

State 4-H Award Winners Off For National Congress

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Teresa Herman

Teresa Herman, Roaring Branch, (Tioga), was named state Dairy Award winner.



The daughter of Larry and Mary Herman, she is a freshman at Wilkes College. Herman, who has been a 4-H member for 10 years, served as president, vice president and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted in club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in dairy, dairy foods, photography, veterinary science, nutrition and leadership.

She took part in her county Demonstrations and Exchange Trips. She also participated in the regional Fashion Revue and International Night. She attended the State Cow Show, Capitol Days, Leadership Congress and State Days.

Rachael Hixenbaugh

Rachael Hixenbaugh, (Beaver), was named state Achievement Award winner.



The daughter of Joseph and Kathryn Hixenbaugh, she is a freshman at Slippery Rock University. Hixenbaugh, who has been a 4-H member for 11 years, served as president, vice president and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a song leader, game leader, junior and senior leader. She completed projects in sheep, pet care, hogs, rabbits, clothing, horseless horse, steer, wildlife, photography, child care, vegetables and cooking.

She took part in Achievement Night, regional wool judging and the Teen Leader Retreat. On the state level, she has participated in State Days, the Farm Show, and Leadership Congress. Also, on the national level, Hixenbaugh competed for Pennsylvania at the National Suffolk Queen Contest.

Hixenbaugh's other accomplishments include the recipient of the "Al Curran" 4-H Scholarship, National Suffolk Princess and Pennsylvania Suffolk Queen.

Kimberly Hower

Kimberly Hower, Northampton, (Northampton), was named state Plant and Soil Science Award winner.



The daughter of Clarence and Enid Hower, she is a senior at Northampton Senior High School. Hower, who has been a 4-H member for eight years, served as secretary and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also completed projects in gardening, rabbits, goats, wildlife, swine, photography, vegetable forestry, handyman and geese.

She took part in county and regional 4-H camp and Achievement Days.

Sheryl Hunter

Sheryl Hunter, North Wales, (Montgomery), was named state Citizenship Award winner.



The daughter of Raymond and Barbara Hunter,

she is a junior at Lansdale Catholic High School. Hunter, who has been a 4-H member for 10 years, served as president and secretary of her local 4-H club. She also assisted in club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in pet care, veterinary science, photography, ceramics, flowers, clothing, writing, rabbits, cavy, crafts and wood work.

She took part in county and regional Demonstrations, Capitol Days, Leadership Congress, State Days and the Keystone Interviews on the state level. Nationally, Hunter participated in Citizenship Washington Focus and Exchange Trips to Virginia, North Carolina and Colorado.

Valerie Kerr

Valerie Kerr, Carmichaels, (Greene), was named state Leadership Award winner.



The daughter of Richard and Katherine Kerr, she is a senior at Carmichaels Area Junior-Senior High School. Kerr, a 4-H member for nine years, served as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She has completed projects in clothing, leadership, gardening, horses, sheep, lambs, swine, rabbits and beef cattle.

She took part in Achievement Night, Fashion Revue and 4-H officer's training on the county level. On the regional level she participated in 4-H camp, teen leader retreat and Activities Day. She also took part in Leadership Congress and State Achievement Days.

Denise Kessler

Denise Kessler, Chambersburg, (Franklin), was named the state Dog Care and Training Award winner.



The daughter of Bob and Carol Kessler, she is a sophomore at Chambersburg Area High School. Kessler, who has been a 4-H member for nine years, served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of her local 4-H club. She also assisted in club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in foods, clothing, goats, rabbits, wood-working, flowers, dogs and embryology.

She took part in county round-ups, county and regional retreats.

Noel King

Noel King, York Springs, (Adams), was named state Poultry Award winner.



The daughter of Dale and Kay King, she is a recent graduate of Bermudian Springs High School. King, who has been a 4-H member for nine years, served as president, vice president and assistant secretary of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader, song and game leader. King completed projects in capons, clothing, foods and crafts.

She took part in county and regional camp, fashion revue and demonstrations. She also participated in State Days, Capitol Days, Leadership Congress, and the National Poultry and Egg Conference.

Wendy Leiby

Wendy Leiby, Tamaqua, (Schuylkill), was named state Leadership Award winner.



The daughter of Byron and Susan Leiby, she is a freshman at The Pennsylvania State University. Leiby, who has been a 4-H member for 11 years, served as president and treasurer of her local 4-H club. She also assisted in club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in leadership, clothing, foods, dairy, veterinary science, careers, crafts, health, fire safety, bowling and computers.

She took part in county 4-H camp and Fashion Revue and the regional Fashion Revue. On the state level she participated in Capitol Days, Leadership Congress and State Days. Nationally, she attended the Citizenship-Washington Focus.

Jennifer Mawhinney

Jennifer Mawhinney, Waynesboro, (Greene), was named state Sheep Award winner.



The daughter of Michael and Janet Mawhinney, she is a senior at Carmichaels Area Senior High School. Mawhinney, who has been a 4-H member for eight years, served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as song leader and completed projects in sheep, lambs, horses, heifers, steer, swine, consumer skills and leadership.

