

2020-2021 FAE4-HA Annual Report



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2nd Vice President

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Florida Association of 4-H Extension Agents

Dear FAE4-HA Members,

The 2021-2022 4-H year was one of change. As we have begun to move back to in-person meetings and events, our schedules seem to have gotten even busier. Even with the challenges that we continue to face daily, our membership demonstrated their hard work and dedication to not only their career, but to those they interact with including peers, youth members and volunteers.

The challenges that we have faced have also presented us with many opportunities. One of those opportunities was to work collaboratively with others to create new and innovative programs, share ideas, and create relationships that will last a lifetime. We have many new agents who have joined us over the past year, and with them they bring new knowledge, new ideas and new life to the organization. It is my hope that we continue to work together to create successful and award-winning teams, programs, and materials in the years to come.

During the 2021-2022 4-H year, FAE4-HA members have won numerous state, regional and national awards. This truly speaks to the great work of these members as well as the membership as we work to positively impact those around us. A huge congratulations to all the winners, we are truly proud of all that you do!

I want to thank the FAE4-HA Leadership Team for their contributions this past year. I have enjoyed working with each of you and getting to know you better through this role. You are all dedicated not only to your positions but to making FAE4-HA the best organization that it can be, and that is much appreciated.

As I leave this position, I would like to thank you all for providing me with the opportunity to serve as President of the Florida Association of 4-H Extension Agents for the past year. I look forward to seeing what our Association and its membership does in the coming years as we continue to learn and to grow in order to "Make the Best Better" through our county, regional, and state programs, service to the state regional and national association, and more.

Sincerely,

Kristie Popa
FAE4-HA President
2021-2022

FAE4-HA Past Presidents

2020-21	Vaness Spero, Southeast District RSA
2019-20	Geralyn Sachs, St. Johns
2018-19	Brent Broaddus, Southwest District RSA
2017-18	Brian Estevez, Escambia
2016-17	Heather Janney, Hamilton
2015-16	Matt Benge, Alachua
2014-15	Julie Pigott Dillard, Washington
2013-14	Georgene Bender, South Central District RSA
2012-13	Cindy Higgins, Columbia
2011-12	Andy Toelle, Duval
2010-11	Heather C. Kent, NW District RSA
2009-10	Pat Hogue, Okeechobee
2008-09	Debbie Clements, Okeechobee
2007-08	Christa Carlson-Kirby, DeSoto
2006-07	Marcus Boston, Leon
2005-06	Yolanda Goode, Gadsden
2004-05	Martha Maddox, Sumter
2003-04	Suzanne Wilson, Holmes
2002-03	Lori Wiggins, Taylor
2001-02	Kathy Leigh Wojcik, Brevard/ John Lilly, Jefferson
2000-01	Cindy Higgins, Columbia
1999-00	Dot Welch, Citrus
1998-99	Amy McMullen, Madison
1997-98	Kim Coldicott, Palm Beach
1996-97	Judy Butterfield, Duval
1995-96	Linda Barber, Santa Rosa
1994-95	Dot Welch, Citrus
1993-94	Shirley Bond, Hillsborough
1992-93	Mary Williams, Nassau
1991-92	Tom Devereaux, Broward
1990-91	John Rutledge, State Office
1989-90	Alice Hyers, Lake
1988-89	Donald Holloway,
1987-88	Albert Fuller, Levy
1986-87	Marilyn Halusky, Duval
1985-86	Marylou Shirar, Palm Beach
1984-85	Nan Jensen, Pinellas
1983-84	Brenda Coker, Okeechobee
1982-83	Elva Farrell, Sarasota
1981-82	Patty Burke, Alachua/Elva Farrell, Sarasota
1980-81	Bill Brown, Alachua
1979-80	Lowell Parrish, Bradford
1978-79	Joy Satcher, Brevard

1977-78	Shirley Bond, Pinellas
1976-77	Shirley Bond, Pinellas
1975-76	John Smehyl, Hillsborough

Top Honors

(* after a name with initials denotes earned through service in another state)

FAE4-HA Young Professional Award (*2013 name changed from “Rookie of the Year”)

2022	Beth Moore, Madison
2021	Kelsey Irvine, Nassau
2020	Aly Schortinghouse, Escambia
2019	Kelsey Haupt, Duval
2018	Kristen Poppell, Nassau
2017	Jessica Altum Cooper, Gilchrist
2016	Amanda Squitieri, Polk
2015	Shaina Bennett, Baker
2014	Tyce Prevatt, Glades
2013	Matt Benge, Alachua
2012	Brian Estevez, Suwannee
2011	Heather Futch, Hamilton
2010	Cathy Suggs, Lee
2009	Adam Cletzer, Indian River
2008	Karen Henry, Osceola
2007	Jennifer Heady, Okaloosa
2006	Sarah Hensley, Lake
2005	Kim Millar, Marion
2004	None
2003	Nicole Walker, Polk
2002	Heather (Schultz) Kent, Jackson
2001	Jean Hink, Pasco
2000	Kathie Roberts, Dade
1999	None
1998	Kim Coldcott, Palm Beach
1997	Tamara Dinkins, Duval
1996	Melinda Hogan, Lake
1995	Sandy Lyon, Baker
1994	Amy McMullen, Madison
1993-1992	None
1991	Judy Butterfield, Clay
1990-1987	None
1986	Elaine Courtney
1985-1980	None

FAE4-HA Achievement in Service Award

2022	Alyssa Schortinghouse, Escambia; Andrea Estevez, Brevard
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2021	Sarah Davis, Sarasota; Matthew Olson, Clay; Dr. Marnie Ward, Citrus
2020	Jessica Sprain, Osceola; Kelsey Haupt, Duval; Kelsey Irvine, Nassau
2019	Julia Kelly, St. Johns; Amanda Morgan, Alachua; Kristen Poppell, Nassau
2018	Laura Valencia, Osceola; Kalan Taylor, Sumter; Abbey Tharpe, Taylor
2017	Ashley H.K. Stewart, Marion; Shaina Spann, Baker; Jessica Altum Cooper, Gilchrist
2016	Rachel Slocum, Lake; Amanda Squitieri, Polk; Tycee Prevatt, Glades
2015	Nicole Crawson, Holmes; Laura Cash, Volusia; Neva Baltzell, State Office
2014	Becky Bennett, Madison; Stephanie Conner, Clay; Brian Estevez, Suwannee
2013	Brent Broaddus, Hillsborough; Shane Michael, Seminole; Vanessa Spero-Swingle, Brevard
2012	Heather Futch, Hamilton; Sherri Kraeft, Wakulla; Melanie Taylor, Gulf
2011	Adam Cletzer, Indian River
2010	Julie Pigott Dillard, Washington; Karen Henry, Osceola; Dale Pracht, State Office
2009	Chris DeCubellis, Gilchrist; Jennifer Heady, Okaloosa; Kate Fogarty, State Office
2008	Rene Gore, Baker; Sarah Hensley, Sumter; Jean Rogalsky, Pinellas
2007	Amy Duncan, Citrus
2006	Robert Strong, Marion; Lynne Middleton, Putnam; Nicole Walker, Polk
2005	Christa Carlson, DeSoto; Heather Kent, Jackson; Tracy Tesdall, Volusia
2004	None
2003	Lori Wiggins, Taylor
2002	Janet (Harper) Golden- Pinellas
2001	Debbie Clements, Okeechobee
2000	Melinda Souers, Lake
1999	Kim Coldicott, Palm Beach
1998	Terrie Henderson, Okaloosa
1997	None
1996	Cindy Wentzel
1995	Amy McMullen, Madison
1994	Sandra Fry
1993	Judy Butterfield, Clay
1992	None
1991	Donna Peacock, Sumter
1990	Cindy Goodman, St. Johns
1989	Sheila Andreasen, Jackson
1988	David Dinkins, Leon
1987-1980	None

FAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

2022	Ashley H.K. Gill, Highlands; Dr. Marnie Ward, Citrus
2021	Prudence Caskey, Santa Rosa; Jessica Altum Cooper, Gilchrist; Nicole Crawson, Holmes
2020	None
2019	None
2018	Dale Pracht, State Office; Laura Cash, Volusia; Tycee Prevatt, Glades
2017	Neva Baltzell, State Office; Crystal McCazzio, Putnam; Stephanie Connor, Clay
2016	Brian Estevez, Suwannee; Heather Janney, Hamilton; Elver Pardo, Orange
2015	Shane Michael, Seminole; Vanessa Spero-Swingle, Brevard; Brent Broaddus, Hillsborough
2014	Julie Dillard, Washington

2013	Sarah Hensley, Sumter; Kate Fogarty, State Office; Norma Samuel, Marion
2012	Cynthia Higgins, Columbia; Karen Miliffe, Osceola; Sonja Crawford, Hendry
2011	Jean Rogalsky, Pinellas
2010	Chris Decubellis, Gilchrist; Nancy Moores, Hernando; Marcus Boston, Leon
2009	Heather Kent, NW District; Geralyn Sachs, St. Johns; Nicole Walker, Polk
2008	Jean Hink, Pasco; Rita Law, Seminole; Tracy Tesdall, Leon
2007	Lori Wiggins, Taylor; Robert Strong, Marion; Georgene Bender, South Central RSA
2006	Yolanda Goode, Gadsden; Debbie Nistler, Duval
2005	Janet Harper Golden, Pinellas; Andy Toelle, Duval; Pamela Phillippe, Charlotte
2004	None
2003	Marcus Boston, Jr, Leon; Debbie Clements, Okeechobee
2002	Vickie Mullins, Santa Rosa; Amy McMullen, Madison
2001	Cindy Moore, Osceola; Suzanne Wilson, Holmes
2000	Cora Meares, Pinellas
1999	John Lilly, Jefferson; Judy Butterfield, Duval
1998	Shelda Wilkens, Seminole; Ernest Stephens
1997	Dale Bennett, Wakulla; Dot Welch, Citrus
1996	Donna Peacock, Sue Fisher, State Office
1995	Bill Hill, Polk; Sheila Andreasen, Jackson
1994	None
1993	Damon Miller, FAMU; Bonnie Fauls
1992	None
1991	Tom Devereaux, Broward; John Rutledge, State Office; Mary Williams, Nassau
1990	Linda Denning, Nadine Hackler
1989	Linda Cook, Terry Floyd, Orange
1988	Elaine Shook, Leon; Delores Jones, Madison
1987	Kay Brown, Escambia; Alice Kersey, Polk; Tom Greenawalt, State Office
1986	Alice Ayers, Lake; Elva Farrell, Sarasota
1985	Albert Fuller, Levy; Don Holloway, Liberty
1984	Nan Jensen, Pinellas; BJ Allen, State Office; Harold Jones, Duval
1983	Ruth Milton, State Office; Marilyn Halusky, Duval
1982	Janice O'Neil, Clay; Nettie Ruth Brown, St Johns
1981	Brenda Coker, Okeechobee; Lawrence Heitmeyer, Leon
1980	Mary Lou Shire, Palm Beach; Bob Renner, Marion; Bill Heltemes, *MN
1979	Shirley Bond, Pinellas
1978	None
1977	Tom Greenawalt, State Office
1976	Joy Satcher, Brevard
1967	Ruth Ann Miller, Polk *NY

