

INDIANA 4-H FOUNDATION

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The Indiana 4-H Foundation is a thriving Foundation that builds partnerships to secure financial support, advocacy and promotion of Indiana 4-H Youth Development now and for generations to come.

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DOW AGROSCIENCES PARTNERSHIP GROWS More Students Enjoy Learning About STEM Careers

Through a decades-long partnership with Dow AgroSciences, the Indiana 4-H Foundation has expanded its science programming to all corners of the state. Renewed support from Dow AgroSciences for 2016 will build on the existing successes and increase capacity to help more youth get excit-

Indiana is fortunate to be the home of many small and large science, engineering, and technology research laboratories, startup companies, and established industries. Thanks to the involvement of many of these companies' employees as 4-H science volunteers, 4-H STEM programming

“Dow AgroSciences invests in Indiana 4-H because we believe that science-based solutions and programming are important to our customers and some likely future employees,” said Gerald Powell, Create Product Success Leader, Dow AgroSciences and Indiana 4-H Foundation Board member. “This STEM investment will prepare our next generation of innovators to solve the world’s toughest challenges, such as producing enough food to feed a forecasted 9 billion people by 2050.”

ed about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The gift also will support Indiana 4-H's statewide leadership events including Junior Leader Conference, Round-Up and Indiana 4-H Congress.

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improves youth 4-H science literacy and helps youth develop the skills necessary to be successful in science, technology, engineering and math coursework, and to enter collegiate programs in these areas.

“The engagement of Indiana scientists as volunteers in the 4-H Program allows us to shape opportunities through 4-H science club activities, expose youth to local 4-H science companies and *Continues on page 3*



EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT:
JOHN EMERSON
LAGRANGE COUNTY

John R. Emerson, Extension Educator from LaGrange County, has felt the impact of the Indiana 4-H Foundation because it serves as a great resource for all 4-H Educators. By providing statewide events that are accessible to young people, the Foundation is facilitating ways that 4-H can grow youth through knowledge and activities. The 4-H Foundation also is creating benefits for young people by leading the challenge to enlist the support of corporate donors. In John's experience, the 4-H Foundation's work helps not only him, but all Educators to succeed every day.

Originally an Indianapolis native, John

spent his early years in the Marion area, graduating from Oak Hill High School. Although not a long time 4-Her, he had the benefit of several coaches and teachers who understood youth development beyond the classroom.

As a young person, he was lucky both he and his sister had parents who believed in education, and who provided the support to make good career choices. He graduated from Miami University (Ohio) with a double major in journalism and economics and went on to receive his Master's degree from IU. For 22 years he worked in various youth-serving positions in state government, including child protective services and licensing. He became drawn to Purdue Extension as a second career because of the variety of possibilities

every day with youth, and in his words, "It has been a terrific choice."

One of the ways that John finds the 4-H Foundation particularly helpful is through the 4-H specialty license plate program. John says this is a great way for county constituents to contribute to the Foundation and its efforts. In turn, his county gets money from license plate sales, and the youth benefit by having the opportunity to participate in a multitude of workshops and events throughout the state that support "4-H grows here." John also works with individuals, groups, and his 4-H Junior Leaders to encourage donations to the 4-H Foundation, always stressing the return benefit to the development of the county's youth.

The biggest challenge that faces his programs is the growth of the 4-H population. The resources built in recent years by the 4-H Foundation have been an enormous help, especially in supporting activities around science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. John works daily to build on all three 4-H youth development mission areas of STEM, Healthy Living, and Citizenship in youth programs.

The continued contributions of donor organizations, company support, and friends of 4-H can only provide more knowledge and positive reinforcement to our youth, not only in LaGrange County but throughout the state. Those donations support John's efforts to give back to the Foundation by having successful programs and encouraging youth to be engaged in 4-H.



The 2016 Matching Gift Challenge is right around the corner!

Keep an eye on your mailbox in November for how you can help us raise money for Indiana 4-H Youth. Farm Credit will match gifts that come in during our end of year fundraising campaign. I hope we can count on your support for the new year.

