



McLean County 4-H Recognition of Excellence November 11, 2021

Join us as we honor club members, leaders, and volunteers for their contributions and accomplishments. Together, we learn by doing in 4-H. As we learn, we share knowledge and experiences with others. The cycle involves people of all ages and interests, and ultimately benefits our club, community, country, and world.

4-H YOUTH IN ACTION AWARD

The 4-H Youth in Action Program nationally recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Congratulations *Dhruv Rebba*, 4-H member, Team Metal Cow SPIN Club for winning the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Award for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) sponsored by HughesNet®

When Dhruv Rebba first visited the Indian village his father grew up in, he saw a community struggling because it didn't have access to the internet. The high school freshman and Illinois 4-H member knew he had the skills and drive to make a difference and was inspired to create Universal Help, a non-profit devoted to providing access to STEM education in both rural India and his home community.

"4-H gave me the confidence to know I can solve daunting problems," Rebba says. "After conquering what seems like impossible challenges with my 4-H robotics team, I have known from a young age that I'm capable of doing a lot, and there's a solution to be found for almost any problem."



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MOSBACHER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The recipients of the Mosbacher Scholarship will receive scholarships for their education in recognition of their 4-H activities, citizenship, leadership, and community involvement. The scholarship was created in 1971 to recognize Eugene O. Mosbacher's twenty-sixth anniversary as the McLean County Agricultural Extension Advisor. The Mosbacher 4-H Educational Fund has awarded this scholarship for the past 45 years. This year's applicant pool was full of wonderful applications, and the Mosbacher Committee felt all of the applicants had done outstanding work in their 4-H careers.

BRADY VEAL

Brady Veal is a 10-year 4-H member of the Linden Lead'em 4-H Club. He currently is a freshman at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology majoring in Computer Science.



Brady attributes 4-H for shaping his future beginning at the age of 8 years old, where he joined his first Lego® robotics club and fell in love with computers and coding. Brady participated in many projects related to STEM throughout his 4-H career. He especially enjoyed teaching other youth about robotics and started as a Teen Teacher in 6th grade. Brady created and taught after-school robotics programs for elementary school students and summer camps at Unity Community Center. In high school, Brady participated in Speaking for Illinois 4-H and was a member of the State 4-H Youth Leadership Team for two years where he assisted with the planning for Illinois Junior Leadership Conference. Brady was recognized as a State 4-H winner in Leadership and attended National 4-H Congress. Brady credits 4-H for the opportunities he was given to pursue his career path.

REAGAN PARKS

Daughter of Sid and Jeanne Parks, Reagan is an 11-year member of both Stylistics and Homespun 4-H clubs. She is a sophomore at Heartland Community College, and she plans to transfer to a 4-year university to pursue a degree in Nursing.



As a 4-H member, she is highly involved in Home and Family, Foods, Nutrition, and Health, and Visual Arts. She has also enjoyed participating in National 4-H activities, such as National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, and the Healthy Living Summit. Currently, Reagan is serving as the 2021 McLean County Fair Queen. It has been a great privilege for Reagan to encourage young members in 4-H to stay involved.

"With older siblings who were in 4-H, I've been surrounded by 4-H my entire life. It's second nature to me; being a part of a club, helping out in my community, and serving others. 4-H is simply a way of life for me."



CALLIE YODER

Daughter of Brad and Jill Yoder of Congerville, IL, Callie is a 2020 graduate of Eureka High School and currently studying Elementary Education at Illinois Central College. Callie was a member of the Danvers Industrial Youth 4-H Club and McLean County Federation. She was also a Junior Representative on the McLean County Show Committee. Not only was Callie super active in 4-H, but also active in many other organizations including her high school's FFA chapter where she held many offices, and a member of the National Honor Society. She was also a member of her local youth group, Forged for Christ where she had the opportunity to go on a total of 5 mission trips serving the Lord and many communities. Callie also served as the 2019 and 2020 McLean County Fair Queen as well as currently the 2021 Illinois Milking Shorthorn Queen. Callie plans to graduate from Illinois Central College this December and transfer to Illinois State University for fall 2022.