FAE4-HA Meritorious Service Award

2022	Heathe Janney, Columbia
2021	Heather Kent, NW District
2020	Dr. Kate Fogarty, State Specialist
2019	Geralyn Sachs, St. Johns
2018	Nancy Moores, Hernando

2017	Stacey Ellison, Northeast District RSA
2016	Yolanda Goode, Gadsden
2015	Debbie Nistler, Bradford
2014	Tracy Tesdall, South District RSA
2013	Georgene Bender, South Central RSA
2012	Debra Clements, Okeechobee
2011	Andy Toelle, Duval
2010	Marcus Boston, Leon
2009	Vickie Mullins, Santa Rosa
2008	Martha Maddox, Sumter
2007	Dr. Marilyn Norman, 4-H Program Leader
2006	Judy Butterfield, Bradford
2005	John Lilly, Sr., Jefferson
2004	Elaine Shook, Leon
2003	Dr. Mary Williams, Nassau
2002	Albert Fuller, Levy

FAE4-HA 25 Year Award

2022	None
2021	Marcus Boston, Leon
2020-2013	None
2012	Marvin Weaver, Gilchrist; Martha Maddox, Sumter; Cindy Higgins, Columbia; John Lilly, Jefferson, Pam Phillippe, Charlotte
2011-2006	None
2005	Linda Denning, Collier; Dr. Mary Williams, Nassau
2004	None
2003	Albert Fuller, Levy
2002	None
2001	Dr. Joy Jordan, State Specialist; Dr. Elaine Shook, Leon; Kay Brown, Escambia; Terry Floyd
2000	None
1999	Bill Heltemes, Alachua
1998	Bob Renner, Marion
1997	Ernest Stephens, Marvin Weaver, Gilchrist
1996	Linda Barber, Marilyn Halusky
1995	Linda Cook, State Office; Nadine Hackler, State Office; Judith Wakefield, Indian River
1994	Michael McKinney, Hillsborough
1993-1990	None
1989	Sue Fisher, State Office; Tom Deveraux, Broward County; James Estes
1988	Marylou Shirar, Ruth Ann Miller, Alice Ayers
1987	Tom Greenawalt, State Office
1986	Luther Rozar, Sarasota
1985	Delores Jones, Madison
1984-1983	None
1982	BJ Allen, State Office
1981	Martha Norton
1980	Ruth Milton, State Office

1979	Nettie Ruth Brown
1978	None
1977	Marilyn Tileston

FAE4-HA Friend of Extension Award

2022	Scarlett Redenius
2021	Citrus County 4-H Foundation
2020	Anne Peterson, Escambia County
2019	Wanda Simmons
2018	Sandy Hernandez, Hillsborough County
2017	None
2016	Erin Munz, Sumter County 4-H Volunteer
2015	Dennis Robinson, Polk County 4-H Volunteer
2014	Mark Harvey, North Florida Fair
2013	Wendy DeVito. Animal Sciences Youth Programs Coordinator
2012	Lesia Andrews – North Florida Farm Credit
2011	Vina Jean Banks, Agribusiness Director – Florida State Fair
2010	Dan Buchanan
2009	Stephanie Farmer, <i>Farm and Ranch News</i>
2008	Tropicana Products, Inc.
2007	Commissioner Robert Dallari, Seminole County
2006	None
2005	Charles Price, Central Florida Fair, Chet Taylor, DVM, Pasco County
2004	None
2003	Dr. Kenneth Keen, Hendry County
2002	None
2001	Representative Jeff Miller
2000	Richard and Kathy Lee, T.G. Lee Foundation
1999	Winn Dixie

FAE4-HA Outstanding Specialist Award

2022	Dr. Sarah Hensley
2021	Geralyn Sachs, RES - Central District
2020	Dr. Chris DeCubellis
2019	Dr. Amy Simonne
2018	Dr. Matt Bengé
2017	Dr. Chad Carr
2016	Dr. Rebecca Baldwin
2015	Heather Kent
2014	Dr. Martha Monroe
2013	Dr. Ben Mather
2012	Dr. Art Texiera
2011	Dr. Karla Shelnutt
2010	Dr. Bryan Terry
2009	Dr. Dale Pracht

2008	Dr. Sandra Tenbroeck
2007	Dr. Kate Fogarty
2006	Dr. Marilyn Lestmeister
2005	Dr. Jerry Culen
2004	None
2003	Dr. Charles E. Chichra
2002-2001	None
2000	Dr. Millie Ferrer
1997	Dr. Nayda Torres
1996	Dr. James Umphrey
1995	John Rutledge
1994-1992	None
1991	Marie Hammer
1990-1987	None
1986	John Rutledge

SECTION I - ORGANIZATION

FAE4-HA History

The first full-time county 4-H professional employed in the Florida Cooperative Extension Service was Ernie Cowen. Ernie began work in Orange County in 1966. Before 1970 several other central Florida counties added full-time 4-H agents to their staffs. As early as 1969 a small group of county 4-H agents were meeting informally to exchange program ideas and to assist each other in dealing with the frustrations of the new full-time 4-H agent position. Cowen was the first agent to become fully aware of the National Association of 4-H Agents and the opportunities it offered. Ernie Cowen was deeply committed to attempting to enhance the 4-H agent position through establishing a state organization for 4-H agents. Although Ernie's efforts were not fruitful during his employment with Extension, he was successful in recruiting many Florida 4-H agents for the National Association and made the first (March 1970) formal request of Administration for permission to invite a National Association representative to visit with Florida 4-H agents about forming a state 4-H association. There is no doubt that his dedicated groundwork has earned him the unofficial title of "Father" of our Florida Association. Although Dr. Joe Busby, State Director, was unwilling to grant Cowen's request, he did agree to study the situation for future consideration.

Not discouraged, Ernie persuaded two other Florida 4-H agents, Leah Hoopfer of Pinellas County and Alice Kersey of Polk County, to join him in taking leave and attending the National 4-H Agents meeting held in November, 1970, at Purdue University. The three returned to Florida stunned at the professional improvement opportunities offered at the meeting. Alice Kersey agreed to serve as our state "contact person" for Florida's members of NAE4-HA, and relying on annual leave, attended a Southern Region ECOP meeting for presidents of all three associations held in Atlanta in 1971. Interest in forming a state 4-H agents association in Florida continued to grow. In a few years Dr. Busby said he learned many favorable things about the accomplishments of 4-H agents associations in neighboring states and was ready to change his position on a third Florida agents association from negative to neutral. The formal state Association of Ernie Cowen's dreams could now become REAL.

With administration's approval, Alice Kersey invited Richard Freeman, Southern Region Director, to visit with Florida agents during 4-H Congress in July, 1975. Richard made a presentation about the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. When he opened his presentation for questions, "Could WE organize a 4-H Agents Association in Florida?" was the first question asked. Richard had come prepared with the necessary information. B.J. Allen suggested Nettie Ruth Brown of St. Johns County chair our organizational meeting since she was then president of the National Home Economics Agents Association and very experienced at that sort of thing. During the meeting our first elections were held.

John Smehyl of Hillsborough County, was elected president; however, John resigned his Extension position shortly afterward and Shirley Bond of Pinellas County served as our first active President. Serving with Shirley that first year were Alice Kersey, secretary and Bob Renner of Marion County as treasurer. Shirley was elected to serve an additional term as president and through her leadership FAE4-HA became a fully-functioning state association. Among the early achievements:

- A Professional Improvement Committee became active
- Joy Satcher of Brevard County was designated our first member to receive the Distinguished Service Award
- Tax-exempt status was obtained

- An association annual meeting time was established. It would be held at Florida's State Extension Administrative Conference.
- An annual award was established to honor "the Extension employee who developed the best 4-H materials"

President Shirley had been very active in NAE4-HA before moving to Florida. Some of her contacts in the National Association encouraged her to seek our interest in hosting the 1981 national meeting. At the December 14, 1977 Executive Board Meeting, Lowell Parrish successfully moved that FAE4-HA make a bid for the 1981 national meeting to come to Orlando, Florida. Terry Floyd was appointed chairman for the meeting if the bid was accepted by the National Committee. Dean Woeste agreed to support our bid providing FACAA and FAEHEA supported it. That afternoon at a joint meeting of the boards of all three Florida associations the proposal for FAE4-HA to bid for the 1981 4-H Agents' national meeting was supported by both the Agricultural & Home Economics Associations. Later in the year our bid was successful. In less than a decade, we had come from being Ernie Cowen's dream to making plans for a national meeting at his doorstep.