“Dow AgroSciences’ contribution has provided opportunities for Indiana youth to experience a variety of STEM programming through their capacity building funds.” —Erika Bonnett, Extension Specialist 4-H Science Initiatives

Continued from page 1 organizations, and facilitate the development of positive relationships between youth and caring scientist, engineer, or technologist mentors,” said Bonnett.

The Indiana 4-H Foundation thanks Dow AgroSciences for being an integral part of our science volunteer core, as well as investing financially.

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people to positively impact their community and world. 4-H Science is nothing new. It was born in the first corn clubs and food preservation circles in the very beginnings of Indiana 4-H in 1904. In 2016, we have applied the same concepts of science to today’s needs.

4-H Youth Development educators and staff concentrate on making science fun and emphasize learning by observation and experience. Seeing science in everyday life helps youth understand and apply science skills. Because of the focus on observation and asking questions, 4-H STEM is a resource for becoming an engaged citizen in a democratic society resolving critical issues.

The 4-H Youth Development team will continue to expand the Indiana 4-H STEM programs into new communities with an emphasis on attracting youth that have historically been under-served or underrepresented in 4-H programs. By strengthening youth STEM skills through hands-on experiential-based learning opportunities with trained, qualified and caring

adult mentors, 4-H will introduce youth to additional educational opportunities and potential careers in STEM initiative areas. By using learning tools like inventing and robotics, youth have an opportunity to acquire new knowledge while they develop new STEM skills, career connections, and life skills.

The Indiana 4-H Foundation is so grateful to Dow AgroSciences for its continued commitment to Indiana 4-H Science! If you or your company are interested in getting more involved with 4-H STEM Initiatives, please contact Erika Bonnett, Extension Specialist-4-H Science Initiatives at ebonnett@purdue.edu.

4-H IMPACT INSPIRES BUCHANAN TO HELP OTHERS **\$25,000 Gift will Create College Scholarship**



“It’s difficult to put into words how much 4-H means to me and also my sister,” said Buchanan. “We were members

of the Hi-Hoosiers 4-H Club in Vanderburgh County. Our mother and father both worked so we were home alone a lot of the time and had plenty of opportunity to work on our projects.”

With their parents’ support, Buchanan and her sister not only took on projects, they learned leadership skills as club officers, junior leaders, attended the State Fair Girls’ School and took part in 4-H trips to Washington, D.C. and New York.

“Being in 4-H taught us time management and organization skills, pride in finishing a project to the best of our ability, and the knowledge gained in taking so many projects each year,” said Buchanan.

In fact, 4-H was such a big part of Buchanan’s life that inspired her to spend her entire career in Extension from beginning by working with youth and family and ending as an Extension administrator.

The impact 4-H had on her growing up and the impact she saw it have on youth throughout her career inspired Buchanan to make a planned gift to the Indiana 4-H Foundation so others could have the same opportunities she had.

“I wish everyone had the opportunity to belong to 4-H,” said Buchanan. “I don’t know any other youth development organization that provides a young person with so many opportunities to develop their life skills.”

Buchanan’s \$25,000 gift to the Indiana 4-H Foundation will endow a scholarship through a bequest from her will. Interest from the endowment will fund The Dr. Pat Jarboe Buchanan 4-H Scholarship for a Vanderburgh County 4-H Youth that attends Purdue University at the West Lafayette campus.

“4-H meant so much to me and started me on the path of my life’s work,” said Buchanan. “It was important to me to give some 4-H member an opportunity to attend college and pursue their dreams.”

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP HONORS FORMER MISS AMERICA'S SERVANT LEADERSHIP



Katie Stam Irk credits Indiana 4-H programs for helping her learn life skills while making memories and friends.

Established in 2010 to honor Jackson County 4-H member and 2009 Miss America Katie Stam, the Katie Stam Irk Scholarship for Servant Leadership has been endowed thanks to the generosity of Jerry and Robin Nickel.

This Indiana 4-H Foundation scholarship has been awarded since 2010, honoring 4-H members who exemplify the principle that to lead others, you must first serve others. In 2016, Jerry and Robin Nickel from Fayette County decided to endow the scholarship with a gift of \$40,000 so it can be given for years to come.

