

Los Angeles 4-H Senior Awards of Excellence 2020

Sr. Award of Excellence for Project Work

This member, who is only 14, started a beef livestock project with just a steer and a heifer. Now he has what you could call a whole herd. He owns 5 heifers, 3 steers and a bull calf. He has raised 3 healthy calves for his herd. This is an amazing accomplishment in just a few years of 4H work. All of his livestock projects were outstanding. He made \$1,049 from his lamb. In Showmanship he won first place and won his first belt buckle. To increase his knowledge, he visits stockyards and ranches. He learned about and used artificial insemination. Not only did he do an excellent job on all his livestock project records, beef, lamb and swine, he is vice-president of his club, actively participating in their activities. Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence winner for Project Work, from Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club, Landon Green.

Sr. Award of Excellence for healthy Living

The winner for healthy living is very concerned about the novel COVID-19 virus and holding 4-H club meetings. As Vice-President the member wanted to ensure everyone's safety while keeping members in active participation. With the club officer board, they began using Zoom for club board, project and general meetings to be sure everyone is involved and participating. This member's school started virtual learning in March, so the member planned a routine to remain healthy and active. The routine is –wake up at 6 AM, run a few miles, come home ,bake goodies, start school classes. Finish around 11 Am, then enjoy the rest of the day. This member went from B's to A's. This member also arranged social distance walks, s'mores in the backyard and even camping trips. This is what healthy living is all about, for yourself and your club and community. This member said, "4-H has taught me to be diligent, embrace change with open arms, and has inspired me to do more with my time. The whole club completed the year, thankful to be able to continue 4-H and the perseverance through these unusual times will be carried by each member for years to come."

Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence for Healthy Living winner, from Agoura Hills 4-H Club, Abby Lockman.

Sr. Award of Excellence for Community Service

Community service means doing something significant for the community in which you live. This year it was a little difficult with being isolated from others, but this member turned a project into help for many others. This member made more than 275 face masks and gave away 50. On Zoom, she taught her clothing project how to make 3 fold masks. Her original community service project for her Clothing project was making Linas blankets for comfort to children in need of soft, warm, handmade blankets. She spent \$275.71 and got the cost down to \$8.50 a blanket. The members learned to make them at their last project meeting together, and took some home to finish up. She finished up the others and donated them. She made 10 travel bags to sell at the Club's Christmas boutique. For her friends, family, and project members she altered 11 garments including pants, a wedding dress, a Hawaiian dress. She made 2 Lakers masks and masks for the class of 2020 graduates at church. Despite being shut in this member helped and made life easier for many in her club and community spending 26 hours in community service. Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence for Community Service winner, from Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club, Rebekah Kasperon.

Sr. Award of Excellence for Leadership

The Sr. Award winner for Leadership is in their second year as a Teen Leader at their club. This member is Teen leader for 4 projects: Heritage Art, Jr. Master Gardening, Pets and Small Animals and Poultry. The member is also her club's Community Service leader, youth activities director for San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair, and an All Star Ambassador. She was a volunteer at her community's Snow Day. About her teen leadership during this difficult time, she said, "I learned teaching a lesson never goes exactly as planned. Project members interested in rats wanted to talk and play, so I had to set aside time at the end to share stories about pets. Then everyone learns more." She was able to shift plans as when a horse trail was blocked with rocks, she planned and led the rock

removal. She discussed with members what their ideas were, and acted on them, and used the internet to find projects. She learned to lead with Zoom, had excellent planning and carrying out plans despite the pandemic. Congratulations to our Sr. Awards of Excellence winner in Leadership, from P.V.P. 4-H Club, Sophie Loewner.

Sr. Award of Excellence in Achievement

The Achievement award is awarded for excellence in all areas, projects, leadership, community service, and participation at all levels. It is not only this year, but past years also. This member has always practiced excellence in projects, leadership, community service this year and all past years. This member has been in 4-H for 9 years. He was in 12 projects this year, all completed excellently, teen leader for 2 projects, completed 27 hours of community service, held a job, participated in music and church activities. This member has taken and learned from 23 projects, 97 leadership activities and 92 community service opportunities. The member is always trying new projects. Each year seems to list at least one project that he is trying for the first time. He is always helping others achieve. This member said, "I believe that to achieve excellence, one must support others, lead with confidence, and make the best better. Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence in Achievement, from Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club, Mark Kasperson.