Submitted by Alice Kersey, Polk County

FAE4-HA 2020-2021 Officers and Directors

Executive Officers:

President -	Kristie Popa
President Elect -	Karen Henry
1 st Vice President -	Stephanie Conner
2 nd Vice President -	Tycee Prevatt
Secretary -	Noelle Guay
Treasurer -	Prudence Caskey
Past President -	Vanessa Spero

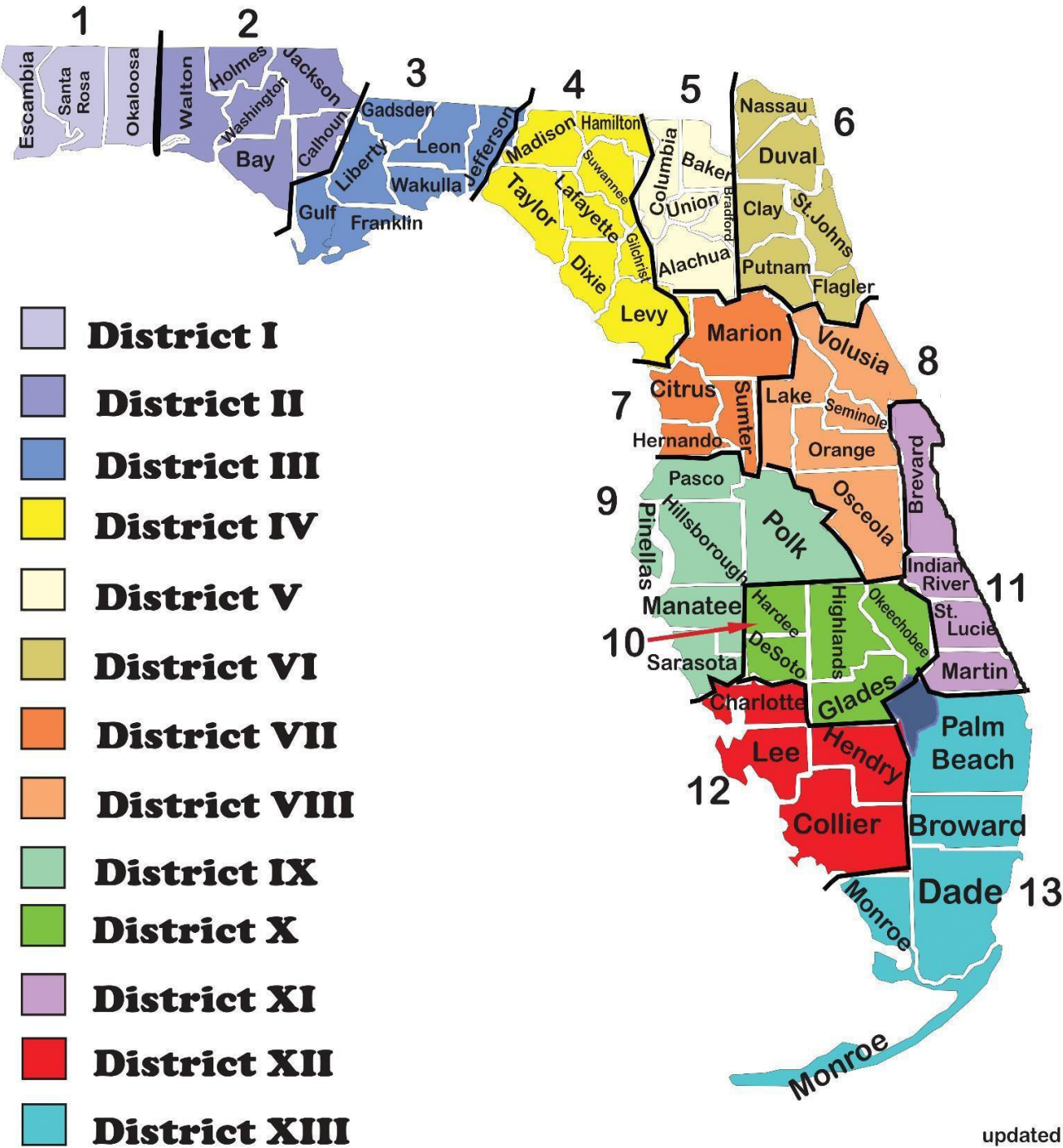
District Directors:

District I -	Ronnie Cowan	District VIII -	Melinda Sowers
District II -	Julie Dillard	District IX -	Shreemoyee Ghosh
District III -	Evie Bount	District X -	Ashley H.K. Gill
District IV -	Beth Moore	District XI -	Natalie Parkell
District V -	Samara Purvis	District XII -	Sonja Crawford
District VI -	Julia Kelly	District XIII -	Whitney Thames
District VII -	Marnie Ward	District XIV -	Andy Toelle
		District XV -	Georgene Bender

Committee Chairs:

Audit Committee –	Ashley Gill
Diversity –	Jessica Sprain and Marnie Ward
Life Members & Retirees -	Georgene Bender
Member Services/Awards –	Kelsey Cook
Membership –	Stephanie Conner
Nominating –	Vanessa Sperro
Policies and Resolutions –	TBD
Professional Development –	Crystal McCazzio, Julia Kelly
Programs –	Kristie Popa
Public Relations/Information –	Noelle Guay
Research and Evaluation –	Sarah Hensley
Webmaster –	Laura Valencia

Florida 4-H Districts



SECTION II - Meeting Minutes

2021

FAE4-HA Annual Meeting – EPAF

Minutes

Business Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome- 10:30 a.m. - Vanessa Spero

Pledges – Chris – American, Vanessa – 4-H

Minutes- Aly Schortinghouse

No changes to note

Treasurer's Report- Prudence Caskey

- Proposed budget has been uploaded to the Teams folder. Balances as of the end of August.
- Checking: \$30,358.78
- Savings \$7,884.32
- Paypal \$8,165.47
- 4-H Foundation funds (endowment): report thought to be reported quarterly, will check on this, as of March 2020 \$66,892.96

Business:

- By-law update/Life Member district – Charlie Polisenio
 - 66 members present – quorum met
 - Any questions to the by laws amended as proposed and sit out
 - Paula davis – moved to accept
 - Sarah davis second
 - Discussion – none
 - No nays, majority ayes
 - Motion passed
- FAE4-HA Dues Deadlines Update– Prudence Caskey
 - The dues deadlines will be pushed to November 15th and late deadlines will be December 1. This information and information on how to join for next year will be shared at the membership meeting later. These deadlines will be effective moving forward.
 - You will be asked to complete the google form, though paper form is available if necessary. A link to the google form will be available in the TEAMS chat during EPAF.
 - If you need an invoice, request one from prudence. Those who needed it last year will receive one from prudence this year. Paying via paypal there is an extra \$5 fee.
 - Public info chair- a flyer is being prepared for who can join etc. Please share this information with Noelle to incorporate.

- **Treasurer Transition - Prudence Caskey**
 - We are going to add into the handbook the wording that treasurers are expected to help with the transition for the next 6 months to a year following their term of service.
 - To assist the 2nd vp will now also be a signer of the account to ensure we have 5 signers to smooth the transition.

- **Florida 4-H Foundation Update – Karen Henry**
 - The last Florida 4-H Foundation meeting was on July 26, 2021. Dr. Angle spoke to the group about 4-H Camping. The FY2021 Audit and Budget Reports were submitted. The 2021-2022 Officer nominations and 2021-2024 Member Candidates were presented.
 - The Florida 4-H License Plate must have 3,000 pre-orders by October 2022. This unique opportunity will assist Florida 4-H in securing \$75,000 annually for 4-HU, Legislature, camping and competitive events. Pre-sale vouchers may be purchased at your local [tag office](#). Total cost of plate is ~\$33. The Florida 4-H License Tag Code is: F4r.
 - The foundation has 3 year terms, where as fae4-Ha had 2. The board adjusted this to match so a new position will be appointed in 2022. Karen remains on 1 more year. The new appointment will be the next 2nd vp.

- **NACAA assistance for AMPIC – Noelle**
 - NACAA is holding the national conference in palm beach in 2022. The sons and daughters tour filled with tour and events will be offered. We need some vols. Tour guides and chaperones to facilitate this. There will be a meal at the south Florida fairgrounds meal will need vols too.
 - Sonja Crawford is the chair for the sons and daughter tour.
 - July 17-22, 2022
 - Thursday dinner – need lots of help. Anyone can help including kids, agents, volunteers, etc.
 - Reach out to Sonja or Noelle if you want to help.
 - Is there funding for any out towners – minimal funding available. Not sure exactly how much.
 - For mid year meeting consider any assistance from FAE4-HA.
 - Can we get an email with location, date and time of help needed to offer further detail for those calls for help.

- **I7 Citizenship-Leadership subcommittee – Rachel Pienta and Kelsey Haupt Cook**
 - We have a committee working on councils district county etc.
 - A survey to figure out what is and is not working is in the chat. Please take a few minutes to complete this.
 - <https://forms.office.com/r/TTMh16m0fs>

Committee Updates:

Audit- Ashley Houpe-King Gill

- Shane and Ashley completed the audit. Audit review copies is now in the TEAMS folder.

Diversity & Inclusion – Marine Ward & Jessica Sprain

- We will be meeting shortly to discuss plans for next year, so watch for email and reach out if you would like to join the committee.

- ***Life Members & Retirees – Georgene Bender***

Retirees' LIFE MEMBERS per Membership (24)

- Charles Babick, Georgene Bender, Shirley Bond,
- Nettie Ruth Brown, Judy Butterfield, Linda Cook,
- Elva Farrell, Tom Greenwalt, Nadine Hackler, Marilyn Halusky, Bill Heltemes, Joy Jordan, Alf Kirkeeng, Ricki Leal, Linda McClellan, Marilyn Norman, Donna Peacock, Cathy Suggs, Elaine Shock, Grant Schrum,
- Marilyn Tileston, Judith Wakefield, Mary Williams,
- Marvin Weaver

Additional Retirees (not Life Members) (13)

- Jean Rogalsky, Jean Hink, Diana Smith, Pam Phillippe, Cindy Higgins, John Rutledge, Carolyn Wyatt, Shelda Wilkins, Monica Brinkley, Vickie Mullins, Sue Munyan, Jackie Hunter, Marcia Morris

Colleagues Passed (9)

- Damon Miller, Suzanne Fisher, BJ Allen, John Banning, Alice Ayers, Ruth Milton, Grant Shrum, Terry Floyd, Helen Fleming
- Retiree virtual meeting will be occurring during National 4-H week. We like to do short-term projects! Let us know how we can help.

Member Services – Laura Cash

- Committee members: Stephanie – Specialty - Have tried to do inservice trainings this past year and will continue to do so this next year. Thank you to all the judges who have helped this committee. New agents this is a great way to get involved and learn how to submit successful awards.
- National level judging talk to Jessica Cooper who is the southern region director
- Award winners go to FAE Teams channel under files, drop in the winning applications so we have a catalogue for those learning how to write.
- We will ship your awards to you once again this year. It will take some time to get these shipped but be on the lookout.
- Later in the meeting we will present the powerpoint with the awards winners.

