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Indiana 4-H Volunteer Awards of Excellence Recipients



**Indiana 4-H
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SUMMIT**

***Excellence in 4-H Animal Science Programming,
Adult***

Damon Crain and Amanda Fisher, Monroe County

Damon and Amanda are creative, innovative and driven to provide the best educational opportunities for the 4-H members that they serve through the Hippology and Horse Bowl Teams. In addition to their weekly practices, they have planned and hosted a weekend clinic at a local riding facility where the members learned a great deal of information but also were able to build stronger relationships with each other. This weekend clinic also offers the opportunity for youth to learn in an Experiential Learning focused environment rather than strictly learning from books, PowerPoints or presentations.

***Excellence in 4-H Animal Science Programming,
Youth***

Sydney Wiesehan, Jackson County

Sydney Wiesehan is in her 10th year as a Jackson County 4-H member. Sydney has been actively involved in a local 4-H club, The Cortland Krazees, recently re-named the Cortland Cattails, since kindergarten. Her involvement with this club has included numerous community service projects for local nursing homes and the Anchor House homeless shelter. In February of 2017, Sydney attended the Teens as Teacher conference and participated in the Animal Biosecurity Track. From this experience, she learned biosecurity lesson plans that would enable her to teach these lessons to other youth and adults in her community. Sydney has participated in numerous teaching opportunities, which have helped her to become a more confident public speaker and teacher.

***Excellence in 4-H Club Programming,
Adult***

Kara Willis, Pike County

Kara has been an asset to the Pike County 4-H program since she decided to serve as a 4-H volunteer three years ago. When a club leader decided to step down, Kara stepped up as the new club manager. As a result of Kara's club leadership, the Homegrown 4-H Club has tripled in membership within the past three years! The young membership creates some challenges with having youth leadership, and Kara has accepted the challenges and found innovative ways to still purposefully engage the members in the club's decision making.

***Excellence in 4-H Club Programming,
Youth***

Evelyn Hoefler, Tippecanoe County

Evelyn is a 10 year 4-H member. She has been extremely active in Junior Leader leadership, filling the role of many positions and currently serving as the President. Evelyn was one of the four Tippecanoe County Teen Teachers that participated in the Healthy Living Grant sponsored by Wal Mart. She was eager to be trained and then helped other team members that needed to be trained as well. She helped find activities that the youth would enjoy and would make an impact on their learning.

Excellence in Youth Adult Partnerships, Team

**Cindy Murphy, Bretton Basford, Justice Murphy,
Makinsey Murphy, and Raven Dale, Jay County**

Youth and adult partnerships are an essential element of the 4-H program. In Jay County, Cindy Murphy, Bretton Basford, Justice Murphy, Makinsey Murphy, and Raven Dale have demonstrated excellence in this partnership. This team has broadened their outreach efforts by attending the Teens as Teachers Conference in Animal Biosecurity. The team is excited to use the skills developed at this conference to educate county 4th graders at our local Agriculture Education Day, provide outreach at upcoming local events such as the county fair, and demonstrate leadership by promoting this state level opportunity to both 4-H leaders and youth within the county.

The team's activities stretch beyond the Teens as Teachers as they are also working to tackle food insecurity in the county. With a grant from Indiana 4-H Foundation the past two years, the team has been able to help install a community garden in partnership with the Penn Township Library, and this year they are providing a free monthly meal in partnership with local church organizations.

Excellence in 4-H Civic Engagement Programming, Adult

Amanda Memering, Monroe County

Amanda began volunteering with Monroe County 4-H in 2007 as a 4-H Camp Volunteer. She served in that role until 2015 when she was asked to act as the Assistant 4-H Camp Director when the current director was planning to step away from her role. Each year, Amanda puts in countless hours evaluating the previous camp, attending volunteer trainings, planning volunteer and counselor workshops in conjunction with the Extension Educator, learning new games, developing tips and tricks, teaching counselors, and overseeing 4-H camp. Amanda forges partnerships to get a great deal of this work accomplished but is the driving force behind all that the Monroe County 4-H Camp program is able to achieve.

Excellence in 4-H Civic Engagement Programing, Youth

Katie LaReau, Hamilton County

Katie LaReau is a very active youth leader in the Hamilton County 4-H program. Katie is a 9 year 4-H Member of Carmel 4 C's 4-H Club where she currently serves as the club's President. Her enthusiasm for engaging in social issues via community service motivates her club and Junior Leaders to want to make a difference in Hamilton County. She is on fire with wanting to bring computer coding to as many youth as possible through the Teens as Teachers program. Katie is a great example of how 4-H helps youth find their voice in their community. Katie LaReau is taking 4-H to new places.

Excellence in 4-H Healthy Living Programming, Adult

Louie Hoefer, Tippecanoe County

Louie Hoefer is one of Tippecanoe County's adult club leaders. His club, Sunnyside 4-H Club, is a Children, Youth, and Families At Risk (CYFAR) funded club that focuses on healthy living activities. Each year he works with the youth to choose topics and activities that interest them. They are able to suggest ideas, and he works to make them happen. Louie continues to give the members experiences that they may not have had if they would not have been involved in this club. Because of his easy going personality and love of 4-H and youth, each member feels special while learning valuable life skills at the same time.

Excellence in 4-H Healthy Living Programming, Youth

Addeline Moeller, Vigo County

Addeline has been active in the Vigo County 4-H Junior Leaders currently serving as President. This year she was trained as a Teen Teacher for the Healthy Habits grant. Her projects have included health, foods, child development, cake & cupcake decorating, demonstrations, and public speaking. Addie has been excited about presenting Healthy Habits lessons at community centers. She used her training from the winter to put together a Spring Day Camp that focused on Healthy Living. The event was free to participants thanks to her letting the Jr. Leader officer team know of grant funding available to them.

Excellence in 4-H Science Programming, Adult

Larry Craney, Martin County

Larry Craney has played an active role in many areas of the Indiana 4-H program. Larry has been the Martin County 4-H Tractor Club Leader for at least 26 years. Over the hours of volunteer work he has put forward to coaching and teaching the 4-H members, he has had much success shown at local, state, and national level competitions. With 35 years of auto mechanic experience, Larry has faced a lot of change with technology which did not slow him down while being a club leader. He developed skills to send emails, access to the internet to look up study materials for the kids, and learned the new agriculture equipment that has more technology involved.

Excellence in 4-H Science Programming, Youth

Evan Dunning, Dubois County

Evan Dunning has made major contributions to our 4-H program and the National Youth Science Day Experiment in 2019. He started to really show his leadership skills as he got involved with the robotics club. Evan loves working with technology and robotics. Because of his previous interest in Teens as Teachers, Evan was recruited to be a teen leader to help teach the National Youth Science Day Experiment: Code Your World. He happily agreed to work alongside another robotics club member to teach the experiment. Evan's team entered in the National Contest to teach the experiment to 100 youth during the month of October. They were one of only two teams in the entire State of Indiana to enter the contest.