Arizona 4-H inspires kids to do. 2019 was a year of expanding opportunities for 4-H members. For the first time in over 25 years, a sea of green in the form of high school from nearly every Arizona county converged on the University of Arizona this summer to learn about campus, career and community from university experts and current students.

The Arizona 4-H Summit and Arizona 4-H STEM University brought youth to the University of Arizona to engage with faculty, scientists, and researchers and explore real world problems. These programs were created to help 4-H youth understand how their skills and interests can lead to a career. Youth explored challenges in the agriculture industry and how an understanding of complex systems intersects with putting food on our tables for a producer and a consumer.

Investments have been made in programming that inspires youth to do really cool things. 2019 saw the return of the International youth exchange bringing a global learning experience to nine (9) Arizona families, we sent six (6) youth to attend the National 4-H Conference for the first time in a decade, and, we have invested in a statewide Lego robotics program, three new 4-H Fab(rication) Labs, and every county had youth participate in summer camp! As always, we continue to send youth delegates to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C., and to represent Arizona 4-H in competition at Western National Round-Up in Denver and Eastern National Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, KY. 4-H helps develop young people into competent and caring adults through the important youth-adult partnerships that are fostered between our certified 4-H volunteers and our members. Our volunteers are important in helping spark inquiry and passion in young people.

Because of this importance, we are investing in our volunteers by streamlining the certification process, and improving professional development opportunities.

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation is an important partner in leveraging resources to enhance opportunities for 4-H members and our invaluable volunteers. 4-H is the youth organization of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. And, Cooperative is right, to enhance our program it takes cooperation between our county, state, and federal government funders, the University, USDA, our volunteers, and supporting organizations. Thank you to all of you for your support, your efforts to inspire kids to not only do, but become better Arizonans who may solve the real problems of our time. To learn more about Arizona 4-H opportunities, check out the webpage at https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/home.

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November, 2019

What a year! Thanks to the hard work of our excellent board and the programmatic leadership of Dr. Jeremy Elliott-Engel, the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation has made significant progress in supporting life-changing opportunities for Arizona youth.

With major gifts from sponsorships, we have been able to support the first Arizona 4-H Summit on the campus of the University of Arizona, the Inaugural Clovers Ball that brought 4-H members, alumni and donors to share their 4-H experiences. We continue our support of State and National opportunities for our youth that have inspired Kids to Do! We are honored to share with you our annual report that highlights our accomplishments and impact in the past year.

This is the tradition of the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation. Since its incorporation in 1970, the Foundation has provided scholarships for thousands of members so they could follow their inspirations. The Foundation has been a significant sponsor for many annual state events where members have perfected their skills. Generations of 4-H members who participated in National 4-H events share their life changing experiences that have also impacted their communities.

It has indeed been an honor to serve as the Board President during this time of expansion and growth. The 4-H Foundation was incorporated the same year I started my 4-H career (1970). This year has allowed me to reconnect with the rich history and tradition of Arizona 4-H. I have also been able to reflect on the reason the Foundation was formed. I think that this vision has been captured in the 4-H Theme for this year; “Inspire Kids to Do.”

As I have met with Arizona 4-H Alumni, I can see that the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation has played a major role in creating inspiration for countless members—from supporting early State 4-H events like Roundup and Teen Leadership Camp to National opportunities like National 4-H Congress, Conference and Citizenship Washington, D.C.; to current activities like this year’s 4-H Summit and Clovers Ball. 4-H programs have ignited the spark that has inspired thousands 4-H members to Make the Best Better.

Please join me in supporting the continuing work of the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation.

Sincerely,

Julie Camp Adamcin
Board President 2018-2019

The Executive Committee of the original Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation (1970) which was dedicated to “citizenship, leadership, and scholarship.” Seated from left: Dr. B. P. Cardon, Roy Swisher, Harry Schrader, Clayton Hakes. Standing are Thomas Cabbage, George Grantham, Dr. Howard Jones, William MacBeth, William Wilcox, E.N Blake and Dr. George Hull.
Generous donors throughout the last 50 years have made scholarships available. This school year the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation supported 36 4-H youth seeking higher education. Congratulations to the following students.