Katie Stam Irk still speaks enthusiastically about her time in 4-H, and the many things it taught her, "4-H is important to me because it taught me some of the best values and qualities that have carried me successfully through my adult life.

Leadership, responsibility, service and time-management are just a few of the top values that I attribute to my 10 years in 4-H," said Irk.

Irk is thankful to the Indiana 4-H program for helping her learn life skills while making amazing memories and wonderful new friends.

"I would love to see every child have a 4-H experience, which is why I will always promote 4-H, attend 4-H functions, and give back in any way possible to see youth continue to thrive through this incredible program," said Irk.

Thanks to the generosity of the Nickels, the Katie Stam Irk Servant Leadership Scholarship will continue to carry on Irk's excitement about 4-H and the life skills it imparts.



CRYSTAL & EMERALD CLOVER LUNCHEON

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 12PM TO 1:30PM

KELLEY AGRICULTURAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Round Barn

6032 W 550 N, Sharpsville, IN 46068

(Just north of the Hamilton County line on US 31 North)

What is a Crystal or Emerald Clover?

Crystal Clovers are individuals who give at least \$1,000 in unrestricted funds to the Foundation within a calendar year. Emerald Clovers give at least \$5,000. While it is wonderful to receive funding specific to the valuable programs that would not be possible without our donors, unrestricted funding is vital to add flexibility to the Foundation to support lesser known programs and operations. Crystal & Emerald Clovers are recognized as being giving leaders for Indiana 4-H. As a member of this giving club, you will know you are building the capacity of the Indiana 4-H program to reach new audiences. By joining, you'll receive personal invitations to special events as they're available and personal communication from the Foundation that allows you to be more informed about what is happening with 4-H across Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The 2016 Indiana 4-H Congress is presented each year by Indiana 4-H Foundation in partnership with Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service and Indiana 4-H Youth Development and with generous support from sponsors CountryMark, Ceres Solutions, Accenture, Inc., Beacon Ag, Dow AgroSciences, Farm Credit Mid-America, and Harvest Land.

The 2016 4-H Congress Scholarship Luncheon was held October 1, at the Farm Bureau Building at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The luncheon meeting is the awards event for the 4-H year, and recognizes scholarship recipients for outstanding achievement. Attendees were able to see how 4-H grows leaders in Indiana, and to see how financial donations to the Indiana 4-H Foundation directly benefit 4-H youth across the state. The emcee for the luncheon was Kevin Gregory, RTV6 Chief Meteorologist and father of two ten year 4-H members. The entertainment for the luncheon was presented by the Purduettes, from the Purdue Musical Organizations.



2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Premier Scholarship Recipients

2016 Premier Achievement Scholarship

Dustin Paul, Carroll County
Sponsored by McKinney Farms

2016 Premier Citizenship Scholarship

Nathan Park, Huntington County
Sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, LLC

2016 Premier Leadership Scholarship

Austin White, Tippecanoe County
Sponsored by Indiana State Fair Commission

Animal Science Scholarships:

Kristen Bales, Wells County
Sponsored by Indiana Veterinary Medical Association

Mercedes Brunton, Benton County
Sponsored by David and Brenda Day

Regan Culp, Pulaski County
Sponsored by Indiana Beef Cattle Association

Kylei Klein, Wayne County
Sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau

Mya Lorenz, Warrick County
Sponsored by JBS United, Inc.

Mackinzie Scott, Ohio County
Sponsored by Indiana Turkey Market Development Council

Anna Slack, Ohio County
Sponsored by Indiana Horse Council Foundation

Dalton Smith, Hendricks County
Sponsored by Kentland Veterinary Clinic & Patterson Country Acres LLC

Emily Wagoner, Carroll County
Sponsored by Orscheln Industries Foundation, Inc.

Erin Will, Vanderburgh County
Sponsored by American Dairy Association, Indiana Inc.

