



State 4-H Council Newsletter



Summer 2020 Edition

Quote of the Month:

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Continue Your Vision:

When we envisioned 2020, many of us saw it as a year to achieve our goals and become better than our best. We had many plans, hopes, and dreams as we entered the new year. Though this year has unexpected turns, we challenge you to continue to define your vision. Your vision for the future does not end because life looks different. Your passions and dreams are still there. You must summon the courage to hold onto your vision and push into the future. Realize, create, believe in and activate your vision for the future.

~ 2019-2020 State 4-H Council Officers



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South Central District

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District Reports!



North Central District:

Hello North Carolina 4-Her's! It has been quite the year for all of us, and we hope everyone is practicing their mask wearing and social distancing skills! Over at NCD we held one in-person event this year, which was WinterFest! We had loads of fun with different workshops, meeting and seeing friends, and our community service project of putting good bags together for the homeless!

After WinterFest we were planning our events of Teen Retreat, which unfortunately didn't pan out as COVID-19 hit. Even though we were saddened that we couldn't see everyone in person, we had a blast hosting an online Teen Retreat this year. We all had tons of fun meeting your 2020-2021 district officer candidates and seeing workshops each day! Congrats to the new team for next year! We also posted a video on Facebook Live of the district officers announcing the District Activity Day Winners! Congratulations to everyone who participated this year! It is safe to say we had loads of fun even if it wasn't exactly what we originally planned to be and we are grateful to have you awesome 4-Her's like you having high spirits through it all! Stay Safe!
~ NCD Officer Team!



Incoming 2020-2021 North Central District Officers:

President – Josiah Scarlett (Davidson County)

Vice President – Alice Holmes (Rockingham County)

Secretary/Treasurer – Keynon Settle (Rockingham County)

Reporter – Bloss Pointer (Caswell County)



District Reports!



Northeast District:

With new memories and new friends, the Northeast District has had a wonderful year! Let's take a moment to check out the highlights! In August the District Officers attended a State Planning Meeting to discuss upcoming events as well as their "vision" for the year, followed by a district planning meeting and entertainment at the Community Fun Day hosted by the Eastern 4-H Center in September. The District Executive Committee, consisting of the Northeast District Officers and other representatives from the district came together in November to plan Teen Retreat as well as update and complete the Northeast District Bylaws.

The Northeast District held their annual Teen Retreat in Pasquotank County on February 28 - March 1 where 4-H'ers "leaped into the future" in an effort to define their vision. The Teen Retreat consisted of workshops that were fun and educational: from floral designing and vision boards to a visit from the Elizabeth City Fire Department and Emergency Services, the workshops were nothing less than exciting! As Teen Retreat drew to a close, the 2020-2021 Northeast District Officers were elected and 4-H'ers participated in a "Reality Store," learning how to budget in an efficient manner to ensure success as adults. NED 4-H'ers put their hands to larger service by putting together blessing bags for those in need at Teen Retreat as well. The Northeast District held District Activity Day virtually this year, which was a success! We are so proud of each of our 4-H'ers that submitted presentations this year.

The 2019-2020 Northeast District Officers would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped make this year a success. It was an honor being able to serve our district this past year, and we look forward to seeing what our new officers have in store for this next year!

~Northeast District Officer Team



Incoming 2020-2021 Northeast District Officers:

President – Taylor Cotten (Bertie County)

Vice President – Lance Williams (Franklin County)

Secretary/Treasurer – Kaylin Russell (Perquimans County)

Reporter – MacKenzie Davenport (Perquimans County)



District Reports!



Southeast District:

What a wild year it has been Southeast District 4-Hers! July of 2019, we had the time of our lives at Congress and wouldn't see each other until the end of February for Winter Fling. At Winter Fling, we danced, played lots of games and tried to escape a brilliantly made Escape Room. Sadly, we did not know that would be our last time seeing each other in person. However, we still managed to have the first (and best) virtual Teen Retreat! At Teen Retreat there were lots of cool workshops and the 2020-2021 SED officers were elected! We are sure that you all took advantage of the amazing online summer programs that were offered and we hope you all make it to Congress!

SED 4-H'ers, thank you for letting us serve you this year! It has been our privilege and we hope you enjoyed your year as much as we have!

Sincerely,
Your 2019 - 2020 Southeast District Officers



Incoming 2020-2021 Southeast District Officers:

President – Guillermo Estrada (Wayne County)

Vice President – Autumn Apple (Brunswick County)

Secretary/Treasurer – Sierra Dolengo (Pender County)

Reporter – Becca Jackson (Johnston County)



District Reports!