FIRST YEAR OUTSTANDING

3-F

Sophie Hanks
Danielle Strunk

Ardent Tillers

Molly Frietsch
Kellen Knott
Elizabeth Knowles
Katelyn Mundschenk
Abram Thompson

Big Dreams

Layne Gordon
Logan Smith

Bloomington Busy Bees

Autumn Reed
Anna Swanson

Blue Ribbon Kids

Maximilian Bielfeldt
Landon Christner
Jaxon Corah
Blake Harris
Kendall O'Connor

Piper Thorndyke
Grace Waller
Brandt Whitehouse

FIRST YEAR OUTSTANDING

Bridle Path

Aarin Duran

CIPS Kids 4-H SPIN Club

Annabelle Hernandez

County Capri

Bianca Crow
Alivia Klawitter
Kali Murphy
Libby Murphy
Charles Witte

Danvers Industrial Youth

Emma Bolin
Oakley Burrell
Mason Kruger
Maci Logsdon
Charlie McCuen
Avery Miller
Kynlee Miller
Caden Saddler

Downs Top Notchers

Elianna Baumann
Emily Hudak
Sash Simpsen
Katie Tate

Ellsworth Tip Toppers

Kinley Abrams
Cale Conrad
William Dunlop
Abigail Kindred
Miles Purchase
Colin St. Peters
Billy Jo Wyant

Emerald Leaders

Anna Bauer
Brynn Bauer
Myles Chambers
Paityn Thoennes
Emma Watson
Lucy Young

Future Leaders

Blessing Ayel
Zakariya Moubarik
Sarah Mpudi

Gridley Golden Banner

Jaiden Baker
Landyn Baker
Chloe Durbin

Hearts & Hoofbeats

Bryson Anderson
Cheyenne Anderson
Aliyah Dangler
Brayden Gingerich
Zoey Gingerich
Taylor Gingerich
Mya Wohlers
Waylon Wohlers

Home Spun

Titus Harshbarger
Cora Knobloch
Rylie McCoy
Sylvia Mitchell

Hudson Ag

Isaiah Atchison
Kinlynn Dryer
Shelby Krutke
Lydia Reutter
Annabelle Sutter
Hayden Sutter
Lucy Taflinger

Kids Who Serve

Manu Gadhiraaju
Aniya Thompson

Learn and Lead

Kieran Liu

LeRoy 4-H

Grace Buckley
Jocelyn Hill
Kelson Kuipers
Caden Lavicka
Jaxon Misch

Lexington Leprechauns

Harper Chapman
Martin Pearce

Linden Lead'em

Andrew Bauchmoyer
Alex Fogle
Sarah Gross
George Lammey
Tyler Meints
Mia Mikel
Kathryn Nelson
Dominic Olsen
Katelyn Philyaw
Camden Rabideau
Disha Rai
Kai Wiedman

McLean County Shooting Sports SPIN

Marshall Baker
Colin Heath

McLean County Shooting Stars

Austen Babineaux
Garrison Kaufmann
Ali Leman
Kaitlyn Monical

Olympia Pacesetters

Hunter Anderson
Lauren Burkhart
Lanie Erbe
Aubrie Green
Elizabeth Jenkins
Maeve Schrlau