Membership - Karen Henry

- New Member Induction
 - Allie Anderson
 - Evie Blunt
 - Jessica Emerson
 - Sabrina Hayes
 - Jereme Johnson
 - Samara Purvis

- Nick Simmons

A certificate and lapel pin will be mailed to new members

Nominating - Geralyn Sachs

Tycee

Noelle

Ronnie Cowan

Evie Blunt

Samara Purvis

Shree

Natalie Parkell

Whitnie Thames

Policies and Resolution - Charlie Poliseno

Professional Development - J. Kelly, C. McCazzio

Working to create resources for who might be a specialist in various areas. We asked that a survey be completed. Please complete the survey:

YDI – would like to be a part of the program. Please contact Julia Kelley to figure out a meeting date in October.

Is there a place to keep all association stuff in one location, so that we can all go to the same place for association?
Best kept in TEAMS under FAE4-HA.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd53fwE8SbDz4DNIDWv6inYTB0TPQv77iXbVo3Sxwv_doCbCA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Programs - Kristie Popa

Nothing new to update

Would need a cochair in the next year moving forward.

What is the programs committee?

Public Relations and Information - Noelle Guay

Working to create helpful information. Creating infographics and helpful flyers to remind about deadlines, etc.

Research and Evaluation - Sarah Hensley

The national committee is meeting regularly if you are interested in participating in this.

Florida participated in the common measures 2.0 , and surpassed our goals.

Still managing the TEAMS with all the resources.

These tools are covered under our IRB, each agent is responsible for managing their own training.

Is there a need for Florida 4-H to address the thriving model. There is not team addressing this. The 4-h thriving model is a concept for building programs. So, this should be kept in mind during program development.

IRB training is good for 3 years. We take IRB 002 not the human subjects one.

Webmaster - Laura Valencia

Things that have been mentioned today will be updated and

YDI not this year, but there will be a mid-year meeting

Vanessa is not a moderator; Alyssa is- who to follow up with to get Laura to be a moderator?

Beth Moore has contact and will drop an email of who to work with. Tennille Herronherron@ufl.edu

District Director Updates

- **District I** – Brian Estevez
 - **Okaloosa County**
 - Breanna Wade was hired as the new 4-H program assistant in September 2021
 - Ronnie and Paige Cowan and their baby Emeri Leigh Cowan bought a new boat and are ready to take you out on the water in south Okaloosa County!
 - **Santa Rosa County**
 - Prudence Caskey was promoted to Agent 2 in July 2021.
 - Prudence Caskey received the Distinguished Service Award in 2021.
 - Prudence Caskey recently completed the Extension Mentor Training.
 - The 4-H Field Education Facility in Santa Rosa County was completed in August 2021.
 - Kyle Caskey and Shea Dixon both graduated and received state 4-H scholarships
 - **Escambia County**
 - A new low ropes challenge course was installed at the newly named “Escambia County 4-H Ag & Outdoor Learning

Center” in Molino

- Jereme Johnson is the new 4-H representative on the Gulf Coast Diplomacy Board
- Angela Hinkle was promoted to Agent 3 in July 2021
- Nick Simmons submitted his promotion and permanent status packet
- Aly Schortinghouse is ending her term as FAE4-HA Secretary in 2021
- Brian and Mindy Estevez are having Baby #2 in December 2021.

- **District II** – Julie Dillard

- Niki has moved to Walton and got DSA.
- Opening in Holmes County.
- Calhoun has a new agent Claire Reach.
- Jackson County welcomed Emmett.

- **District III** - Rachel Pienta

CURRENT PROGRAMS OFFERED THIS QUARTER* (Include program area, series, series shared by other agents in our district, workshops, name of curriculum, etc. Also Include # of classes and # of people reached):

Julie McMillian – Gulf County

- July 12-16 Gulf County Summer 4-H Day Camp-55 participants-14 volunteers
- July 29-30 4-H University- 1 Participant for State Competitive Events

Rachel Pienta – Wakulla County

- June 7 – August 5 Wakulla 4-H Summer Camps. Assorted topics. 9 weeks of camp for ages 5 to 13. 25-40 youth per week.
- June 14-18 Teen CERT Camp for youth ages 12 -18. 31 youth participated.
2 Team Presentations selected at EPAF for FCS
- June 16-Team Presentation-National Extension Technology Community Conference

Rachel Pienta

- One team presentation selected for EPAF.

GRANTS, GIFTS, OR DONATIONS RECEIVED:

(Include total amounts received and how they were used.)

Julie McMillian

- \$1100 received from Junior Service League of Port St. Joe for 4-H Scholarships

Rachel Pienta

- Received \$1500 in community sponsorships for 4-H programs from Wakulla area businesses

PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Julie McMillian

- Aug. 23rd-Started UF Grad School-Ag Ed and Communication, Extension Education Specialization

- **District IV** – Beth Moore

- New Staff—We are excited to welcome Ms. Katie Jones as the new 4-H Agent in Suwannee County and she is no

stranger to 4-H and extension.

- Personal Highlights--(Lafayette County) Shawn Jackson's daughter was married in August.

Taylor Lafayette and Madison got together and did a day camp at cherry lake and had a blast!

- **District V** -
- Shaina had a baby
- Alachua was open and Mary Lee took over as an agent.

- **District VI** – Julia Kelly

Here is the news of the day for District VI.

Duval County

On April 10, 2021, Kelsey Haupt married her sweetheart, Austin Cook. Once Social Security processes her application, she will be Kelsey Cook.

Duval County hired three full-time 4-H Program Assistants who will be working with community clubs, school enrichment, and community center programs. We're excited to welcome Chante', Amaris, and Miranda to the team.

Clay County

Former Clay County 4-H agent Matt Olson left his position of 4-H agent to work as the 4-H Information Coordinator (4-H Online guru) in the state office. On August 31, he and Libby welcomed Emmett Luke Olson into the world.

Clay County has had a crazy yet great summer and are super excited for the new 4-H year! They are looking forward to interviewing and hopefully hiring another 4-H agent here with a focus on STEM and are happy to announce the arrival of their new 4-H secretary Bree McCabe!

Flagler County

Bailea Gnann began her career as the Flagler County 4-H agent on August 16, 2021. She received her Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Communications and Leadership Development from the University of Florida in 2018 and is currently in pursuing my Master's degree in Agriculture Education and Communication (specialized in Extension Education) from the University of Florida. In her final semester of undergrad, she took an internship with UF/IFAS Extension Clay County. Stephanie misses her.

Nassau

Ted hosted a 4-H mural camp in Fernandina Beach and their documentary video of the process was accepted at the National Guild Community Arts conference in October. He completed the first class of my master's degree in Agricultural Education and Communication at UF.

Professionally Kelsey:

- Completed a hybrid embryology program reaching 10 schools
- Sent 6 riders to the Area North/State Horse show with 2 qualifying for Regionals
- Won 1st Intermediate team at the State Hippology Contest
- Starting the 4th cadre of the Youth Emergency Team this fall

Personally Kelsey:

- Passed my 3-year review!
- Received the Young Professional Award. Also received a state program of excellence award and an excellence in animal sciences programming for cooperative equine science programming during COVID
- Helped start the Northeast District Support Staff Champions Team along with agents and staff
- Accepted to present at the 2021 NAE4-HYDP conference on the Youth Emergency Team

We had a successful entrepreneurship camp teaching youth how to start a food truck business.

Putnam County

Putnam is doing well and has had the opportunity to work more with the schools this year. We will have four afterschool clubs up and running within the next month which is super exciting. On a curricula level, the 4-H dog manual and crop science guide are in the final stages...woohoo!!! On a more personal note, my girls are in fourth and second grades this year and are forever keeping me on my toes.

St. Johns County

Since joining the SJC team in December, Allie has worked hard to grow the strong embryology program. Over the summer Allie and Julia taught a total of 9 day camps and volunteers taught the remaining four. Several clubs returned after a year off and new relationships are being developed with the school district. To further support her environmental science program, Julia became a FWC Hunter Education Instructor. In June, Julia received the good news that she has received permanent status and promotion to Agent II.

- **District VII** – Marnie Ward

Vacancies, new staff, 4-H anniversaries:

- Emma Canon (former Marion County 4-H Agent) has moved to Colorado where she will be working with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association as their Associate Director, Beef Quality Assurance Programs.
- Nancy Moores (Hernando County) joined 4-H in January 1999 and is at the end of her 23rd year.
- Marnie Ward (Citrus County) celebrates her 7th year with Extension in September.
- Shayna Chewing is the new 4-H agent in Sumter County.
- Chelsea Jones is the new 4-H agent in Marion County.
- Marion County is also advertising for another 4-H agent at this time.

Member highlights:

- Nancy Moores is at the very end of her doctoral program and putting the finishing touches on her dissertation. It should be completed by December and her defense will be early in 2022. This has been an exciting exhilarating experience for her and she shared that she learned so much along the way. She said, "The professional networking has also been very positive and I hope to work with some of these people in the future."
- Nancy is a proud grandmother. Her grandson purchased his first horse with monies he has saved from livestock projects and his small business. He is excited to complete the 2021 show circuit with his leased horse and begin the new year on his own. Her granddaughter reached a milestone and this year starts Pre-K and dance all at the same time. Nancy says, "It sure does help her sleep a little better but she's still a night owl like her grandma and mom. Together, these two make my days so much brighter and loud!"
 - Hernando 4-H's early enrollment has almost matched all of last year thanks to two new after school clubs

and an very innovative school-wide club. As we approach the 200 member mark before mid-September, I am looking forward to hiring a Program Assistant for the first time in over a decade. It still has one more approval process to go through but all arrows point to a go. Fingers crossed I get some help as I complete my 23rd year.

- Shayla Chewning is the new 4-H agent in Sumter County. She is planning for the new 4-H year and will be hosting an officer training for District 7 youth from Hernando, Citrus, Sumter and Marion Counties.
- Chelsea is a proud native of Homer, NY. She was a New York State Dairy Princess and exhibited red and white Holsteins and brown swiss. Chelsea graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. She is currently working toward her Master's in Organizational Management at Keuka College. Before coming to Marion County she worked for Farm Service Agency (FSA) and a dairy operation. Join me in welcoming Chelsea.
- Marnie earned her Achievement in Service Award (ASA) this year. She continues to develop her volunteer programs. Marnie's family has a new puppy, Wilbur. He is a miniature schnauzer. So along with lots of sheep and chickens the yard is never empty.

