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Excerpts from: **New Head of UA 4-H Aims to Grow Program Beyond Its Agricultural Roots**

By Faith Schwartz, UA Cooperative Extension
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Jeremy Elliott-Engel says the "spark" that ignited him in his youth carried him through life, and ultimately culminated in a leadership position with 4-H, one of the largest youth organizations in the country. Elliott-Engel, who once was a 4-H member in rural upstate New York, is now the new associate director for 4-H youth development at UA Cooperative Extension. He began in September.



"There's a lot of literature around 'youth spark' and having young people identify the thing that they're interested in, and helping facilitate that interest," Elliott-Engel said. "When the 4-H model is conducted with high context and high content, it is very powerful in helping young people build efficacy around their spark. We want to help young people find that spark, and help them develop mastery."

Elliott-Engel said he hopes to take Arizona 4-H beyond agriculture, the industry that has been part of the organization's identity since it began at the beginning of the 20th century with a motto of "head, heart, hands and health."

"The current zeitgeist is that 4-H is centered on agriculture. And that's certainly the organization's roots and a current strength. But that doesn't mean that that is all 4-H is. We want to help translate research happening at the UA to a youth audience," he said.

Elliott-Engel said he looks forward to leading Arizona 4-H and engaging units across campus.

"We want to be the youth development program that people from across the UA campus turn to when they think about doing youth outreach," he said. "When other departments want to do youth work, we hope they would think about 4-H as their delivery mode."

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* Over 6,000 youth across Arizona were enrolled in the 4-H club program in 2017-18.

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Hello,

I am pleased to join you as the Associate Director for 4-H Youth Development programs with Arizona Cooperative Extension, University of Arizona. You will soon learn that I bleed green. More important than my love for 4-H, I am passionate about the power of the 4-H program and the quality experiences that our outstanding youth development professionals can create for and with young people which can lead to great individual youth impacts and improved community outcomes.

I know I benefited from the efforts of caring adults (e.g. volunteers, parents, and agents) in the 4-H program, who allowed me to explore my spark. My spark centered around animal science projects. This strong interest opened up opportunities that allowed me to travel across the country as well to work towards improving my local community. As a 4-H member in upstate New York, I experienced the circle-of-life and the ups-and-downs of animal projects. I was able to improve my skills in reasoning, analysis, and communication skills through livestock judging. I was also challenged to be an engaged citizen to take action in my club and community. I still draw on those experiences daily, even though the topic or community has changed.

I love to share my own personal 4-H story to highlight what the program can do for a young person. In my professional experience as a regional 4-H agent in Missouri, I have witnessed the profound impacts of the program on thousands of 4-H agents. My doctoral research has helped me to appreciate the effects of community leadership programs, and how the 4-H program is impacted. My plans include visiting every county program in my first six months on the job to learn about local programming, meet staff, and local stakeholders.

I am excited to be able to work with the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation as we identify ways to provide more support for Statewide 4-H programs that provide the same types of opportunities that allowed me to "Learn by Doing." Additional resources can help us make our program even better. Please help us explore human and financial resources to help us. Please share with us your hopes and dreams for 4-H; If you are an alumni, I want to hear your 4-H story and impact that Arizona 4-H has had on you, your family, your community, or the world. Please join us in supporting the Arizona 4-H Youth Development Program. Let's "Make the Best Better" together.

Dr. Jeremy Elliott-Engel



October 2018- Group of Arizona 4-H supporters, honoring Marifloyd Hamil (2018 Hall of Fame recipient).

4-H Pillars Around the Arizona Community

H **Healthy Living:** Since the beginning of 4-H in 1902, communities of 4-H members and leaders have been called on to help with natural disasters and emergencies. Arizona 4-H recently became part of the MyPi grant program (sponsored by a grant from NIFA and EDEN) to develop a National Youth Preparedness Initiative. Recently Arizona professionals and staff participated in a 3 day Train the Trainer program which prepares them to train other community members to respond to local disasters.



S **STEM:** A little over a year ago, the University of Arizona 4-H Program received a grant from the Agnes Haury Program to develop a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program that would involve students from two Native American Tribes, Tohono O'odam and Pascua Yaqui. There are several partners in this grant including Plma Community College, the University of Arizona, and Arizona 4-H. Twenty-eight teachers from five schools were trained and 1500 students participate in programs on the college campuses and after-school 4-H Programs. The Program is going very well and these members also had exhibits at the Pima County Fair.



