H Horse Project Scholarship
Navajo	Dallon Laird	Leonard & Rita Cheatham Scholarship
Yuma	Isabelle Lizarraga	Eugenia Scott and Ralph Rogers Hawthorne 4-H Scholarship
Yuma	Connor Loghry	Farm Credit West/Carl Weiler Scholarship
Pima	Elizabeth McGibbon	Pima County 4-H Leaders Memorial Scholarship
Cochise	Madison Michaels	Valley TeleCom Scholarship
Cochise	Maycee Michaels	Valley TeleCom Scholarship
Cochise	Meadow Mikrut	Marge and Gene Bayless Scholarship
Pinal	Cheyenne Newton	Jimmy Accomazzo Scholarship
Pinal	Madison Officer	Becker-Bagley Scholarship
Pima	Sadie Parent	Becker-Bagley Scholarship
Maricopa	Ellie Pascavis	Ralph Hall Memorial Scholarship
Maricopa	Katie Pascavis	Mildred and Larkin Fitch Scholarship
Maricopa	Jessica Quesada	Farm Credit West/Jake Flake Scholarship
Pinal	Hanna Skousen	Judith and Richard Fleming Scholarship
Maricopa	Lindsey Stoltz	Mildred & Larkin Fitch Scholarship
Greenlee	Elissa Sumner	Betty Accomazzo Memorial Scholarship
Santa Cruz	Samantha Thwaites	Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship & College Book Fund Award
Pima	Brandon Torres	Pima County Jr. Livestock Sales Scholarship
Pinal	Emmaline Verschure	Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship & College Book Fund Award
Cochise	Tanna Webster	Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship
Maricopa	Marjorie Wells	Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship
Yuma	Kelsey Yablonski	Colorado River Small Stock Scholarship

Bob and Judy Prosser's family have been involved in Arizona 4-H since the 1960's. Judy's grandmother, Emma Chilson gave generously to the Arizona 4-H camp and Ernest Chilson sat on the first Board of Directors for the AZ4-HYF in the 1970's. "4-H is just family to us," says Judy. "Bob and I raised our boys in 4-H and we know the value of the education and responsibility that 4-H helps kids to realize," she adds. "We support AZ 4-H because we need innovators and entrepreneurs in agriculture, more than ever before." adds Bob. "So, join us in supporting AZ 4-H," concludes Judy.



"Any amount helps."

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Key partnerships mean fantastic programming!

Partnerships are important to us as they help provide support for Arizona 4-H to create memorable and learning-filled opportunities for youth in Arizona.

Key partners at our Arizona Stock Show & Roundup, in March which would not have been possible without the support of so many companies and individuals. We appreciate you!

We kicked off the AZ 4-H Summit with the Clover Ball at the University of Arizona. Thank you to our key partner, the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation and our key table sponsors, Bayer Crop Science, Hughes Federal Credit Union, Bingham Equipment Company, and Capstone Copper. Our class of scholarship recipients had a place at our tables because of you!

Your support is crucial to our mission of supporting AZ 4-H youth. Join these companies and individuals is inspiring our next generation of community leaders.

Thank you to our partners donating \$1,000 and more!

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July 2022, Mission Command 4-H youth

"4-H is the ability for people of all levels to come together and interact in a way that brings everyone together, building lifelong skills and developing friendships along the way. It is an opportunity to grow and develop as a leader, citizen, and professional. 4-H offers the chance to experience a wide variety of skills and opportunities and become a more well-rounded individual."