Power Surge SPIN

Emmett Cunningham

Saybrook Willing Workers

Carly Chase

Silverleaf Let's Go Ag

Jacob Eyres
Lilian Eyres
Gabrielle Hartrich
Anna Rodriguez
Katelyn Stone

Space Age Pioneers

Blake Butler
Joshua Jackson
Weston Solomonson
Tyler Whisker

Team MetalCow Robotics SPIN

Owen Gieseler
David Wu

The STEAM Punks

Azaria Rogal

Towanda 4-H

Rydan Kaufman
Rachel Miller
Holly Moran
Avery Weigman

Wild Oats

Emily Bianchi
Hayden Hancock
Millie Harmon

FIFTH YEAR OUTSTANDING

3F

Cameron Hanks

4-H Teen Teachers SPIN

Avani Rai

Ardent Tillers

Carson Knott
Riley Phillips
Paeton Whitaker

Big Dreams

Gavin Kingsley

Bloomington Busy Bees

Cora Elshoff

Blue Ribbon Kids

Morgan Donaldson
Nathan Donaldson
Ryan Weber

County Capri

Kate Anderson
Mason Klawitter
Chase Ruppert

Danvers Industrial Youth

Austin Kruger
Mallory Miller
Elizabeth Shaffer
Teagyn Hamblin
Jack Walker

Ellsworth Tip Toppers

Maeli Benjamin
Annabelle Kindred

Future Leaders

Joyce Lubika
Plamedie Lubika
John Marshall
Nabil Moubarik

Hearts & Hoofbeats

Elizabeth Mallinson

Home Spun

Gabriella Harshbarger
Nathan Penn

Hudson Ag

Natalie Brutlag
Anne Dameron
Rylan Engel

Learn and Lead

Rachel Wylie

Lexington Leprechauns

Hannah Botkin
Corinne Pearce
Wilson Pearce
Preston Wiltz

Linden Lead'em

Sarah Schwoerer

Lucky 4's

Rylee Robb
Kolin Simpson

McLean County Shooting Stars

Amy Kieser

Olympia Pacesetters

Anna Dawson
Gwendolyn Quiram
Maurice Quiram
Zachary Wood

Saybrook Willing Workers

Isabella Kerber

Silverleaf Let's Go

Garrett Hartrich

Space Age Pioneers

Jackson Hempstead

Stanford Silver Stars

Ally Gibson
Lily Gibson

The STEAM Punks

Mamush Rogal
Sitota Rogal

Towanda 4-H

Hailey Carlson
Alex Clouse
Chase Laney
Chloe Laney
Johnny Thomas



10 YEAR OUTSTANDING

3-F

Alyssa Casey

4-H Mighty Mutts

Sophie Upchurch

Ardent Tillers

Teresa Birsa
Lauren Mohr
Micah Mohr
Maggie Schwoerer

Big Dreams

Connor Gordon

Bloomington Busy Bees

Emma Williams

Blue Ribbon Kids

Kelly Jones
Peyton Rinkenbergr

CIPS Kids 4-H SPIN Club

Justin Pierard
Shandre Willoughby

County Capri

Phoenix Bieber
Owen Fitzgerald

Danvers Industrial Youth

Ryleigh Hilt
Hope Walter
Callie Yoder

Downs Top Notchers

Zachary Hepner

Dry Grove

Abigail Hoeft

Ellsworth Tip Toppers

Allison Carroll
Paige Fitzgerald
Katherine Leak
Whitney Leipold
Elizabeth Todaro

Home Spun

Reagan Parks

Hudson Ag

Brian Clapp
Levi Hinshaw
Preston Rhode
Logan Saufley

Learn and Lead

Lauren Aldridge

LeRoy 4-H

Madison Hamilton

Lexington Leprechauns

Mallory Boehle
Autumn Botkin
Brett Clark
Elizabeth Clark

Linden Lead'em

Emilie King
Leah Ropp
Brady Veal
Layla Wiedman

Lucky 4's

Ethan Davis
Kari Simpson
Kaylin Simpson

Olympia Pacesetters

Heather Dawson

Saybrook Willing Workers

Mike Dowling
Taylor Ream

Space Age Pioneers

Hannah Norris

Team MetalCow Robotics SPIN

Marissa Hughes
Lydia Widener

Towanda 4-H

Madison Kraft

Wild Oats

Racheal Terven

CLOVERBUDS

Big Dreams

Ried Melton
Thomas Carroll

Blue Ribbon Kids

Edwin Davis
Ashlyn Donaldson
Quentin Floyd
Brooklyn Grice
Lucy Jamerson
Kenzie Lubbers
Olivia McKeon
Allison Ogden
Brook Rennison
Katelyn Weber
Brynlee Wyant
William Wyant
Bette Young

Carlock Clever Clovers

Oliver Spaulding
William Spaulding
Ava Thompson

Danvers Industrial Youth

Harte Burrell
Jagger Burrell

Downs Little Notchers

Iner Baumann
Evelyn Dudley
Brody Fiscus
Ryan Parker Gremore
Mila Jacob
Henry Knobloch

Future Leaders

Emans Vuvu
Carelle Yetimbi
Merveille Yubi

Hearts & Hoofbeats

Hunter Connell
Wesley Craig
Dalila Geshiwm
Alex Gingerich
Zeke Gingerich
Caden Mauer

Heyworth Cloverbuds

Aaron Holland
Luke Murphy

Home Spun

Elliott Franklin
Crosby Knobloch
Sam McCoy
Miriam Mitchell
Grace Poirier

Hudson Ag

William Hacker
Maddyn Stark
Emily Sutter
Reagan Thomas
Felicity Young

Kids Who Serve II

Leilani Franklin
Harper Joyner

LeRoy 4-H

Branch Buckley
Dylan Donovan
Ruby Donovan
Makenzie Van Note
Mason Van Note
Mitchell Van Note
Emerson Lavicka

Linden Learning

Bristol Colby
Mara Colby
Cora Fogle
Grayson Rabideau
Charley Seifert

Olympia Pacers

Morgann Ballard
Andrew Burkhart
Abram Erbe
Lynlee Erbe
Brandt Hemphill
Cannon Hoffman

Space Age Pioneers

Lukas Butler
Dakota Skelton
Peyton Skelton

Towanda 4-H

Hannah Hill
Lynlee Moran
Anjali Vytla
Alana Jacobs

ILLINOIS 4-H ELECTRICITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes 4-H members who excel in the electricity project and is sponsored by the Energy Education Council. Congratulations to the 2020-2021 winner...