A **Agriculture:** Arizona 4-H has several remarkable programs which promote Ag Literacy with Arizona school children each year. These programs involve thousands of 4-H participants each year who take part in a variety of activities designed to help them recognize the importance of agriculture in their daily lives and the economy of Arizona. Here is one example: The AgVentures program at the Maricopa Agriculture Center was developed in 1998. It is partially funded by grants from long time supporter, Mary Faul. Each year over 3500 youth visit the farm and learn about farming, food production, healthy living and environmental stewardship.



C **Civic Engagement:** This past year, Arizona 4-H had members attend both Leadership Washington Focus and Leadership Washinton Focus. Eight youth leaders from Yuma county and two chaperones (Coconino & Cochise County) attended Citizenship Washington Focus. Two civic youth leaders and their chaperone (all from Greenlee County) attended Leadership Washington Focus this past July in Washinton D.C. We are excited to support youth leaders in pursuing their dreams to grow and learn more in 4-H.



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4-H Support Around Arizona



For several years Tractor Supply Company has supported State and County programs throughout the US with their biannual Paper Clover Campaign. During two weeks in October and April, each year, shoppers are encouraged to donate to their local 4-H program by making a donation through their store.

As interest and enthusiasm has grown and stores have been added, this campaign raises nearly \$1 million nationwide. These funds become available to county 4-H programs to support members going to camp and participating in leadership programs (locally and nationally). Most of Arizona's TSC funds have helped over 100 members to participate in exciting leadership programs.



We encourage you to learn more about these events and how to use these funds to improve your 4-H Programs.

National 4-H Council has been sponsoring a special "Raise Your Hand" campaign to identify 4-H Alumni, wherever they are from or wherever they currently live. They have added prizes for the States that identify the most alums.

In the past two years, over 1000 4-H alumni and supporters have identified themselves with Arizona. We hope to make contact with as many as possible to learn more about how 4-H helped them grow and develop. The stories we are hearing are truly amazing.

RAISE YOUR HAND

How can you get involved?

& PAY IT FORWARD



Host a *Raise Your Hand* booth or activity at your county fair.



Use the QR code (see right) to go to the Raise Your Hand website and register.



Share this opportunity with friends and relatives.



Ask 4-H Teen leaders to reach out and interview these alums, there are great stories out there!



Host 4-H Alumni events in your county.



Ask Alumni to judge 4-H events.



Recognize 4-H Alumni who are outstanding in their fields.



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2018 Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarships

Our congratulations to the following students who were awarded 4-H Scholarships this year. Our thanks as well to the donors of these scholarship endowments whose generosity continues to help outstanding 4-H members achieve their academic goals.

Name	Endowment
Kelley Titche	Betty Accomazzo
Tanner Lyman	Jimmy Accomazzo
Bailey Hill	Bayless (Margery & Gene)
Kyle Pascavis	Bayless (Margery & Gene)
Bailee Cameron	Becker-Baguley
Kailah Goers	Becker-Baguley
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Taylor Corbin	CRSSS Merit Scholarship
Maya Wallace	Don Landeen Memorial
Cameron Burleson	Faul Millstone Ranch*
Royal Whitehead	Faul Millstone Ranch*
Joslyn King	Faul Millstone Ranch*

Name	Endowment
Blake Norris	Faul Millstone Ranch*
Anaya Dominguez	Faul Millstone Ranch*
Cameron Burleson	FCSS/ Carl Weiler
Brandee Mack Wadlow	FCSS/ Jake Flake Memorial
Meagan Rockow	Fitch Scholarship
Kayla Lonchar	Fitch Scholarship
Esther Lopez	Fitch Scholarship
Dusti Baker	Fleming
Bridget Hodges	Gibbs (June)- FCS Memorial
Elizabeth Ellis	Grondin (Everett) Memorial
Carter Ham	Hall (Ralph) Memorial
Ashley Gabrielson	Hawthorne 4-H Scholarship
Taylor Van Why	Hawthorne 4-H Scholarship
Brittany Gerald	Hawthorne 4-H Scholarship
Missy Taylor	Pima Co. 4-H Horse Leaders
Christine Toering	Pima Co. Jr. Livestock Sales
Alyssa Baller	Pima Co. Jr. Livestock Sales
Elizabeth Young	Pima County 4-H Leaders
Michaels Madison	Valley Telephone Co-Op
Tyler Driscoll	Valley Telephone Co-Op

*These members also received Faul Book Scholarships

Scholarship Donors Make Available Over 40 Scholarships Each Year

Where are they now?

