

Montgomery Ag Center Awards Five Students

GAITHERSBURG, Md.— Five students from Montgomery County have each been awarded \$2,000 scholarships by the Montgomery County Agricultural Center Inc. The presentations were made by the agricultural center during its annual meeting.

Scholarship recipients were Christy Crawford of Adamstown; Robert Delauder Jr., Valerie Murray and Jonathan Rippeon, all of Gaithersburg; and Amy Savage of Germantown.

Four \$500 scholarships were also awarded. Recipients were Heather Hamm of Clarksburg; Susan Klopp of Laytonsville; Stacy Stabler of Gaithersburg; and Marguerite White of Olney.

Nearly 30 applicants were in contention for the nine scholarships. In order to apply, applicants must be a 4-H or Future Farmers of America member in the Montgomery County programs and be directing their education toward agriculture, home economics, or a related field. Applicants are judged 75 percent on 4-H and FFA records and achievement; 15 percent on grades; and 10 percent on future plans.

Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Crawford, is a senior at Frederick High School.

While in 4-H, Crawford, 17, has been active in the Montgomery County 4-H Beef Club and the Montgomery County 4-H Senior Council. She is also a member of the Frederick FFA Chapter. She has also held numerous offices while in 4-H.

Crawford has carried 4-H projects in beef, public speaking, community service, childcare, photography, and livestock judging.

Crawford plans to pursue a career in agriculture journalism.

Delauder, 17, is a freshman at The Kings College in New York. He is the son of Robert Delauder of Frederick and Sherry Delauder of Gaithersburg.

Delauder is planning to pursue a career in law or public relations

with emphasis toward agriculture.

Delauder is a member of the Lewisdale 4-H Club, Laytonsville Senior 4-H Club, and the Montgomery County 4-H Senior Council. His main 4-H projects have been horticulture, citizenship, leadership, bicycle, woodworking, forestry, arts and crafts, entomology, hobbies, and electricity.

Murray is a senior at Damascus High School. The 16 year old is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Murray.

Murray is planning to pursue a career in accounting or fashion.

A member of the Clover Clan 4-H Club and the Montgomery County 4-H Senior Council, Murray has held numerous offices and carries projects in fashion, public speaking, foods, leadership, citizenship and community service. She is the 1991-92 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Queen.

Rippeon, 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rippeon. He is a senior at Gaithersburg High School.

Rippeon is a member of the Montgomery County 4-H Beef Club, the Montgomery County 4-H Senior Council, the Montgomery County 4-H Sheep and Swine Club, and Quail Valley 4-H Club.

He carries 4-H projects in beef cattle, agriculture, woodworking and community service.

Rippeon plans to pursue a career in agriculture and business.

Savage, daughter of Dennis Savage of Keymar and Katherine King of Germantown, is a senior at Seneca Valley High School.

The 16 year old plans to pursue her education in dairy science or pre-veterinary medicine.

Savage is a member of the Montgomery County 4-H Holstein Club and the Montgomery County 4-H Senior Council. She carries dairy cattle as her main 4-H project.

"The Montgomery County Agricultural Center is pleased and honored to have these high caliber students receive the scholarships

sponsored by the ag center," said Robert N. Stabler, outgoing president of the ag center.

"The ag center has a written

purpose and part of that purpose is for our organization to take a vested interest in our youth and I

can't think of a better way than to award these scholarships," Stabler said.

4-H Integrates Other Cultures

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Anyone working with young people can benefit from attending a free workshop in March on "Global Connections: A Development Education Project."

The workshop, coordinated by 4-H through Penn State Cooperative Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is part of a statewide effort to help youth leaders and educators incorporate international understanding into their curricula.

"The workshop will provide youth educators and leaders with many ideas for giving young people an international perspective on

economic, social and cultural development. 4-H agents, teachers, scout leaders, youth program organizers, church educators and others will be able to use the information."

Topics will include an introduction to the 4-H and "My World" leader guides; teaching global citizenship during camping, recreation, exhibits, fairs and festivals; using games that simulate real-life situations to teach about other countries; teaching global marketing of agricultural products; and planning community service projects with young people. Participants will receive a packet of guides

and ideas.

"Global Connections: A Development Education Project" will be offered at State College on March 20, in Butler on March 23, and in Wilkes-Barre on March 25. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m., and the first session will start at 9:20 a.m. Attendance is free, and lunch will be provided for those who register by March 10.

To register for the workshop in State College, call (814) 863-7069. For the Butler workshop, call (814) 723-6003, and for the Wilkes-Barre workshop, call (717) 675-9274.



HAPPENINGS

Parents & 4-H And Youth Development

Parents play an important role in the non-formal educational experience that is the community or project 4-H club. They are instrumental in moving their children into the program. Parents are in fact the reason given by youth when asked why they became involved in 4-H.

Parents form the core of volunteer leaders that make clubs the viable delivery method they are. However, increasing numbers of youth are being reached through school enrichment and other intact groups such as school-age childcare programs. Parents can have a role here too.

Devising ways to involve parents in the 4-H youth develop-

ment experience their children are having presents a challenge but it can be accomplished. It can begin with informing parents that their children are (or will be) participating in 4-H youth development curriculum in their classroom, childcare program, or other setting. The letter to 4-H families (S8003) or an adaption of it can be used for this purpose.

Parents do want to know about their children's experience. Schools that have 4-H programs can be encouraged to include 4-H exhibits during parent nights or open house type functions. In their

case parents will not only learn the child is having a 4-H youth development experience but will see and learn just what this experience is.

Parents can also be involved in the child's experience. Self care programs using the 4-H materials "On My Own and OK" in schools, day camps, and childcare facilities can provide the program as a joint child/parent experience. In some cases a natural progression would consist of parent involvement in their child's experience then moving on to a program of their own such as parent education. Total family involvement is a tried and true extension concept. 4-H youth development programming can do much to accomplish such a goal.

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