Sophie Clement
Towanda 4-H

LOCAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations Space Age Pioneers!

The McLean County 4-H Club, **Space Age Pioneers**, received the 2020-2021 IL Division Special Conservation Award presented by the Izaak Walton League of America Illinois Division. Their hard work with their Tree Planting Project not only positively impacted their community but also the environment.

EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Illinois 4-H challenges youth to try new things, experiment in project areas they may enjoy, and explore opportunities around the state and country. The Experience Award offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events that center around Leadership, Community Service, and Project Learning. Bronze, Silver, and Gold can be awarded at the county level.

Congratulations Emerald Level Experience Award Winners for the 2020-2021 4-H year:

4-H Teen Teachers SPIN

Carina Engst

Ardent Tillers

Lauren Mohr

Stylistics & Homespun

Reagan Parks

We would like to wish the following individuals the best of luck as their applications advance to the state level for Emerald consideration. They will be notified of their results from Illinois 4-H:

4-H Teen Teachers SPIN

Carina Engst

LeRoy 4-H

Claire Kuipers

Danvers Industrial Youth

Callie Yoder

Stylistics & Homespun

Reagan Parks

ILLINOIS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This merit-based scholarship is awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in the categories of Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creating Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, and STEM/Robotics.

Congratulations Illinois 4-H Scholarship Winners for the 2020-2021 4-H year:

Leadership

Carina Engst

4-H Teen Teachers SPIN

Personal Growth

Reagan Parks

Stylistics & Homespun

Animal Science

Lauren Mohr

Ardent Tillers

Animal Science

Skye Schumaker

County Capri

BRONZE CLOVER

Ardent Tillers

Clara Spaulding

Donny Spaulding

Hannah Spaulding

LeRoy 4-H

Jocelyn Hill

Sarah Hill

Caden Lavicka

Garrett Grainger

Jaxon Misch

Towanda 4-H

Claire Campbell

Sophie Clement

Jake Clouse

Austin Kessinger

Dhruv Ravinathala

Autumn Vogel



SILVER CLOVER

Danvers Industrial Youth

Blake Buatte

Morgan Buatte

Hearts & Hoofbeats

Kamryn Rader

Linden Lead'em

Emilie King

LeRoy 4-H

Kelson Kuipers

Space Age Pioneers

Adalyn Solomonson

Weston Solomonson

Towanda 4-H

Lucas Radak

Caleb Vogel

GOLD CLOVER

Towanda 4-H

Grace Ford

Claire Malinowski

County Capri

Jolee Maharas

PROJECT RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Every year, 4-H members are encouraged to record their hard work from the past year. These records are especially helpful when building a resume and applying for college scholarships. Members develop transferable skills such as time management, record keeping, and reflecting on what they learned through their experiences in their projects.

8 Year Olds

Emma Bolin
Lauren Burkhardt
Oakley Burrell
Harper Chapman
Aubrie Green
Kelson Kuipers
Caden Lavicka
Maci Logsdon
Charlie McCuen
Kali Murphy
Martin Pearce
Weston Solomonson
Charley Witte

9 Year Olds

Andrew Bachmoyer
Titus Harshbarger
Jocelyn Hill
Elizabeth Hill
Shelby Krutke
Grayson Leake
William Mennenga
Jaxson Misch
Sylvia Mitchell
Kaylee Moser
Jonathan Poirier
Camden Rabideau
Dhruv Ravinuthala
Garrett Reeser
Mackenzie Schertz
Annabelle Schertz
Noah Schuely
Clara Spaulding
Daisy Thomas
Noelle Walter
Kai Wiedman

10 Year Olds

Leya Alcorn
Alexander Betz
Kenzer Burrell
Emry Chapman
Alex Fogle
Charlotte Franklin
Garrett Grainger
Andrew Haas
Wesley Hemphill
Colton Hemphill
Finley Hoffman
Austin Kessinger
Reese Logsdon
Lily Martin
Jayce Moser
Avery Mulloy
Lucas Radek
Claire Schreck
Evelyn Seifert
Adalyn Solomonson
Annabelle Teufel
Lily Walsh

11 Year Olds

Gavin Ballard
Westin Botkin
Morgan Buatte
Paislee Burrell
Lilian Eyres
Gabriella Harshbarger
Greyson Hemphill
Claire Kuipers
Joan McCuen
Ella Mennenga
James Poirier
Kamryn Rader
Autumn Vogel
Sierra Whitecotton
Addison Zwilling