Jolene Addington Cochise County Jr. Livestock Scholarship
Alyssa Baller Pima County Jr. Livestock Scholarship
Sarah Butler Pima County 4-H Leaders Scholarship
Bailee Cameron Becker-Baguley Scholarship
Brooklyn Corbin Colorado River 4-H Small Stock Scholarship
Autumn Gilbert Don Landeen Memorial Scholarship
Kailah Goers Mildred and Larkin Fitch Scholarship
Emily Goncalves Mary A. and Arthur “Jim” Faul Scholarship
Ava Hanson Pima County 4-H Horse Scholarship
Lena-May Haught June Gibbs Memorial Scholarship
John Hubbell Eugenia Scott and Ralph Hawthorne Scholarship
Robin Lee Judith and Richard Fleming Scholarship
Brock Mann Pima County Jr. Livestock Scholarship
Elizabeth McGibbon Pima County Jr. Livestock Scholarship
Jenna Mennetti Leonard and Rita Cheatham Scholarship
Madison Michaels Valley TeleCom Group
Blake Norris Farm Credit Services SW/Jake Flake Scholarship

Ariel O’Conner Marge and Gene Bayless Scholarship
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Royal Whitehead Mary A. and Arthur “Jim” Faul Scholarship

Endowment Donors Inspire 4-H Programs helping Kids to Do!

Donors like Marge Bayless and her late husband Gene, were among the first families to donate an endowment to the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation. Their first endowment has grown with their continued support to provide two scholarships each year.

After Gene’s passing, Marge established another endowment in Gene’s name that supports the Arizona 4-H Shooting Education Program. Every year almost 1000 4-H’ers participates in Shooting Education.

There is currently an opportunity to support training volunteers in 4-H Shooting Education and your donation will be matched by Marge’s generous $3000 donation, dollar for dollar. You can donate on our website at the link below.

https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/give
Arizona 4-H Alumni, Dan Klingenberg (Yuma County alumni) had a unique opportunity 60 years ago when he accepted a fellowship with the newly dedicated National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The meeting space is just miles from the Nation’s Capital and became a great place for 4-H members from across the country to learn about the democratic process and to meet decision makers.

Dan was just a college student when he moved to DC to become the first Program Assistant at the 4-H Center. His job during that year was to set up the first 4-H Citizenship Short Course. He set up tours, workshops and worked with Congressional Staffers to plan the first five day event.

The program he helped set up is still going strong today. It is now called National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus, a program for 4-H Senior youth who attend in delegations to learn about Washington, D.C. and how government works. Arizona 4-H attendees return with plans to conduct community service in their communities.

Dan’s work in 1960, is still Inspiring 4-H members to do more in their communities. Another, 4-H Alum, Joe Bushong (Maricopa County alumni) credits his experiences in Washington with 4-H with his work in leading him to greater involvement in community leaders and traveling to other parts of the world.

If you know a 14-18 year old youth that is interested in attending one of these programs please go to our web page: https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/national-programs.

At National 4-H Conference, 4-H Teens have the opportunity to research, explore, and advocate on behalf of a societal topic that they are passionate about. This past year, Arizona sent 6 delegates. Delegates provide youth voice to legislators on issues affecting youth in Arizona communities.

Arizona Delegates have the opportunity to attend Leadership Washington Focus (grade 7-9) or Citizenship Washington Focus (grades 9-12) and develop skills in civic engagement, leadership, and community impact through a fun filled week at the National 4-H Center. The week includes workshops, touring and experiencing our Nation’s history and government.

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation supports 8 outstanding 4-H members from across Arizona every year. National 4-H Congress has provided the opportunity for 4-H teens to gather and be engaged in areas of leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion through educational workshops and activities.

https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/national-programs
States’ 4-H Exchange Program

After renewing a partnership with States 4-H International Exchange, Arizona 4-H is now coordinating international youth delegate hosting in 4-H families across our great state and providing options for Arizona youth to explore the world through outbound programs. This program inspires our 4-H youth to share their culture through experiential teaching and to learn other cultures while building long lasting relationships. Rosie Whitmer (Cochise County) and Ayaka Nagase at the border fence.

STEM

Arizona 4-H youth learn by doing in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects. Arizona Cooperative Extension has invested in four 4-H STEM Labs where youth explore 3D printing, design, and fabrication. Investments in 4-H Robotics kits has meant that more youth can learn necessary professional skills of programming and engineering. Arizona 4-H STEM programming is about sparking imagination and helping youth start doing.

Focus areas include robotics, Fab Lab, rocketry, environmental science, agri-science, biotechnology and veterinary science.

