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**Kansas 4-H names state project award winners**

Annual awards announced during Emerald Circle celebration

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MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Kansas 4-H Youth Development program has recognized more than two dozen youth as state project award winners.

Sarah Maass, state leader for the Kansas 4-H program, said “being a state project winner indicates prior excellence and points to (youth’s) future potential.”

“Youth must display leadership skills and hearts for service by organizing events like community service projects, project meetings to share their expertise with younger 4-H members, and other unique efforts,” Maass said.

One state winner is selected yearly from the senior division (ages 14-18) in 27 project categories. Kansas 4-H youth submit a project report form, a summary of their work in a certain project.

Maass notes that in addition to learning new project skills, these youth must also demonstrate growth and strength in leadership, organization, civic engagement, and communication within the project.

**This year’s project winners are:**

- Beef – Lyle Perrier, Greenwood County.
- Civic Engagement – Ariana Baltazor, Central Kansas District – Saline County.
- Clothing and Textiles – Vanessa Jones, Pottawatomie County.
- Communications – Grace Oard, Sedgwick County.
- Dairy – Alexander Young, Chisholm Trail District – Marion County.
- Entomology – Renatta Heintz, Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson County.
- Fiber Arts – Allison Rose, Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson County.
Award winners were recognized during the Emerald Circle celebration, hosted each year by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Officials say project report forms progress through county, regional and statewide evaluations before the state winner in each project area is named.

State 4-H project award winners are also eligible to attend the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, in November. Numerous donors provide support for project winner’s trip to the National 4-H Congress, through the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

More information about opportunities available through the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program is available online.

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Kansas 4-H Youth Development, www.kansas4-h.org

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