12 Year Olds

Jacob Bauchmoyer
Brook Bussan
Alex Clouse
Ella Fogle
Camryn Hilt
Sadie King
Jolee Maharas
Paige Martin
Clara Matteson
Simon Mitchell
Evan Penn
Grant Reeser
Khloe Scheets
Isaiah Schertz
Anya Schuely
Sarah Schwoerer
Claire Seifert
Presley Shanahan
Noah Walsh
Lucas White

13 Year Olds

Kate Anderson
Bella Binkley
Hannah Botkin
Elizabeth Ellis
Colin Fitzgerald
Madison Harshbarger
Sarah Hill
Emily Mennenga
Corine Pearce
Nathan Penn
Aubrey Tiller

14 Year Olds

Blake Buatte
Claire Campbell
Sophie Clement
Jake Clouse
Olivia Houk
Corinne Miller
Kyle Murphy
Maurice Quiram
Allison Sewell
Ojas Shah
Donny Spaulding
Luke Tiller
Caleb Vogel
Kaitlyn Whitecotton

15 Year Olds

Zach Anderson
Klayton Botkin
Grace Ford
Reid Glaser
Tarah Hilt
Claire Malinowski
Maggie McNalis
Will Pearce
Easton Penn
Samantha Shives
Rebekah Sibley
Payton Wiltz

16 Year Olds

Rachel Dawson
Alison Fitzgerald
Nolan Penn
Gwendolyn Quiram
Faith Schwoerer
Hope Walter
Layla Weidman
Phoenix Bieber
Autumn Botkin

17 Year Olds

Phoenix Bieber
Autumn Botkin
Elizabeth Clark
Carina Engst
Madison Hamilton
Hannah Norris
Reagan Parks
Lauren Penn
Austin Russow
Brady Veal

18 Year Olds

Heather Dawson
Emilie King
Callie Yoder



The 4-H Pledge

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

2021 ILLINOIS 4-H HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

LINDA FAYE WHITE

Linda is a 4-H Alumna and has been an integral part of the McLean 4-H program for over 11 years. Her desire to become a 4-H leader came from wanting to encourage diversity and inclusion in the 4-H program in McLean County. She has not only embraced volunteering as a club leader but has moved to serve in county and state capacities as well. Linda has been a local 4-H judge, State Fair judge, served two terms on the McLean County Extension Council, Unity Council, and currently serves on the McLean County Foundation, Extension State Advisory Council, and the new State 4-H Diversity Equity Inclusion task force.

After many years in the classroom, Linda moved on to work for State Farm where she retired. Linda gives tirelessly to 4-H not just in McLean County but throughout the state of Illinois. She values the 4-H mission and enjoys teaching youth and giving back to her community. Her volunteering and passion at the state and local level has not gone unnoticed!



Congratulations, Linda and thank you for your dedication and years of service to McLean County 4-H!

LEADER & VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

In order to be an organizational or club leader, volunteers must go through a screening process and training. Milestone years are based on the number of years a volunteer has had as a screened volunteer.

First Year

Ashley Chapman
Gail Franklin
Rebecca Hunter
Karen Maharas
Mandi Mitchell
Marissa Frietsch

Fifth Year

Stephanie Froidcoeur
Elizabeth Gaddy
Richard Killion
Shannon Killion
Marissa Ragar

Fifth Year Continued

Jean Schmidt
Joseph Sibley
Carrie Vogel
Kim Weber
Dean Widener
Michele Wilson

Tenth Year

Katie Rader
Tina Veal
Brenda Terven

Fifteenth Year

Rachel Kridner
Theresa Chambers
Marie Denzer-Farley
Jill Yoder

Twenty-Fifth Year

Jeanne Parks

Thirty-Fifth Year

Diana Ropp

Fortieth Year

Ruth Poppe

2020-2021 4-H LEADER OF THE YEAR

MARGERY RUCH; SILVERLEAF LETS GO

"Mrs. Ruch is all about the 4-H motto of making the best better and has a total heart of gold. She always encourages 4-H'ers in talks and demonstrations, is a guide and leader of parliamentary procedure, and she is more than willing to have additional arts and crafts sessions for all interested club members to participate in. When the combined 4-H clubs celebrated milestone birthday celebrations, Marge was always happy to assist with various details for our events to occur without any glitches. Marge is a devoted 4-H alumna and leader bleeding emerald green and believe she is totally deserving of Leader of the Year."

Congratulations, Margery, and thank you for your years of service to McLean County 4-H!