James 4-H Camp

The James 4-H Outdoor Learning Center experience has been an important part of the lives for 4-H youth and adults for over 8 years. Camp activities focus on leadership development, collaborative problem solving, teamwork, group communication, building individual confidence and skills and more. The camp experience promotes developmental outcomes in campers which contribute to youth’s healthy transition into adulthood.

Horse Project

Arizona Horse 4-H statewide program goals include broadening equine educational opportunities and increasing accessibility to programs for all interested horse youth by creating more opportunities for youth to engage in education and contests which don’t require horse ownership. Some examples of new activities include the Statewide 4-H Horse Contests (Horse Bowl, Hippology, Public Speaking), an annual Groom Squad Contest at the State 4-H Show, hands on educational horse health workshops, and a judging clinic and contest.

Give support to statewide 4-H programs

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Our first Arizona 4-H Summit was made possible by generous contributions from these sponsors.

- Dr. Julie C. Adamcin
- Bayer Crop Science
- Poston Rotary Club
- Richard Morrison

Thanks also to these table sponsors for the Inaugural 4-H Clover Ball
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- Poston Rotary Club

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- Richard Morrison

Thanks also to the following University Colleges and Departments who make this event so successful
- School of Natural Resources and Environment
- Department of Nutritional Science
- Center for Digital Humanities
- Terry J. Lundgren Center for Retailing
- Department of Entomology
- Biosystems Engineering

The Arizona Farm Bureau is proud to support the 4-H Youth Summit to help prepare the next generation with the critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in our complex world. As a 4-H’er myself, I know firsthand how beneficial these programs are and am happy to be a part providing these opportunities!

Phil Bashaw, Graham County 4-H Alumni, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Secretary Arizona Farm Bureau Federation

For information about how your company can sponsor a 4-H activity or event please contact our office at Arizona.4hfoundation@gmail.com

https://extension.arizona.edu/4hfoundation/finance-forms
Marvin (deceased 2007) and June Morrison give generously to invest in the future of 4-H for youth across Arizona. In a word, the Morrisons’ are passionate about Arizona 4-H because they know that 4-H builds character. Marvin lead the Gilbert 4-H Club taking horseback camping adventures with the club into the east valley desert. He loved the ride, the smells, the laughter, the teamwork, the learning—everything about the adventure. They loved that 4-H built integrity and responsibility in youth and leaders, and in turn — improves the community.

The Morrisons’ are proud residents of Gilbert, Arizona. So proud, they want this community to continue to grow and thrive and be an example of how we are collectively when we work together as a community. Their leadership was equally matched by their talents and treasures. The Morrisons’ have and continue to give generously because they are investing in Arizona 4-H youth.

“We are thankful and appreciative for the generosity and vision of Marvin and June Morrison. You can join the Morrisons in making an investment that lasts a lifetime and makes a difference in a young person’s life that will benefit your community -- today and tomorrow.”
- Dr. Julie C. Adamcin, Board President

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3. Donations can be directed to your local 4-H county or the Foundation via check, credit card, Facebook, Amazon Smile or on our website.

Large gifts require careful planning, the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation welcomes the opportunity to work with you to plan your 4-H support. Support can come in multiple ways such as endowments, property, corporate sponsorships, planned gifts of life insurance, wills and bequests, memorials, charitable trusts and annuities.

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Congratulations

Peterson in National 4-H Hall of Fame

Dr. Bill Peterson, served as the Arizona State 4-H Leader from 1995-2005. During his tenure he developed strong programs in teen leadership and character education. He was also internationally known in development of positive youth development programs and was part of a national committee that established the first national evaluation study of the impact on 4-H on youth and communities. Bill was also an important proponent of International 4-H Programs and served as chair of the States’ 4-H International Committee giving leadership to Japanese/4-H Exchange Programs.

Baffert Distinguished 4-H Alumni Medallion Winner

Arizona 4-H Alumnus, Bob Baffert, grew up in Nogales and he and his siblings were active members of the Santa Cruz County 4-H program where they participated in many different projects. Bob went on to graduate from the University of Arizona and start his career as a horse trainer. He has been very successful in his field and often credits his 4-H Experience with providing him important life skills. He has trained many horses that have won races, including the Kentucky Derby, and two of his horses have won Triple Crowns.

Two-time Triple Crown winner Bob Baffert was honored with the 4-H Alumni Medallion at the 4-H Legacy Award Banquet. Also pictured are 4-H’ers (right to left) Elijah Parent, Braidee Muscato, and Ralphie Quiroz.