Success Stories or Programs to highlight or share:

District VII has a strong team. We have worked through the challenges of COVID-19, while continuing to provide high quality positive youth development programming. Many of us were part of the 4-H Adventures Virtual programming as we grew in our technology skills and seized the opportunities to step outside our comfort zones.

- **District VIII** – Melinda Souers
- **Orange County** welcomes 4-H Agent Erin Reichel who started on June 28th. Erin provides leadership for the Animal Science, Horse, Shooting Sports and Environmental Education programs.
- Dallas Meringolo in Lake County is expecting a baby boy any day and he may have arrived by the time this report is shared!
- **District IX** – Shayla Reighter
- We all had a great summer and are all busy starting the new 4-H year. Our District 9 Youth Council has started meeting and is excited for the upcoming year. The Manatee County 4-H Agent position is open, and we look forward to working with whoever comes into that position. Charlie and his wife are excited to be expecting a baby girl!
- **District X** – Ashley Houpe-King Gill
- Highland – short staffed due to COVID, etc. Ashley was promoted to CED!
- Hardee – Jose left us.
- Seminole tribe – the position is undergoing another round of interviews.
- **District XI** – Andrea Lazzari
- **Brevard:** None
- **Indian River:** Darren Cole has left the position of 4-H Agent. Their Program Assistant, Olivia Zugay, is covering Agent responsibilities until a new Agent is hired. We wish Darren all the best in his next endeavors.
- **St. Lucie:** None
- **Martin:** None

- District XII – Sonja Crawford
- Kristie – is interim in Manatee
- Arielle – lee is doing well, bringing back district events,. Working on diversification of program
- Tish – is doing well and welcomed a couple of grand babies.
- Sonja – son started Mississippi State. Program is up and running.
- District XIII –
- Broward – new agent Megan Cady
- District XIV – Andy Toelle
- From Stacey Ellison but I think many of us fit this vibe:



- From Heather Kent:
- Three years and 2 insurance companies after Hurricane Michael, the final repairs are being done on my house, and I will be taking a sabbatical this fall to finish my dissertation on informal learning to support volunteer work.
- From Andy Toelle:
- I just returned from a trip to Asheville, NC with Stephanie celebrating 30 years of marriage! Go Team Toelle!! And I am running for NAE4HYDP district [director](#).
- From Sarah Hensley:
- We have a new addition to our family, a sweet red headed, blue eyed 3 year old boy named Ayden. 😊
- Finally...
- Matt Olson moved to District XIV and was a contributing factor in having a baby. Congratulations Matt and Libby!

Announcements/Reminders – Vanessa Spero

UF TEAMS page, there are \$10 bucks with free shipping

Incoming officers – attend EPAF meeting. The meeting is on the EPAF board channel

Wellness challenge go participate

EPAF auction is virtual. 32 auctions.com. Kalan Taylor will invoice you if you win. Profits benefit our association so go bid.

Adjourn- Vanessa Spero

Prudence moves to adjourn, and is 2nded by Brian. No nays, motion carries.

END of September 2021
FAE4-HA Annual Meeting - EPAF

January 18, 2022
FAE4-HA Mid-Year Membership Meeting
Minutes



FAE4-HA MEMBERSHIP MID-YEAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 18, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM EST

Location: ZOOM – Full recording can be viewed here: https://ufl.zoom.us/rec/share/MKa-Ce4wm-5Yg0p_cMcZ9j6cmwVEIdHFAoQRr4OaWfgl6nulemsCQJueTIIAdAJS.nc2U8WbU-icgbpbs

The meeting was called to order by President Kristie Popa at 9:04 AM EST.

Members in attendance: Kristie Popa, Karen Henry, Stephanie Conner, Tycee Prevatt, Prudence Caskey, Laura Valencia, Noelle Guay, Abbey Tharpe, Allison Leo, Aly Scortinghouse, Amaris Daniels, Andrea Lazzari, Andy Toelle, Arielle Pierce, Beth Kerr, Beth Moore, Brent Broaddus, Candi Dierenfield, Caroline Chappell, Chelsea Jones, Chelsea Woodward, Charlie Polisen, Chris Decubellis, Claire Reach, Crystal McCazzio, Daniel Gonzalez, Derby Sale, Elaine Giles, Erin Reichel, Geralyn Sachs, Grace Carter, Heather Janney, Julia Kelly, Julie McMillian, Kate Fogarty, Katelyn Mulinix, Kelsey Cook, Kelsey Irvine, Marcus Boston, Megann Cady, Melinda Souers, Miranda Bird, Nancy Moores, Natalie Parkell, Nicole Crawson, Paula Daniel, Paula Davis, Rachel Pienta, Sabrina Hayes, Sarah Davis, Sarah Hensley, Shaina Spann, Shayla Reighter, Sheri Trent, Shree Ghosh, Stacey Ellison, Ted Karsch

Nancy Moores – Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

Noelle Guay – Secretary's Minutes

- Last full membership meeting minutes are on TEAMS. The review and discussion was tabled to the end of the call so members could review the minutes.
- At 9:48 AM Kristie returned the meeting to the secretary's minutes
 - Nancy Moores moved to accept the minutes as written.
 - Charlie Polisen seconded the motion.
 - Kristie called for any discussion. There was no discussion. All were in favor of accepting the secretary's minutes. Minutes were approved and seconded at 9:49 AM.

Prudence Caskey – Treasurer's Report

- Still working on merging papers with Quickbooks
- Membership fees received and membership package was sent out by Prudence the week prior to the meeting. Anyone who joins after this point will be a new member starting next year.
- Prudence Updated the FAE4-HA SunBiz on January 17 and did not pay on extra certification; can pull up that FAE4-HA is up-to-date but if the by-laws require the extra certification, prudence will pay the additional \$8.75 for the certification.
 - Charlie Polisen confirmed that the bylaws do not state that it is required at this time.
- Balances were shown live on the screen

- The endowment balance still shows up to 2020 due to Prudence needing to gain regular access to the balance readily. The university did set up the automatic deposits from the endowment so the interest from the endowment account goes directly into our account.
 - Nancy Moores asked if FAE4-HA had any updates about past money from the EPAF auction
 - Prudence had no update and was going to speak to Nancy and Martha about it.
 - Nancy has a meeting with the EPAF team on January 19 and will add it to the agenda to ask.
 - Charlie asked a question about the budget – coming in under budget due to COVID. What will the Association do with that profit?
 - Prudence does not know; just staying in the checking account at this time.
 - Total income 2021-2022
 - Estimated: \$19,046.08
 - Actual: \$18,202.85
 - Executive Expenses
 - Estimated: 13,630.00
 - Actual: \$10,089.56
 - Standing Committee Expense
 - Estimated: \$3,200.00
 - Actual: \$1,971.00
 - ESTIMATED TOTAL INCOME: \$19,046.08
 - ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSES: \$16,830.00
 - PROFIT/LOSS: \$2,216.08
 - ACTUAL TOTAL INCOME: \$18,202.85
 - ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENSES: \$12,060.56
 - PROFIT/LOSS: \$6,142.29
- Charlie Polisenio motioned for treasurer's report to be accepted at 9:13AM.
- Nancy seconded the motion.
- All were in favor and the treasurer's report was accepted at 9:14 AM.

Karen Henry – Florida 4-H Foundation Report

- The Florida for H foundation continues to meet on a quarterly basis to help provide financial support to youth development programming throughout the state of Florida: 4-H Youth Development.
- One change to the Board is Adam Bassford has taken a new role with the Association industries of Florida and is there for no longer able to serve in the Florida for the foundation role. Farm Bureau is looking for a replacement to take Adam's place.
 - Adam was also stepping in as the VP for development, so in his place, Mr. Isaac Chandler has been nominated to take that role and that role should be affirmed at the next meeting.
- The foundation plans to be present at for each day at the Capitol and is taking a role in planning the 50th anniversary of Florida 4-H Legislature celebration, which will take place this summer.

- They are also planning for their fundraiser a silent auction, which will take place this spring and tentative dates are April 22 to May 10.

Andy Toelle, Southern Regional Director – NAE4-HYDP Update

Two main updates:

1. The registration for JCEP Extension Leadership Conference (ELC) is open; officer training will be offered at ELC; registration is \$400 to attend in-person. Virtual training will be offered as well; Andy will send out dates for virtual training
2. The newsletter of the National Association: the Pulse. In his role as Regional Director, Andy will be helping to put the Pulse together and plans to do it a bit differently this year; will be starting an every other month format so that people will only get it six times a year and the goal is to hit important topics that are timely at that particular moment. Andy also hopes it will be more interactive with some short video clips, etc.
 - a. Sarah Davis asked if there will be publication opportunities for Agents
 → Andy replied that there will be some but he will look more into it and let the membership know.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Audit Committee – Ashley Gill

- Not present

Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Jessica Sprain and Marnie Ward

- Had a conflict and will be on later but did not have any updates for the committee for 2022 at this point as the committee has not met in 2022.

Life Members Committee: Georgene Bender

- Officers were sent the newsletter that went out to the life members and retirees as well as Sonja Crawford's "sons and daughters" event coming up with the Ag Association (FACAA) 2022 conference; they are recruiting alumni to help with the event. The event will be held in West Palm Beach this year and the life members and retirees will be helping with the event.
 - The newsletter highlight included an entire page of ways alumni can support the 4-H office and the counties (a lot is through events judging).
 - Currently have 20 life members
 - Retirees that are non-life members is 12 and they have 32 active retirees.
 - Held the second annual retiree virtual gathering during National 4-H week in October; had a very small turnout, but we plan to have the third Annual meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022.
- Noelle via Georgene will send out the newsletter to the FAE4-HA Membership

Member Services Committee – Kelsey Cook

- Waiting on NAE4-HYDP to let us know when they are opening the awards system to set the official opening and closing dates for awards. The membership can expect a March date as there has been in prior years but the member services committee will let the members know once all deadlines are confirmed.