Citizenship Scholarship:

John Michael Beale, Carroll County
Sponsored by American Income Life Insurance Company

Allison Pence, Hamilton County
Sponsored by American Income Life Insurance

Lauren Schreck, Hamilton County
Sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America

Noah Zimmer, St. Joseph County
Sponsored by Barnes & Thornberg, LLC

Communications Scholarship

Skyler Catron, Tippecanoe County
Sponsored by Jerry and Robin Nickel & Katie Stam-Irk

Samantha Shank, Elkhart County
Sponsored by Hoosier Ag Today

Engineering and Technological Science Scholarship

Avery Radmacher, Harrison County
Sponsored by Indiana Electric Cooperatives

Nathaniel Schadler, Warrick County
Sponsored by Orscheln Industries Foundation, Inc.

Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science Scholarship:

Kenzie Ayers, Gibson County
Sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America

Andrew Clark, Warrick County
Sponsored by Gifts in Honor of Annabel Rupel

Sarah Davenport, Steuben County
Sponsored by Paulette LeCount-Dowden Endowment

Lindsey Koester, Vanderburgh County
Sponsored by Gifts in Honor of Annabel Rupel

Leadership Development Scholarship

Glenn Faris, Johnson County
Sponsored by Barbara J. Faris Endowment

Mariah Huge, Putnam County
Sponsored by Purdue College of Agriculture

Gracen Jarrett, Daviess County
Sponsored by Cecilia M. Ritchie & Robert M. Ritchie

Makayla Schirmer, Hendricks County
Sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau

Allison Schoenfeld, St. Joseph County
Sponsored by Indiana Electric Cooperatives

Makhalea Young, Montgomery County
Sponsored by Gifts in Honor of Annabel Rupel

Plant and Environmental Science Scholarship

Leah Hefty, DeKalb County
Sponsored by AgReliant Genetics

Daniel Keiser, Warren County
Sponsored by Indiana 4-H Foundation

Richard Eugene Ladd 4-H Scholarship Endowment

Jessie Ferree, Grant County

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Adam Harner, Grant County

Robert E. and Maureen K. Anderson 4-H Scholarship Endowment

Lauren Powell, Jasper County

SPECIAL THANKS

We are so excited to announce a partnership with Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Gibson County 4-H and the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

Extension Educator Megan Hoffherr, a member of the State 4-H science mission team who had previously received Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana funding for her county science program, brainstormed a proposal to approach the company for a broader area wide gift that would reach eleven counties.

“With the help of the Indiana 4-H Foundation, Area 3 Extension Educators were able to secure a grant for \$30,000 from Toyota,” said Hoffherr. “This will allow us to create additional educational opportunities related to STEM and the maker’s movement. We’re very excited to expand our programming and hopefully reach new audiences. Through this grant, we can offer activities to spark a science interest in young people.”



Toyota Indiana partners with Gibson County 4-H and the Indiana 4-H Foundation to invest in STEM educational opportunities for Indiana 4-H Youth in Area III. Youth members from Gibson County have already benefited from funding made by Toyota Indiana.



Area 3 Counties:

Daviess
Dubois
Gibson
Knox
Martin
Perry
Pike
Posey
Spencer
Vanderburgh
Warrick

INDIANA CONSUMER TRENDS COUNCIL DONATES \$20,000 TO HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVE

The Indiana Consumer Trends Council (ICTC) donated \$20,000 to create an endowment through the Indiana 4-H Foundation that will support the 4-H program’s Healthy Living initiative. The organization sees this as an investment in the future that is in keeping with their mission and values.

Annie Watts Cloncs serves on the Executive Council of ICTC. She is a 4-H alum from Jackson County and a former member of the Indiana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. She sees the value of 4-H in her own life.

“I attribute much of who I am—personally and professionally—to my 4-H ‘career,’” said Watts Cloncs. “4-H provided my first public speaking experiences and group leadership training...skills I use, and appreciate, every day.”

Both of Watts Cloncs’ parents were 4-Hers, so being part of 4-H was an important family tradition for her and her siblings. “4-H gave me opportunities for achievement

and recognition and rewarded me with lifelong friendships, wonderful memories and a commitment to always try to ‘make the best better,’” said Watts Cloncs.

Many ICTC members are 4-H alumnae, and those who weren’t 4-Hers themselves are aware of 4-H’s longstanding and continuing commitment to the positive development of Indiana’s youth.

