



## **4-H Youth Development**

### **Florida 4-H Talking Points** *(to be used in your elevator speech)*

- Florida 4-H is the statewide youth development program of the University of Florida IFAS Extension
- 4-H is the only youth development program with direct access to technological advances from university research.
- There are over 19,000 volunteers and more than 220,000 members ages 5-18
- Florida 4-H serves all 67 Florida counties, including the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
- 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential by providing hands-on, discovery learning educational programs.
- 4-H has 3 primary program areas: science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship, leadership.
- Young people in 4-H report better grades, higher levels of academic competence, an elevated level of engagement at school, and are 2 times more likely to plan to go to college to pursue a degree in science, engineering, or computer technology than their peers.