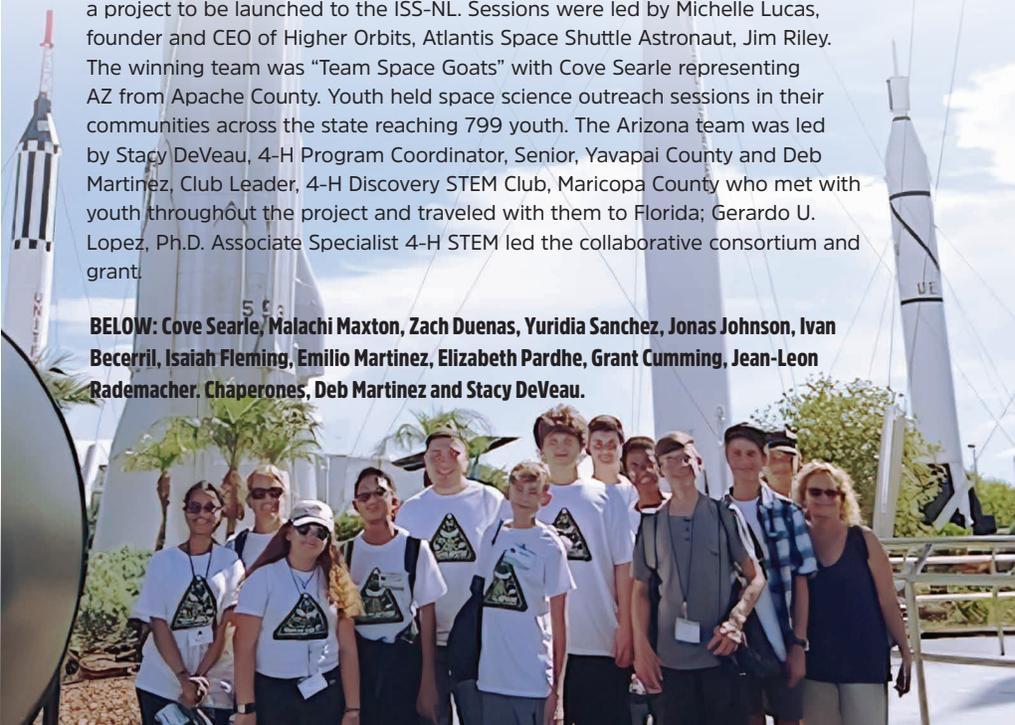
Isaac Chapman, Arizona 4-H State STEM Ambassador



4-H is officially out of this world!

Forty-eight middle/high school students had an experience of a lifetime participating in a 4-H Space Project offered by a four-state collaborative consortium: Universities of Florida, Illinois, Indiana, and Arizona, in partnership with Higher Orbits, and the International Space Station-National Laboratory (ISS-NL) Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS). The Twelve Mission Commanders from each state participated in learning space science in preparation for traveling to Florida's Kennedy Space Center to attend the Higher Orbits "Go for Launch" three-day summer camp. Team members from each state met virtually before meeting in person in Florida. During the camp, team members collaborated through the engineering design process to design a project to be launched to the ISS-NL. Sessions were led by Michelle Lucas, founder and CEO of Higher Orbits, Atlantis Space Shuttle Astronaut, Jim Riley. The winning team was "Team Space Goats" with Cove Searle representing AZ from Apache County. Youth held space science outreach sessions in their communities across the state reaching 799 youth. The Arizona team was led by Stacy DeVeau, 4-H Program Coordinator, Senior, Yavapai County and Deb Martinez, Club Leader, 4-H Discovery STEM Club, Maricopa County who met with youth throughout the project and traveled with them to Florida; Gerardo U. Lopez, Ph.D. Associate Specialist 4-H STEM led the collaborative consortium and grant.

BELOW: Cove Searle, Malachi Maxton, Zach Duenas, Yuridia Sanchez, Jonas Johnson, Ivan Becerril, Isaiah Fleming, Emilio Martinez, Elizabeth Pardhe, Grant Cumming, Jean-Leon Rademacher. Chaperones, Deb Martinez and Stacy DeVeau.



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Jeremy Elliott-Engel, Ph.D

AZ 4-H Director

The Great 8 Pathways to Participation are a way that we express what we do across all projects, programs, events and activities in Arizona 4-H. Expressing who we are and what we do is fundamental in growing our program.