Watts Cloncs spoke about the importance of giving back to an organization that was an important factor in her success. “I want this opportunity to be available to Indiana youth now and into the future, so I support the Indiana 4-H Foundation with my time, talents and treasure,” she said.

Most importantly, Watts Cloncs, who now lives in Putnam County, has found that 4-H gave her the “tools at hand” she needed in so many areas of her life.

She shares this poem, which she says, “sums up why I give back to 4-H... it’s my thanks for the tools at hand.”

Success

By James G Moran

It isn't the book that is written

It isn't the picture that's drawn

It isn't the field that's planted

And it isn't the log that is sawn.

It's the use a man makes of the tools at this hand –

For if they be many or few,

And if the job gets the best that he has

When less than the best will do.

For some have advantage of training

And some even start with a name

While others must plod along on the sod

Forever unfavored of fame.

And so at the last great audit

When the records of life are scanned,

It won't be the size of the job that counts

But the job with the tools at hand.



Donor Profile

Name: Steve Bechman

Job: Market President for Johnson County, Horizon Bank

4-H Club: Hopewell Boys 4-H Club (although it was a co-ed club)

County: Johnson County

When did you join 4-H? 1961

10-year member? Yes

What projects did you do? Swine, electric, photography, forestry, woodworking, vegetables

Other 4-H Involvement: Tractor Club, Junior Leader, Round-up, Indiana 4-H Foundation Board

Highest 4-H Award: About my 8th or 9th year in 4-H, I showed a barrow, a wether, and a steer and got both Grand Champion Barrow and Wether that year.

4-H Family: My daughter, Tricia, was a 10-year 4-H member. All my siblings were also 4-H members. Growing up on a farm, we all looked forward to getting to spend nights at the Johnson County Fair.



MEET STEVE BECHMAN | 4-H Teaches Responsibility

What is your best memory of 4-H?

Six or eight of us went on an exchange trip in Minnesota and we each spent a week with another 4-H family. For me as a 16-year-old who lived on a farm, it was my first real trip away from home. We never really had any trip or vacation because we always had to look after the animals. I was placed at the home of a dairy farmer, and had to get up each day at 5 a.m. to help milk the cows. It was a good time and a good experience.

What is the most useful thing you learned through 4-H?

I think the level of responsibility that it teaches you by caring for livestock and completing your projects. You learn a lot doing different projects (I find I still do a lot of basic stuff that I learned in electric), managing deadlines to get projects done, and learning about scheduling. I'm proud that I never missed completing a project. Also the interaction with other 4-H kids—I moved up through the officer ranks in my 4-H club where I learned about Roberts Rules of Order and how to run a meeting.

Why donate?

I know the value of having that 4-H experience and the benefits of what

they learn in the real world. Statistics show that 4-H members stand above other youth in skills and preparation for life after school. As an example, I have a customer who owns a manufacturing company, and he asks prospective employees if they were in 4-H because he believes they make better employees. We need to support that and get even more kids involved in 4-H.

Why make Stock donation?

I wanted to support 4-H in a significant way. While I could write a check; I was able to provide more support by using appreciated stock. It was a win-win because I was able to make a donation with no cash out of pocket, no tax liability and a tax deduction for the full appreciated value of the stock. As an example, if you purchased stock for \$1 a share and held it until the market value was \$10, once you sold it you'd have to pay capital gains taxes on that \$9. If instead, you donate it to the Indiana 4-H Foundation, they get the entire \$10 per share stock value, you get to use the \$10 value for your tax deduction and you pay no capital gains taxes, so everyone wins.

A Gift to the Indiana 4-H Foundation Supports 4-H Youth Across 92 Indiana Counties

By engaging youth in hands-on experiential learning through traditional projects and innovative technology programs, 4-H instills leadership, responsibility and lifelong learning.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations may be tax-deductible as allowed by law. Individual support is vital to making Indiana 4-H programs available to young people across the state!

You can support Indiana 4-H with a check or credit card donation by making a one-time or monthly recurring gift. You can give securities, donate a vehicle on behalf of Indiana 4-H or sponsor one of our Signature Programs to touch tens-of-thousands of Indiana 4-H Youth.

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