She took part in fashion revues and livestock judging on the county and regional levels. On the state level she participated in State Days, the 4-H Horse Show and the Fashion Revue. She also took part in the Keystone International Livestock Expo and the North American International Livestock Expo.

Susan McCaslin

Susan McCaslin, Muncy, (Lycoming), was named state Citizenship Award winner.



The daughter of Leon and Donna McCaslin, she is a freshman at The Pennsylvania State University. McCaslin, who has been a 4-H member for 10 years, served as president, vice president, and song and game leader of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in photography, riflery, leadership, foods, clothing and toastmasters.

She took part in Demonstration Days and County Council on the county level. On the regional level she participated in teen retreat Demonstration Days and was a camp CAT and camp counselor. McCaslin also participated on the state Ambassador Programs, P.I.F.Y.E. delegate to Japan, State Achievement Days and the Farm Show.

Internationally, McCaslin was a host sister for a New Zealand girl, a girl from Japan, and two boys from Uruguay, and was a translator for the Inter-American-Ibero Youth Conference Delegation.

Jung (Judy) Park

Jung (Judy) Park, North Wales, (Montgomery), was named state Agriculture Career Awareness Scholarship Award winner.



The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jong Jin Park, she is a freshman at The Pennsylvania State University. Park, who has been a 4-H member for six years, completed projects in clothing, crafts, coin collecting, child care and babysitting.

Heather Peters

Heather Peters, Bellefonte, (Centre), was named state Personal Development Award winner.



The daughter of Richard Peters and Sharon Correll, she is a sophomore at Bald Eagle Area High School. Peters, who has been a 4-H member for six years, served as vice president and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in goats, clothing, health, macrame and woodworking.

Arthur Peterson

Arthur Peterson, Cyclone, (McKean), was named state Automotive Award winner.



The son of Art and Linda Peterson, he is a senior at Smethport Area High School. Peterson, who has been a 4-H member for seven years, served as president and vice president of his local 4-H club. He also participated in 4-H camp on the county and regional levels, Leadership Congress, State Days and Capitol Days on the state level.

Joann Rishel

Joann Rishel, Seven Valleys, (York), was named state Photography Award winner.



The daughter of Richard and Rebecca Rishel, she is a junior at Dallastown Area High School. Rishel, who has been a 4-H member for nine years, served as president, vice president, secretary, news reporter and historian of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader, song and game leader. Rishel completed projects in photography, foods, crafts, health, strawberries, beef, and capons.

She took part in county and regional livestock judging, round-ups and demonstrations. She also participated in State Days and the State Farm Show, the Eastern National Stockman's Contest and the National Meats Judging Contest.

Ronna Ritchie

Ronna Ritchie, (Armstrong), was named state Public Speaking winner.



The daughter of James and Loretta Ritchie, she is a senior at Dayton Jr-Sr High and is also taking classes at Point Park College. Ritchie, who has been a 4-H

member for nine years, served as president, secretary and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a song and game leader and completed projects in public speaking, horse, veterinary science, health, exploring, citizenship, plants, tractors, foods and nutrition, arts and crafts, babysitting and children.

She took part in the horse bowl, fashion revue and Achievement Night on the county level, the regional fashion revue and demonstrations, State Days and Leadership Congress. Ritchie was honored in 1984 as Outstanding Senior 4-H Girl for Armstrong County.

Aaron Rospierski

Aaron Rospierski, Washington, (Washington), was named state Wood Science Award winner.



The son of Frank and Connie Rospierski, he is a senior at McGuffey High School. Rospierski, who has been a 4-H member for nine years, served as president, secretary, treasurer and news reporter of his local 4-H club. He also assisted with club activities and events as a county council representative, song and game leader. Rospierski completed projects in wood science, dogs, rocketry, wildlife, forestry, pet care and leadership.

He took part in the county officer's training, regional camp and teen leader retreat. On the state level he participated in Leadership Congress, State Days, Capitol Days and Pennsylvania 4-H Week. Rospierski also took part in an exchange trip to Kansas.

Richard Shaffer

Richard Shaffer, Somerset, (Somerset), was named state Horse Award winner.



The son of Richard and Lynn Shaffer, he is a graduate of Rockwood Area Senior High School. Shaffer, who has been a 4-H member for 11 years, served as president, vice president and news reporter of his local 4-H club. He also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in horses, wildlife, trees, strawberries, vegetables, trail riding, physical fitness, motorcycles, riflery, archery, beef, snowmobiles and health.

He took part in county and regional demonstrations, workshops and horse shows. On the state level he participated in State Days, the State 4-H Horse Show and Club Congress. He also attended the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.

Damian Shiner

Damian Shiner, Myerstown, (Lebanon) was named state Gertrude L. Warren Career Scholarship Award winner.



The son of Daniel and Gail Shiner, he is a freshman at the University of Notre Dame. Shiner, who has been a 4-H member for 11 years, served as president, vice president and news reporter of his local 4-H club. He also assisted with club activities and events as a

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