Arizona 4-H started in 1913 with George Floyd's boys cotton club and just this past July twelve 4-H youth and 3 chaperones traveled to Cape Canaveral to work with astronauts and NASA team members to send a STEM project to the International Space Station. 4-H today provides opportunities for both of these experiences, growing in mastery in Agriculture and preparing for careers in STEM!



We proudly continue projects and programs in Agriculture, as we have "deep roots" and our new growth is in projects and programs like Shooting Sports Training, Cavies (guinea pigs), Entrepreneurship, Healthy Living, entomology, Dog Care & Training, metal fabrication or 3-D printing at one of our six (6) Fab Labs across the state. Our program is all about the robust way that we inspire our youth to find their own spark, gain knowledge, and become masters of their domain under the guidance of a caring and background checked adult volunteer.

We're in your county, 4-H is a division of the Cooperative Extension programming from UArizona. We're in 15 counties and 6 Tribal Nations.

Why is growth important?

Our promise is to serve 1 in 5 Arizona youth (ages 5-18) with high quality positive youth development experiences. The Arizona 4-H program is committed to ensuring these types of experiences and opportunities for all youth in Arizona. The Arizona 4-H programs commitment is made in the "20,000 True Leaders by 2025" strategic plan. We are happy to report that we are well on our way. Here's what we've done lately.

27% Growth since 2018

44% Growth from 2020 to 2021

17% Growth in volunteer leaders

Our Great Eight Pathways to Participation

Agriculture

STEM

Leadership

Civic Engagement

Camping/Shooting Sports

Cultural Understanding

Community Service

Healthy Living



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"Every dollar you send to AZ 4-H makes a difference in a 4-H member's life. We appreciate every donation."

Jeremy Elliott-Engel, Ph.D

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One Health Presents:

The Arizona 4-H Summit is an opportunity for youth to experience using problem solving skills and putting innovative skills into action. Youth get the chance to experience college life at the University of Arizona by spending the week in a college dorm, and university classrooms.

This year Arizona 4-H Summit focused on One Health, an approach to public health that emphasizes how humans are connected to environmental and animal health. Youth had the opportunity to create innovative ideas surrounding one health to better their communities.



"4-H is about growing and learning. It's about making healthy decisions and relationships within your community and your life. 4-H is opportunities and challenges that help you to be the best person you can be. Being in 4-H means that you always have a strong support system and that you always have people to look out for you and help you."

Aniza Bejarano

Arizona 4-H State Healthy Living Ambassador



"Civic Engagement is an opportunity for us to learn, serve, and connect with our communities. What it means to be an aware and helpful citizen in communities. Civic Engagement is about creating a community where future leaders are made and where they will benefit not only themselves but other people as well."

Santiago Calleros

Arizona 4-H State Civic Engagement Ambassador

Unlocking Futures

JOLT (Journey of Opportunity for Leaders of Tomorrow), is a teen leadership camp, focused on empowering personal leadership, honing in on creativity, and encouraging positive social change. July 11th through 15th 2022. 37 youth from 13 different counties participated in this year's J.O.L.T themed "Unlock Your Future". This year youth had opportunities to learn about leadership through activities such as mental and physical challenges that promoted team building, relay races that focused on communication and hikes that showcased outdoor learning and healthy living. They also had hands-on education about the 4-H pillars and the great 8 pathways in group activities called "tracks" led by Arizona 4-H's State Ambassador Team. A huge thank you to our donors for this year's J.O.L.T, the Arizona Farm Bureau, and Otto & Edna Neely Foundation.



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Valuing community & paying it forward

Gayle Disch is a longtime resident of Gilbert, and has been involved in running and coordinating Gilbert Global, Village Festival, a Board member of Gilbert Sister Cities program and is a graduate of Gilbert Leadership Class 21.

The Dischs give to AZ 4-H because they believe in the power of youth and paying it forward in our communities. Gayle is also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Gilbert and has held a number of leadership roles, taught Sunday School and currently sings in the choir and serves as one of their Congregational Care Ministers.