Membership Committee – Stephanie Conner

- Has been coordinating with Prudence for membership counts. To date, FAE4-HA has:

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- 14 new members, including 1 new life member
- 100 renewed members
- 20 life members

Nominating Committee – Vanessa Spero

- Not present

Policies and Resolutions Committee – Charlie Poliseno

- No major updates since our last meeting.
- Committee officers are still reveling in the success of passing last year's updates during our last full membership meeting.
- Looking to update the officers' handbook documents to assist with explaining the treasurer's role, how long that role takes, etc.
- Looking for new members to join the committee

Professional Development Committee – Julia Kelly and Crystal McCazzio

- Looking for new members to join this committee as well.
- Organized IFAS Extension Specialists to speak to the group after our business meeting today.
- Planning a committee meeting in February or March.

Programs Committee – Kristie Popa

- Organized the "Ignite" sessions following our business meeting and specialist presentations today.
- Committee is focusing on volunteers, this year, and how we can help you, with your volunteer program so if there is something that you really feel like you need help with when it comes to volunteers or know about someone who has a program something that you would like to know more, please let Kristie know.
- Also looking for new members to join the programs committee.

Public Relations and Information – Noelle Guay

- The committee has not met in 2022 as of yet, but is planning to. The committee plans to support Laura Valencia as she takes on the new webmaster position and adding we will be adding content to that as needed.
- Trying to find new ways to distribute information to membership without overloading members with emails.
- If anyone has ideas or suggestions or wants to join the committee, they can contact Noelle.

Research and Evaluation – Sarah Hensley

- Florida 4-H is involved with the national call for data, which includes both common measures 2.0 and the thriving indicators so that will be coming.
- Big thank you to Matt Olson for assisting with this initiative, specifically sending the survey reminders while Sarah is on sabbatical, which begins March 1.
- National Pride Think Group. I will let you all know that that group has applied to be a standing program leader support group. Currently, Brent Broadus is serving as a regional champion to represent our state and Candi Dierenfield has applied as well to be our second person, that is a regional champion for thriving and I will remain on the program leader working group.
- Will begin seeing more research data collected from that group, the program resources program development resources that are coming out. They are piloting all the lesson plans right now for these thriving indicators, those are going through various states and volunteer groups. Florida 4-

H has volunteered to test out some of the lesson plans with our residential camp staff so we are sure all different delivery systems have been looked at as far as some of the thriving teaching resources. More to come on that it is definitely an evolving opportunity but, good things are coming from the thriving program leaders working group.

Webmaster – Laura Valencia

- Does not have webmaster privileges; has been going through Alyssa Bowers as our approver but she is no longer with Florida 4-H.
- Julia Kelly volunteered to take on Alyssa's role as an approver.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR UPDATES

District I: Ronnie Cowan

- Ronnie was not present but Prudence gave an update on behalf of the District.
 - Brian Estevez and his wife had a new baby.
 - Prudence's Extension Office is completed; the Santa Rosa 4-H field education facility.

District II: Julie Dillard

- Julie was not present but sent Noelle Guay the D2 update.
 - D2 hosted a poultry perfection workshop for youth in the NW District Chick Chain project.
 - D2 day camps are scheduled for the first two weeks of June focused on horse and environmental education projects.
 - D2 teen council is getting ready for the NW District teen retreat in February.

District III: Evie Blount

- Evie was not present but Rachel Pienta provided an update for D3.
 - D3 has a poultry perfection workshop scheduled for January 29.
 - D3 Teen Council is also getting ready for the district retreat and is working on getting their service project ready. D3 is collecting suitcases and backpacks for foster and homeless youth, as well as personal care kits that can be included as well.

District IV: Beth Moore

- Nothing to report

District V: Samara Purvis

- Samara was not able to attend due to her daughter being in labor – so she is unable to provide an update at this time.

District VI: Julia Kelly

- St Johns, Flagler, and Putnam Counties held their first of two meetings for the potato project on January 17.
- The District Council is hosting their second meeting this year and they are doing a little differently with their set up this year. They are meeting in St Augustine for a scavenger hunt around downtown.
- New Agent in Clay County – Elaine Giles. Elaine has visited the counties in D6
- Bailea Gnann of Flagler County is loving her first few months as a new 4-H Agent and is planning an October wedding.

- Kelsey Cook will be submitting her PS/P packet this year and there are three new Program Assistants in Duval County.
- Ted Karsch is submitting his 3-year packet and is presenting at the Georgia 4-H Southern Biennial Conference
- Crystal McCazzio has left Marion County is now in Putnam County.
- Allie Anderson has finished her first year and is planning her wedding.

District VII: Marnie Ward

- Marnie was not present but Nancy Moores provided an update for D7.
 - In Sumter County, Shayna started in her position in June and she recently got married. Her Program Assistant, Dakota, also got married. And both Shayna and Dakota have been doing great things in Sumter.
 - Nancy recently celebrated 23 years as an Agent in Hernando County!!
 - D7 welcomed Chelsea Jones as the agent in Marion County and she is now joined by Crystal McCazzio.
 - The D7 council has been very active and we have our first in-person meeting of the new calendar year coming up in Hernando County on January 25 but they have been active through the COVID years.

District VIII: Melinda Souers

- Lake County's Dallas Meringolo had her baby boy Troy Thomas was born on September 15, weighing eight pounds 15 ounces but of course she's back from her maternity leave and we're happy to have her back
- Orange county's Erin Reichel got engaged on December 12 to her fiancé, Joey.
- Osceola County's Jessica Sprain completed her Master's of Science degree in Family Youth and Community Sciences and recently celebrated 7 years with Extension.
- Shane Michael reported that he has started on his Ph.D. program.
- And Volusia County is sad to report that Laura Cash has retired so that position is currently vacant.

District IX: Shreemoyee Ghosh

- The Manatee County 4-H Agent position is currently vacant and Kristie Popa is serving as the interim 4-H Agent at this time. The position has been advertised and will close at the end of January.
- In Hillsborough County, Charlie Polisenio and his wife Holly are expecting their first child, a little girl they plan to name Rosalina, who is due in March.
- Charlie and Brandi Yancy are also working on a new partnership program with Tampa General Hospital and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue.
- In Sarasota County, Sarah Davis celebrated 5 years with 4-H. The County also hired Jenny Drake as a Program Assistant. Sarasota County Extension is hiring 3 interns, including one to work with 4-H. It is a summer 2022 intern and it is a full-time paid internship. Sarasota County Government interns must be currently enrolled in college or university and seeking an undergraduate graduate degree.
- The League of Environmental Educators (LEEF) Conference is scheduled for April 1-3, 2022 and the call for presenters closes on February 1.
- The Polk County Youth Fair is starting in January and runs through January 27.

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- The Polk County Horse Show is scheduled for February 12 and it is an open show.
- In Pinellas County, Sandy Hernandez leading 4-H since Alyssa Bowers has left until that position.
- Pinellas County has also been working the past year to update and improve the Chester Oaks garden and educational center and, in September, they restarted the 4-H Oaks Garden Club. Next month they will be hosting an open house to re-inaugurate the Honey House classroom.

District X: Ashley Gill

- Ashley was not present but an update was provided by Tycee Prevatt.
 - The biggest update for D10 is the addition of Sheri Trent as the 4-H Agent for the Seminole Tribe. Welcome Sheri!

District XI: Natalie Parkell

- Indian River County welcomes Kaitlyn McCarty as their new 4-H Agent.
- The Martin County fair starts February 11.

District XII: Sonja Crawford

- Sonja was not present so Noelle provided an update for D12
 - Kristie is planning for her family vacation in March
 - Tish spent the holidays in Nebraska spoiling her new grandkids
 - Sonja has been busy getting ready for the Hendry County Fair and the La Belle Youth Livestock and Swamp Cabbage Festival are both held in February.
 - Sonja's son Bryson is a junior in high school and Blake is a junior at Mississippi State University majoring in Agriculture Science. Bryson continues to be homeschooled and continues to participate in the Florida high school rodeo association as a header and a tie-down roper. Blake recently got engaged to Allison Moore who is the daughter of former FCS Agent in Osceola County, Cindy Moore.
 - In Lee County, Arielle Pierce recently enjoyed chaperoning 11 state delegates to the National Congress in Atlanta over the Thanksgiving break. Arielle has been working to get her counties communication and events renovated and she has been busy running her new monthly newsletter, The Clover Corner, which she started after the pandemic.
 - Lee County hosted their first annual holiday bake-off contest in December and had 34 contestants and dishes. Youth were able to collaborate with parents in the kitchen and focused on learning at least one food safety concept.
 - Arielle is also planning for County Events and looking forward to bringing District Events back

District XIII: Whitney Thames

- Whitney Thames was not present but Daniel Gonzalez provided an update for D13.
 - Miami-Dade County is interviewing candidates for its open 4-H Agent position
 - The South Florida Fair is happening and the Florida 4-H Foundation is hosting an Alumni and Friends ice cream social on February 22. Dean Johnson will be attending as well.

District XIV: Andy Toelle

- D14 welcomed Candi Dierenfield
- Heather Kent is on sabbatical and Paula Davis is serving as interim RSA for the NW District.
- Sarah Hensley will be going on sabbatical as well.
- Both Heather and Sarah will be working on completing their Ph.D. dissertations.

District Life Members: Georgene Bender

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- Linda Deming from Collier County was inducted into the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame in 2021.
- Duvall County opened their County Hall of Fame and inducted Judy Butterfield.
- John Rutledge's son Logan was commissioned to write a song for the Great Lakes Grand Valley State University of Michigan. He was also asked to teach a Master Class on composition. His music is on YouTube and the song he composed is called "Different Bodies."
- Georgene returned from Germany recently as was visiting her one and only grandson who turned one.

Kristie opened the floor for any further discussion upon completion of the agenda.

- Heather Janney made a motion at 9:53 AM to create a committee to discuss the usage and storage of the overage funds in the budget resulting from COVID-19.
- Charlie Polisenio seconded the motion at 9:54 AM.