Arizona 4-H Alumni and Scholarship Recipient in 2008

Nadji is currently volunteering in El Salvador for a small organization promoting emotional trauma healing.

Dear Mrs. Faul,
With deep gratitude I would like to thank you for helping me obtain a university education. I remember when my first 4-H lamb got ring worm and I had to nurse it every day; it was a lot of work! By the time it was the Pima County fair, the lamb and I had such a relationship of trust that we won Junior Novice Showman Champion. From that experience I learned responsibility and hard work pay off, two themes I continue to practice in my life. Through the gift of the scholarship you modeled generosity. A virtue I seek to live out.

I am glad 4-H formed my work ethic and sense of responsibility. I am thankful the Faul Millstone



A Women's group, Agriculture Community Development program. Bangladesh

Scholarship supported my education which compels me to serve others. On behalf of all of us who have learned from you and who have received the scholarship, Thank you!

Gratefully yours,
Nadji Remer

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What's Needed and How You Can Help

We humbly ask for your support in continuing to fund Arizona 4-H programs for generations to come. Please read the opportunities below to see where support is still needed.

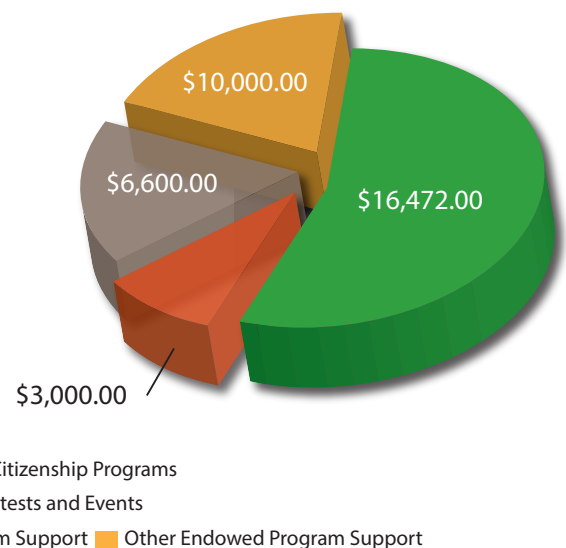
More than 100,000 Arizona 4-H members and youth contacts are developing caring relationships, learning leadership and life skills, and providing service to others, and their communities. The skills learned through 4-H help young people become competent, caring, and contributing citizens. Increased financial support is necessary to maintain and enhance the quality of the educational programs for which 4-H is known. You can make a difference by contributing to Arizona 4-H through the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, which has been granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service.

Funds are needed to support several areas:

1. **Recognition**—Funds are needed to support recognition programs for 4-H Leaders and Members. This includes development of the State 4-H Hall of Fame for leaders, supporters and professionals, support of nominees for national recognition, Salute to Excellence, National 4-H Hall of Fame, and Youth of the Year.
2. **Leadership Development**—Providing project-related training for volunteers, organizational leadership, training for youth and adult leaders is a cornerstone of 4-H. As our program reaches out to new audiences, there will be more opportunities to provide training.
3. **Program Enhancements**—4-H teens have been asking for more opportunities to learn through statewide activities and events. Sponsorships from businesses can make these opportunities more cost effective.
4. **Endowment Programs**—Endowments can be established to support specific projects, county 4-H programs, and the Arizona 4-H Program in general.
5. **Scholarships**—Scholarships currently support 4-H graduates attending colleges and/or trade schools. Scholarships can also be created to support 4-H members attending State and National 4-H Events.

You can donate to Arizona 4-H in a variety of ways, including current gifts such as cash, property, corporate matching and securities, or planned gifts such as life insurance, wills/bequests, memorials, and charitable trusts/annuities. Many large gifts require careful planning. The Arizona 4-H Foundation welcomes the opportunity to work with you as you plan your support of 4-H.

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Congratulations

Marifloyd Hamil was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame in October 2018, for her outstanding contributions as a Maricopa County Extension Agent and EFNEP program developer. Marifloyd continues to support the needs of inner city low income youth and her community as a 4-H volunteer and working with the State 4-H Foundation to provide continued support for the future.

Ethel Branch was awarded the Luminary Award by the National 4-H Council this past April. Ethel is an Arizona 4-H alumna and is now the attorney general of the Navajo Nation. The Luminary Award is given to some of the most influential 4-H alumni across the nation. The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation is honored to recognize Ethel Branch for her outstanding 4-H story and National 4-H Luminary award.



Marifloyd Hamil
(Photo: JCPenney | Portrait)



Ethel Branch
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