A retired Mesa school teacher and administrator, Gayle believes in the promise of our youth and their importance. As an outstanding volunteer, Gayle just received the prestigious "Geneva Clay Volunteer Award" from the Town of Gilbert. "We just value 4-H and their passion for learning," she says. "That's why we give."

Join the Dischs to inspire and build the next generation of community leaders through AZ 4-H.



Civic Engagement

Read all about AZ 4-H's Civic Engagement on our website.



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Selling Like Hot Cakes!!

Arizona 4-H is proud to present and now it is on sale online and in every Motor Vehicle Division office throughout Arizona, the 4-H specialty license plate.

Through generous support the 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees is promoting the new license plate with a billboard and media campaign throughout Arizona.

"Billboards were seen on the Nogales highway, in Willcox, at the Arizona State Fairgrounds and in three different locations in Tucson in October," says AZ4-HYF president Kari Petterson. "We are also on Meteor Crater Road at Bar T Bar Ranch, just off I-40 and on digital billboards in I-10 and Guadalupe and on the Superstition Highway at Country Club Road getting over a quarter million views from heavy work drive traffic in the Phoenix area," she adds. The I-10 billboard at the Quartzite/Ehrenberg exit goes up by the beginning of November.

Billboards promote 4-H enrollment and the 4-H license plate with a variety of 4-H youth being front and center. "We are extremely excited about this project," says Petterson. "The Trustees commitment to moving 4-H programs forward is amazing and I am thankful for a great team in this entire process."

Petterson also talks about the importance of our key partners of Bingham Equipment Company, Kubota, the Bar T Bar Ranch, outside Winslow and the Arizona 4-H

11 High Visibility Locations Across Arizona!



program. "We are blazing new pathways here," she says. "We are committed to bringing quality 4-H programming to many more youth in Arizona. Our youth deserve that commitment."

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The most wonderful time of the year

It's exciting to address you about how we are inspiring the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs and community leaders through Arizona 4-H in 2022. We are supporting over \$200,000 of 4-H programs and scholarships again this year. Here are some highlights:

- In March we collaborated with the State 4-H office to present our first annual 4-H Stock Show & Roundup. Over 260 youth and their animals were present to learn more about their animals and what outstanding showmanship is all about.
- In June we celebrated our 4th annual Clover Ball in Tucson which kicks off AZ 4-H Summit with a focus on "One Health". Our older teens learned and applied knowledge on living healthy lives, healthy animals and healthy environments.
- Later on in June we saw our 4-H specialty license plate become available throughout Arizona! Get yours today at azmvdnow.gov. We receive \$17 out of the \$25 cost, and it all goes to supporting 4-H programming.
- In July we sent 11 4-Hers to Cape Canaveral for an experience of a lifetime. We collaborated with three other land grant universities to work with NASA scientists to send a science experiment to the International Space Station aboard the Dragon. These 4-Hers will never forget this amazing opportunity.

On a financial note, our finances looked very good for 2020-2021; there are a couple of reasons for that occurrence. Please remember we were at the height of Covid and there were many expenses that could not happen. We also had a delayed billing of \$150,000 from UArizona until January of 2022. We transfer most of our programmatic investments to UArizona for the State 4-H office to administer. You will see in the coming year that we will be "catching up" in 2022 and with growing 4-H members, growing volunteers, and growing programs our expenses continue to rise. We need your help more than ever. You can review our full 990 Form on our website from 2014 forward.

We couldn't do this all of this and provide 4-H opportunities, events and programs without your help. It's our partners that help us achieve this success. Thank you. We also appreciate Dr. Jeremy Elliott-Engel and his outstanding State 4-H teams dedication to excellence and work to ensure all Arizona youth have the opportunity to have a high quality 4-H youth development experience.

My best to you all,

Kari Petterson, President, Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation



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