South Central District:

It has been a crazy bumpy extravagantly abnormal roller coaster ride of the year. We have experienced everything from Global pandemics, to riots in the streets, to virtual graduations but the 4-H community continues to stay strong and flourish even through metaphorical drought. Some of our accomplishments are absolutely astounding from multiple counties' first ever virtual activity day, To Teen Retreats physical and virtual, and the innovation of new ways to stay connected online and really finding all ways possible to make the best better. Furthermore; this just proves when 4-Her's get-together there's nothing that we can do. Your South Central District officers would like to say, thank you; for an interesting year, and we hope that you, your friends, your family and everybody in between make the most 2020 to 2021.
~2019-2020 South Central District Officers



Incoming 2020-2021 South Central District Officers:

President – Angel Uy (Lee County)

Vice President – Jaysa Cosby (Rowan County)

Secretary/Treasurer – Lauren Surratt (Catawba County)

Reporter – Hannah Vagnozzi (Gaston County)



District Reports!



West District:

Even while social distancing, the West District has been working hard to stay connected. In April, we have started hosting bi-weekly Zoom meetings for teens called “Coffee and Clovers”. We met to discuss current events, learn more about leadership, and did fun workshops that promote teamwork. During this time, we conducted a social media “Create and Share” challenge, along with a West District Spirit week. All of these events led up to our virtual West District Teen Retreat.

At Teen Retreat we had workshops led by our district officers on teamwork, as well as by teens and volunteers from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on myths and legends from Cherokee culture. These workshops were super fun and taught valuable lessons about working together in a time when we’re all separated and appreciating all cultures in the West District! We also voted in our new district officers and chose Rutherford county as the winners of this year’s spirit stick competition! Thank you to all of the amazing teens and volunteers who made this year in the West District so successful and fun...We district officers are very thankful for this past year, and look forward to where our district will go next



Incoming 2020-2021 West District Officers:

President – Avery King (Haywood County)

Vice President – Tela Swafford (Rutherford County)

Secretary/Treasurer – Lucian Davis (EBCI)

Reporter – Emma Baker (Macon County)

Event Recap!

4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus:

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4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus 2020 was held in a virtual format through Zoom this year. Youth attendees were able to learn about government on many different levels. This event took place June 15-17, 2020.

"Citizenship Focus 2020 did not disappoint! I enjoyed hearing each of our guest speakers this year and learning their role in our government, whether it be on the local level as a County Commissioner or as a State employee. This event may have been held in a different format this year, however, that did not change the experience for me as it was still educational and fun! The interaction between 4-H'ers did not cease and I am glad I was still able to interact with everyone and learn about the governmental side of North Carolina." Says Samantha Corduan, Washington County 4-H.

"I really enjoyed Jason King's workshops. I especially liked the one where he had NCACC Executive Committee come on and talk to us about serving in our county government. We learned all about how the governing board gets along and learns to work with people in the public eye."

— Becca Jackson, Johnston County 4-H



North Carolina 4-H Electric Congress:

North Carolina 4-H Electric Congress was held virtually, July 7-8, 2020. Youth were able to learn about many different jobs in the electric industry through a wonderful career fair and participate in fantastic workshops. "Even though electric congress was virtual this year, the learning experience was unforgettable. I was able to learn more about the work linemen do, but also jobs in energy that don't require climbing electric poles." Says Guillermo Estrada, Wayne County 4-H. Thank you to Duke Energy and Dominion Energy for this amazing event.



State Officer Farewell!



Well North Carolina 4-H, this year has been a wild ride from start to finish. I had no idea that my experience as a state officer would have such an impact on me. I have learned so much since last July. It has been such an honor to serve as your state president. This year, while not what we expected, has been absolutely amazing. I look forward to coming back a volunteering in the future.

~ Emily Worth, State 4-H Council President



North Carolina 4-H, as this year comes to a close, I think back on my year of service as a state officer and also my years as a 4-Her. I will always hold my time in 4-H close to my heart and be thankful for each skill I learned, each person I met, and every memory I made. Although this past year in 4-H looked a little different than most, I am eternally grateful that all of you made my dreams come true and allowed me to serve you as a state 4-H officer. Remember to always hold yourself to a high standard, to never allow your struggles to keep you from achieving your dreams, and to love fearlessly as you Define Your Vision.

~ Jessy-Kate Glenn, State 4-H Council Vice President

State Officer Farewell!



North Carolina 4-H, thank you for allowing me to lead and guide you in this leadership role. This year I have been able to connect with 4-Hers from our rippling cerulean shores to majestic amber mountains. You awe me and inspire me with your leadership, communication, responsibility, and development. Though this year has been characteristically different from years past, I hope you see this as the year you found hope, defined your vision, and persevered with courage. It has been an absolute honor to serve you this year and I can't wait to see how you will continue to make the best better and reach your fullest potential.

~ Leah Jackson, State 4-H Council Secretary/Treasurer



North Carolina 4-H, thank you so much for this amazing year of service. I have been a 4-H member for nearly thirteen years, and each one of those years hold very special memories to me. I will always cherish my time in 4-H and as a State 4-H Officer. Each and every one of you inspire me through your hard work and determination. Although this year was not exactly what we had envisioned for 2020, it has still been an incredible year because of 4-H'ers like you. I am beyond excited to see what is in store for you all. I know the future of NC 4-H is in amazing hands.

~ Kyler Glover, State 4-H Council Reporter