Discussion:

- Heather would like to find productive ways to use the excess funds like providing lifetime memberships and solidify the usage of the endowment funds.
 - Charlie agrees that it would be good to sit down and assess the potential for the greatest return in using the funds.
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- Kristie initiated a vote create a committee to discuss the usage and storage of the overage funds in the budget resulting from COVID-19.
 - All members voted in favor; zero members voted against
 - Charlie and Heather will work to begin the new committee
 - Kristie called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Heather moved.
 - Brent seconded.
 - All voted in favor.
 - Meeting as adjourned at 9:57AM

End of January 18, 2022
FAE4-HA Mid-Year Membership Meeting

SECTION III – TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Report: Prudence Caskey

08/17/2022 – up to date – not a year-end report

15 New members
86 Renewing Members
1 NEW Life member
20 Life Members

PayPal Balance as of 8/1/2022
Checking Account Balance as of 8/1/2022
Savings Account Balance as of 8/1/2022
UFF FAE4-HA Endowment Account Balance as of 8/17/2022

SECTION IV – COMMITTEE & DISTRICT REPORTS

Professional Development Committee: Crystal McCazzio

- No report

Audit Committee: Ashley Gill

- No report

Diversity Committee: Jessica Sprain & Marnie Ward

The Diversity Committee consisted of Jessica Sprain (chair), Marnie Ward (co-chair), Noelle Guay, Shreemoyee Ghosh, Laura Valencia, Nicole Walker, Whitney Thames, Melinda Souers, Julia Kelley and Nancy Moores. This committee has the main goal of creating a solid foundation for agents to build equity, confidence, and competence in presenting a diverse and inclusive Florida 4-H Program. Over the past year the committee has taken a step back from planning and offering training, as there have been many opportunities offered by Extension District IDEA committees, along with the Statewide IDEA Webinar Committee. The FAE4-HA Diversity Committee is planning to continue to promote outside opportunities and will offer webinars and in-person trainings on creating a solid foundation for Agents to build equity, confidence, and competence in presenting a diverse and inclusive Florida 4-H Program, as needed in the future year.

Member Services Committee/Awards: Laura Cash

- No report

Research and Evaluation Committee:

- No report

Public Relations and Information Committee: Noelle Guay

- No report

Programs Committee: Kristie Popa

- No report

Membership Committee: Kristie Popa

- No report

Nominating Committee: Geralyn Sachs (Past President and Nominating Committee Chair)

Policy and Resolution Committee: Charlie Poliseno

- No report

Webmaster: Laura Valencia

Julia Kelly now has access to the website and will be working on it within the next 6 months. Board Members, please send your recommendations to Laura Valencia and Julia Kelly.

Life Member Report: Judy Butterfield, Life Member Liaison

District Reports

District I: Brian Estevez (District Director)

District 1, we are number 1!

Okaloosa County

Ronnie and Family celebrated their daughter Emeri's 2nd birthday at Disney and danced in Belle's Castle. Okaloosa County 4-H established a development planning committee for the environmental education property. The association conducted a year end banquet for 4-H members. The theme was Luau. 92 guests attended the event. Wildlife Outdoor Leadership Focus Camp won 1st place in the region for web and app.

Santa Rosa County

Santa Rosa County 4-H has finished an exciting 4-H year. Prudence Caskey received the Distinguished Service Award. Both Mary and Prudence updated their CPR, AED and Trauma Care certifications. The 4-H Field Education Facility is open for club meetings and finishing touches are being added each month!

Escambia County

- Brian, Mindy, and Eli Estevez welcomed Cora Marina into their family on December 5, 2021.
- Aly Schortinghouse submitted her promotion packet in 2022.
- Belinda Spann, Escambia Administrative Aide, was selected as the FAE4-HA Support Staff of the Year. She is retiring in September 2022 after 31 years with the county.
- Jereme Johnson, Escambia Program Assistant, is still keeping our program dancing, though he needs more icy-hot these days.

District II: Julie Dillard (District Director)-

District 2 is excited to announce the following:

Claire Reach Davis (**Calhoun**) and her husband are expecting a baby girl in December.

Julie Pigott Dillard (**Washington**) finished her Doctoral degree in April.

Paula Davis (**Bay**) and Julie have graduating seniors this year - Paula's daughter, Madelyn Moyer, and Julie's son, Cass Dillard.

Jackson County's 4-H Agent will begin in September.

District III: Rachel Pienta (District Director)

District IV: Beth Moore (District Director)

Lafayette County (Shawn Jackson) has completed their new 4-H Educational Building and it was christened with seven summer day camps.

Hamilton County (Beth Kerr) Partnered with Stephen Foster State Park to provide Family Fun Science-focused classes this summer on Saturdays in July. Great community response and opportunity to build a new partnership (with perks like free use of facilities, park staff assisting with educational programs, and support of their volunteer staff).

Hamilton County (Beth Kerr) On the personal side – 2nd son is getting married in September in NY; 3rd son will finish his Army National Guard training in October and will head to UF in Jan; and youngest son just finished school and is a registered, licensed RN! (All were 4-H kids)

Gilchrest County (Jessica Altum Cooper) After about a 2 year wait, their new 4-H van will be arriving the end of September! Jessica will also be welcoming a new baby girl (her second)! She is due in 5 weeks and will be out on maternity level this fall.

Suwannee County (Katie Jones) has hired a new livestock agent with 30% 4-H responsibilities.

District V: Amanda TBD (District Director)

- No report

District VI: Julia Kelly (District Director)

Clay County

1. Three Clay County youth were invited to participate in the first-ever 4-H in Space: Mission Command Team project. Noah, Celine, and Aidan (our 4-Hers) worked with Higher Orbits' "Go For Launch" program and 45 other 4-Hers from Florida, Arizona, Illinois, and Indiana to develop a science experiment that would possibly be flown into space to the International Space Station. Celine was on the competition's winning team, and her team's experiment "Growing Spirulina in Space" will be tentatively flown to the International Space Station in 2023.
2. We hosted our 3-day Kayak Adventure Camp where 7 4-Hers learned about kayaking and the engineering design process. The kids built a cardboard canoe with just cardboard and duct tape. All three boats floated, and one boat the SS Banana Boat made it around 3 times Keystone Heights Beach Lake.

The Duval team is keeping busy. We have a new addition to the team, Sana'a Schuster is our new 4-

H/FCS administrative aide joining the two 4-H agents, three program assistants, and one foundation manager. Kelsey turned in her permanent status and promotion packet

Highlights:

- Over 4,000 youth in school enrichment:
 - o Started an Arthropod Zoo including a vinegarroon, scorpions, millipedes, tarantula, hissing cockroaches, and more!
 - o 4-H Becoming butterflies: A metamorphosis project
 - o Embryology
 - o Lomo
 - o Junior master gardeners
- Over 1,000 youth participated in 4-H Ag Ventures.
- Over 450 youth participated in 4-H Programs at Jacksonville Parks and Rec Community Centers
- Over 150 youth were involved in 4-H Camping and Special Interest Programs.
- 203 youth members of Duval County 4-H Community Clubs.

Nassau County 4-H Updates

- We should be moved into our new building (in Yulee) by end of the year
- Nassau County Hippology team won the state contest and is going to Nationals in Nov
- Received \$2,500 grant to start the BrickMasters program in the fall.
- We reached more than 180 classrooms last year through Embryology, I am a Scientist, and the 4-H speech contest program

St. Johns

- Over 5,200 youth reached through Embryology and 4-H Public Speaking school enrichment programs, along with afterschool clubs.
- Three members of the SJC Horse Program competed at Southern Regional Horse Show and two of them placed in the top 10 in their classes.
- One of our senior 4-H'er won both Share the Fun by signing from German Opera and the Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks speaking about why you should love opera at 4-HU
- We held 11 summer day camps where 69 youth participated
- In May, we ended our County Council and initiated the Teen Leadership Council club. Over the summer two day-long leadership workshops were held. The seven officers set a goal for the year, made an Action Plan, and developed a 2022-2023 calendar. Recruiting for the club is going on now.
- This year, we added two clubs and four leaders.
- Afterschool STEM programs were added to a Title 1 Elementary school and a community center served by a Title 1 school.
 - In March, Allie Anderson became Allie Prevatt. In July she and Jack purchased and moved into their house in the country.

District VII: Marnie Ward (District Director)

What's new in District 7?? Well, let me tell you. Actually, I am going to let each of the Agents and Program Assistants (PA) share a bit in their own words.

Citrus County – Dr. Marnie Ward

From Marnie – “This past year has brought so many new experiences. I have had opportunities to meet and learn from a tremendous group of Agents. I coached my first Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl teams, they did great and had a lot of fun!! When not at the office, I traveled to Atlanta with my family and highly recommend a visit to Zoo Atlanta.”

The program assistant position in Citrus County is currently open.

Hernando County – Dr. Nancy Moores and Deanna Brock (PA)

From Nancy – “I am very proud to share my successful defense of my dissertation followed by an overwhelming hooding ceremony to become Dr. Nancy A. Moores. This long, pandemic filled adventure was eye-opening and exhilarating. I am thrilled to have a program assistant for the first time in nearly 15 years and look forward to expanding and exploring with more youth. Hernando County has already added FOUR new clubs for 2022-2023.”

From Deanna - “My name is Deanna Brock, and I am excited to work as Hernando County’s 4-H Program Assistant! I recently graduated from the University of Florida, receiving my Bachelor of Science with a major in Agricultural Education and Communications. Growing up I was an active member in Florida 4-H and FFA, serving in leadership roles, raising and showing livestock, and competing in events such as the Florida 4-H Tailgating Contest. Outside of work, I enjoy traveling to new places, being on the water, and spending time with my family and friends. I look forward to sharing my knowledge with the youth and community, and helping to make the best better!”

**Marion County – Crystal McCazzio and Chelsea Jones
and Kristie Varnadoe (PA) and Michael (PA)**

From Crystal – “Making the transition from Putnam to Marion has really made me realize how different each county program is. We have a full team and have hit the ground running here in Marion. We are looking forward to a great new 4-H year. On a personal note, my girls have started 3rd and 5th grades in the elementary school I went to as a youth, but it is hard to believe they have grown so quickly.”

From Chelsea – “Personal Side: I will be done with my Master of Science degree in Organizational Management on August 26th, 2022, from Keuka College, which is a small private school in Upstate New York, where I am from. In June I celebrated my one-year anniversary of being a Florida resident!

Professional Side: My program areas include STEAM (Beef and Dairy Cattle, Small Ruminants, Horses, Expressive Arts, Clothing and Textiles), Leadership and Civic Engagement, and Healthy Living/Family and Consumer Sciences. Some highlights from the 2021-2022 4-H Year include our County Council continuing to grow in membership, we had 13 youth attend Florida 4-H Legislature, two of our youth showed at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Perry, Georgia where one was named Western Pleasure Champion, I assist with the Meat Judging team that will be going to the National Competition in October, and moving forward I will be coaching youth interested in dairy judging and dairy quiz bowl. I hope to develop and provide more programs in the areas of leadership and civic

engagement, healthy living, expressive arts, and clothing and textiles in the future in addition to the agriculture programs traditional to Marion County.

