

Eight Maryland Residents Receive National 4-H Honors

COLLEGE PARK, MD — Seven Maryland teen-agers and one adult were honored during the 68th National 4-H Congress last week in Chicago. More than 1,600 of the nation's outstanding 4-H members attended.

Maryland was represented by a contingent of 36 youth delegates and four adult chaperones. The chaperones represented the Maryland 4-H Club Foundation and the University of Maryland's Co-operative Extension Service.

Gene L. Swackhamer of Sparks (Baltimore County) was one of eight former 4-H members from throughout the nation who received the coveted Gold Key award at a national 4-H alumni winners recognition luncheon in the Chicago Hilton hotel.

David W. Simpson of Green Valley (Frederick County), a 1988 Gold Key award winner, gave the inspirational message during a Sunday morning worship service at this year's National 4-H Congress. Simpson is a United Methodist minister serving congregations in upper Montgomery County.

At other events during the week, seven Maryland 4-H members were presented with \$1,000 or \$1,500 college scholarships provided by industry supporters of the national 4-H program. The Maryland scholarship winners are:

Frederick County — Heather D. Corson, 17, of Braddock Heights and Heidi L. Glisan, 17, of New London.

Carroll County — Jenell R. Rinehart, 16, of Taneytown.

Howard County — Ernest H. Beck, 17 of Jessup; Michael T. Howell, 19, of Glenelg; and Matthew E. Iager, 18, of Fulton.

Montgomery County — Rebecca A. Segal, 17, of Four Corners.

A former Indiana 4-H member, Swackhamer has been president and chief executive officer for the Farm Credit Bank of Baltimore since 1977. He began his farm finance career in 1970 as director of research for the Farm Credit Administration in Washington, D.C.

Swackhamer grew up on a farm in Jackson Township, Clinton County, near Frankfort, Ind. His 4-H projects included swine, crops, conservation and gardening. The latter project earned him a national 4-H scholarship award in 1956. He was president of the Indiana 4-H Junior Leaders in 1955-56.

He is currently vice president and a member of the board of directors for the Maryland 4-H Club Foundation. He also holds membership in the International 4-H Youth Exchange Alumni Association and the Gunpowder Junior Farmers Club, believed to be the oldest continuous club of its kind in the nation. He is an active member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Swackhamer holds an M.S. degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. He is an Alpha Zeta member and past president of the Purdue Alumni Club of Baltimore.

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Jenell R. Rinehart, 16, of Taneytown (Carroll County) shows off her favorite breed of cow to fellow members of Maryland's 1989 national champion 4-H dairy cattle judging team. The team included (left to right): Randy Stiles, 19, of Bootjack (Montgomery County) and Jim Allen, 18, of Broad Run (Frederick County). Stacey Guyton, 17, of Arnoldstown (Frederick County), the other team member, was not present for this picture. At right is the team coach, Dr. J. Lee Majeskie, Extension dairy specialist at the University of Maryland. Jenell was one of six 4-H members from across the U.S. who were named national dairy winners at the recent National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

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Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

For the customs of the people are vain: one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

They are upright as the palm tree, But speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.

Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.

Jeremiah 10:2-6

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