

# Seven Pennsylvanians claim nat'l 4-H scholarships

Chicago, ILL. - Seven 4-H members from Pennsylvania claimed \$6800 in scholarships at the 56th National 4-H Congress here this week. Each was named a winner in programs arranged by the National 4-H Council and supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Selected for their accomplishments in 4-H projects and activities, leadership development and growth in personal, community, and civic responsibilities, 273 winners nationwide shared \$249,600 in educational grants.

Pennsylvania's national winners were: Jeffrey Craig, 17, of Royersford, achievement; Gary W. Welsh, 18, of East Berlin, automotive; Patricia LeVan, 19, of Milton, dairy; Ellen Rigas, 17, of Coudersport, dress revue; Kevin Kase, 18, of Danville, entomology; Anne G. Meyers, 18, of Wapwallopen, horse; and Jeffrey Stull, 17, of Waynesboro, petroleum power.

During their visit to Chicago, the 4-H'ers toured the museums and other points of interest.

With the theme, "4-H-Freedom To Be", the five-day event provided a balanced program of education, inspiration, and



Jeff Craig

recognition. Jobs, careers, and understanding of America's economic system were emphasized throughout the Congress program.

The Congress closed Thursday evening with the naming of six presidential award winners, a banquet, and a farewell party.

Individual resumes of the seven Pennsylvania national winners follow:

### Jeff Craig

Jeffrey Craig was one of nine national winners who received \$1000 scholarships from Ford Motor Company Fund, the 4-H achievement program sponsor.

A high school senior, Craig was carrying on a family tradition by being selected to make the trip to Chicago. His older sister was the first 4-H member from Montgomery County ever to attend National 4-H Congress.

Craig's leadership skills have included handling a group of 35 younger 4-H members as a camp counselor. His 4-H projects reflect a wide ranging interest in consumer products and problems. He belonged to a four-member 4-H team which specialized in researching best buys in a variety of consumer

products and won a blue ribbon at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

### Gary Welsh

Gary Welsh received a \$1000 scholarship at the 56th National 4-H Congress.

The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company presented the automotive scholarships and also provided winners with expense-paid trips to the Congress.

Welsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Welsh, Jr., has been in the automotive program three years. At the end of one year in the program, he had already become a county winner, regional winner, and received a second place in state competition.

Since the automotive program has no countywide club or project leader in



Gary Welsh

York County, he has carried the program independently and taught himself whatever he has learned.

Last year he started a countywide automotive club and this year he trained members for the county Autorama contest. He stresses safety in all of his instruction to younger members.



Patty LeVan

Welsh graduated from high school last June. He plans to operate his own automotive repair shop.

### Patricia LeVan

Patricia LeVan has been named one of six national winners in the 4-H dairy program.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. LeVan, she received a \$1000 scholarship from Insurance Company of North America, sponsor of the 4-H dairy program.

This year Miss LeVan was 4-H Keystone dairy winner for the third time and also received a blue award and a state medal for her demonstration on mastitis.

For two years she was named distinguished junior member finalist in the senior

division of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association contest.

The young winner lives on a dairy farm and has won many showmanship awards at county, district and state levels. She has also been champion showman for the last two years at the Northumberland County Fair. She received a master exhibitor award at the district 4-H show.



Ellen Rigas

### Ellen Rigas

A 17-year-old Pennsylvania girl, who designed her own pattern pieces so that she could copy an original Mexican designed gown, has been named one of six national winners in the 4-H Dress Revue program.

Ellen Rigas, of Coudersport R1, received a \$1000 scholarship during the 56th National 4-H Congress.

Miss Rigas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rigas, is a high school senior and plans a theater-related career. She is a nine-year 4-H'er.

The Potter County girl was one of some 50 Congress delegates who, as state winner, modeled their outfits at the National 4-H Fashion Revue, an annual Congress highlight.

### Kevin Kase

Kevin Kase, received an \$800 scholarship during the 56th National 4-H Congress.

Kase's award was donated by Hercules, Incorporated, sponsor of the entomology program.

Kase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Kase, is a sophomore at Clarion State College, and plans a career



Kevin Kase

in counseling. He is a 10-year 4-H'er.

The Montour County youth received an overwhelming response from 4-H'ers in such states as Arizona, Colorado, Florida, and Texas when they learned through the National 4-H News that he was trying to set up an insect exchange program Ronald Struble of the Penn State University entomology department



Anne Meyers

aided him in setting up an exchange program that was "logically as well as lawfully coordinated", the youth added.

The youth also coached the second place entomology team in state competition.

Kase has applied his knowledge from his entomology project to his vegetable gardening and landscape projects by controlling harmful insects.

### Annie Meyers

Annie Meyers, has won a \$1000 scholarship for outstanding achievement in the 4-H horse program.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers, Wapwallopen R2.

Miss Meyers joined the 4-H Horse program five years ago and in two years went from fifth out of five at county competition to second at regional when she won the right to represent Luzerne County and Region 3 in equitation at the state show.

Fast upward momentum seems to be a habit with the Luzerne County winner. In four years in the Horse Bowl competition, she went from county winner to regional to state, and in 1976, won the national title.

She has now set another goal for herself, she says. She would like to coach the state championship Horse Bowl team.

Miss Meyers attends Bloomsburg State College where she is majoring in veterinary medicine.

### Jeffrey Stull

Jeffrey Stull, has won a \$1000 scholarship as one of six national winners in the 4-H petroleum power program. The petroleum power scholarships were presented by Amoco Foundation, Inc., the program sponsor.

Stull is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Stull.

The youth has been recognized for his skill with engines both in 4-H and at his local high school where he is in his senior year.



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