From Kristie - Hello, my name is Kristie Varnadoe. I was born and raised in Marion County. I am the product of Marion County 4-H. I was a leader for over 7 years before I started working with the 4-H office. I am a mom to 3 children: Hannah (15), Hunter (13), and Hudson (11). I have been married for 11 years to my husband, Marshall. I am currently the Program Assistant in Marion County. My main job responsibilities consist of the financials, taxes, and any supply ordering that needs to be done for the County 4-H program or the 4-H Clubs. My favorite parts of 4-H for me is watching the 4-Hers grow in their confidence and their knowledge in whatever they are doing. 4-H, for me, is not a job it's a lifestyle. Go Green.

From Michael – “Hello! My name is Michael LaTulipe and I am one of the Program Assistants out of Marion County, where I have been working since May of 2019 and have been living in Marion County for my whole life. I am a UF student and I am currently finishing my bachelor’s degree in Health Education and Behavior with a majority of my course work concentrating on mental health. Within my office, I heavily concentrate on 4-H Online, volunteer screening, and shooting sports. I look forward to seeing my career grow further within 4-H and IFAS!”

Sumter County – Shayna (Chewning) Johnson and Dakota (Treffeisen) Cantrell

From Shayna – ‘Sumter is pressing on with its tradition of being a livestock industry-focused program, but we're also branching out to some new programmatic areas with 2 new clubs for the coming year. Sumter STEM will focus on many STEM topics, including robotics and gardening. The Sumter Leaders club will focus on leadership and professional development and be home to our County Council which we are bringing back this year for the first time in several years. We also have a State Council Reporter, Lizzie Shurley!

Personally, I got married in December 2021 and am pressing on with my doctoral degree with hopes to graduate by Fall 2023.”

From Dakota – “Hello, My name is Dakota Cantrell. I have been the Sumter County 4-H Program Assistant for 2 years now! I have been extremely blessed to work with a great district and organization. I have been working on obtaining my Bachelor of Science with a major in Agriculture Education and Communication. I have been working with the new 4-H Agent that was hired in June 2021 and have planned many successful events during the 2021-2022 4-H year. Outside of work, in October 2021 I got married and I am now expecting my first bundle of joy in September 2022 and could not be more excited!

District VIII: Melinda Souers (District Director)

Lake County: Dallas Meringolo will be the incoming District VIII Director for FAE4-HA.

Orange: Erin Reichel has completed her first full year and she is engaged to be married. Melinda closed out her fifth year back in Extension (16 total). The 4-H office is fully staffed and looking forward to a successful 2022-23 program year.

Osceola: Jessica Sprain earned permanent status and promotion to Agent II this year, along with her master's degree in Family Youth and Community Sciences with an emphasis on non-profit management. She has been active in training and promoting trauma-informed programming to help support all youth who participate in Florida 4-H.

Laura Valencia has been working diligently with the School District of Osceola County to offer the Juntos 4-H program, along with Soccer for Success. Through her programming, she has been able to reach new 4-H audiences.

Seminole: Shane Michael is continuing work on his doctorate.

Volusia: Chelsea Woodard has moved to Volusia County 4-H and is happy to be working in the same county where she lives.

District IX: Shayla Reighter (District Director)

- No report

District X: Ashley H.K. Gill (District Director)

Vacancies, new staff, 4-H anniversaries:

Desoto- The 4-H Agent, Katelyn Mulinix, accepted the Interim County Extension Director position in addition to her 4-H responsibilities in October 2021.

Glades- None

Hardee- Marissa Alexander the former Program Assistant in Hardee County is now serving as the new 4-H Agent. They also hired Halley Addison as the new Program Assistant on August 1st.

Highlands- The UF/IFAS Extension office in Highlands County is once again fully staffed. They welcomed a new Ag & Natural Resources Agent (Lourdes Perez Cordero), Livestock Agent (Kalan Royal), and Administrative Assistant (Gwen Wyche). New and existing staff have jumped on board to offer some amazing 4-H programs in Highlands and surrounding Counties.

Okeechobee- None reported

Seminole Tribe- The Seminole Tribe hired Sheri Trent as their new 4-H Agent. Sheri has now been on the job for 10 months. They hired Kevin Thompson as a new Program Assistant and had a summer intern named Camryn Mills.

Education highlights, awards and , members on committees:

Desoto: Katelyn will graduate from UF with her Master in Family Youth and Community Science with an emphasis in Youth Development in the Spring of 2023. Katelyn was also awarded the FAE4-HA Literature Award for her piece Far Beyond the Fair.

Glades- Agent Tycee Prevatt, started her Ed.D program in May and will be studying in the field of Educational Leadership and Administration. Tycee was also a FAE4-HA award recipient for Excellence in Communication and Expressive Arts and a regional winner of the NAE4-HYDP Excellence in 4-H Club Support awards with Kristie Popa. Tycee also won FAE4-HA awards for Social Media Package (Individual), Periodical Publication (Individual), and Educational Piece (Team).

Hardee- None reported

Highlands- Ashley H.K. Gill will be awarded the FAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award at the EPAF annual conference in August and the NAE4-HYDP Distinguished Service Award in October at their annual conference. Ashley also won the FAE4-HA award for Educational Package (Individual) as well as the FAE4-HA Excellence in Healthy Living Programming Team Award along with Tycee Prevatt and other 4-H

agents from around the state.

Okeechobee- None reported

Seminole Tribe- None reported

Success Stories or Programs to highlight or share:

Desoto- DeSoto County 4-H has had a fruitful year. The covid pandemic provided the opportunity to restructure and re-present 4-H to the community. Outside of the traditional 4-H community clubs, the 4-H program quickly began to pick up and the 4-H Agent and 4-H Program Assistant developed strong relationships with community partners and the public school system to reach underserved youth. School enrichment opportunities have utilized Embryology, Gardening, Nutrition, STEM, Ag Venture, and FPL Public Speaking programs to reach more diverse youth. DeSoto County 4-H members have increased their interest in participating in State 4-H Events. DeSoto 4-H volunteers and youth attended 4-H Day at the Capitol, 4-H Executive Board, Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference, 4-H Horse Events, iLead, 4-H University and most recently the 4-H Tailgating Contest. DeSoto County 4-H also celebrated their first 4-H State office in 20+ years! Daniel Howard was elected as the 2022-23 4-H State Treasurer at 4-H University. We hope his participation and insight on state level activities will increase the youth involvement above the county level.

Glades- None reported

Hardee- None reported

Highlands- Highlands County had a great year and summer full of in-person 4-H workshops. As a new CED, 4-H Agent Ashley H.K. Gill has been working hard to balance the needs of the 4-H program while meeting the needs of her staff. They are excited to announce that after a year of negotiations, effective October 1st all Faculty and Staff in Highlands County will be 100% University of Florida employees.

Okeechobee- Okeechobee finished out the 4-H year with just over 600 youth in club membership. Additionally, over 250 youth participated in week-long summer day camps. This was also our 2nd year of offering two new camps, fishing & conservation camp, and a craft camp. Also, Okeechobee was represented by 4 youth at 4-H University and 2 youth at the 4-H Regionals Horse show in Georgia.

Seminole Tribe- They are so happy to finally have a very successful 2022 Show and Sale in person, and to take members to "4-H Day at the Capitol," "4-H Legislature" and "4-H Hog and Ham Project". They are excited to continue offering these amazing 4-H opportunities to our members to promote positive youth development throughout the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Agent personal highlights:

Desoto- None reported

Glades- Tycee is finally a grandmother to a baby girl who will turn one in September.

Hardee- None reported

Highlands- Ashley is happy to report that her family is doing well and very supportive of her career accomplishments and the ability to include her family in her 4-H life.

Okeechobee- Paula has been working to start the David A. Daniel Foundation in memory of her son, an avid fisherman and livestock exhibitor. This Foundation will help youth across the state pursue their interests in fishing and livestock activities, a true tribute to the life of David Daniel.

Seminole Tribe- None reported

District XI: Andrea Lazzari (District Director)

- Brevard: None

District XII: Sonia Crawford (District Director)

Charlotte County – Kristie Popa

Kristie Popa is ready for another great year in Charlotte County.

Collier County – Tish Roland

Tish Roland is ready for a great 4H Year in Collier County.

Hendry County – Sonja Crawford

Hendry County 4H's summer was filled with many fun day camps. Hendry County 4H Program Assistants enjoyed helping with the NACAA Sons & Daughters Program held in West Palm Beach. Vacations were fulfilled and now it is time to concentrate on the Hendry County 4H Program.

Lee County – Arielle Pierce

Lee county 4-H is running strong with 320 community club members in 20 clubs for 2021-2022. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we have learned to adapt and make the best of every scenario! We are now able to reach more youth through outreach programs and have had contact with over 350 community youth this way (and are still picking up steam). Although there have been the usual setbacks that other counties are also experiencing, we have been thrilled and blessed to have:

- 41 youth participate in our first annual holiday bake-off contest
- 84 youth participate in County Events in the following contests: graphic design, photography, public speaking, skillathons, and the tailgate contest
- 1 youth participated on Executive Board
- 3 youth attended iLEAD: intermediate leadership conference
- 2 youth participated in LEG
- 7 youth participate in Summer Camp
- 4 youth participated in 4-H university in competitive events
- 2 youth attended the first annual 4-H in space with Higher Orbits event
- 7 youth placed in State level
- 10 youth participating in the South District Tailgate Contest
- 6 youth applying for the 2022-2023 Executive Board

We are looking forward to the new 4-H year and the ability to continually grow. We are working on expanding in new areas of our community and offering new programs as we continue to come out of our pandemic era, and many of our youth are already chomping at the bit to get started in September.

As for me, the more things change the more they stay the same! I enjoyed getting to plan iLEAD: Intermediate Leadership Conference for our Florida intermediate youth and help with the Sons & Daughters Committee for the AM/PIC NACAA Convention this summer in addition to our standard events. Outside of the normal hustle and bustle of work I have been trying to spend more intentional time with family, friends, and my dog – although work/life balance is a never-ending feat.

District XIII: TBD (District Director)

District XIV: Andy Toelle (District Director)

- No report

SECTION V – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

