

Megan Mahoney  
"Reporter"

Ever since I was 7 years old, 4-H has been a large part of my life, 4-H has allowed me to grow and stretch myself to limits I didn't know I had. This has allowed me to become the leader I am today. From 2008 to now, I have been involved in several projects areas, such as animal science, livestock, community service, public speaking, citizenship and leadership. Attending my first County Council meeting not only opened my eyes to other possibilities besides showing my animals, but allowed me the opportunity to grow myself as a leader. This first County Council meeting made me start focusing on better my leadership skills. Since my second year of 4-H, I have held my club's secretary position. This past year, I was elected to serve as Lee County Council President, and District 12's Reporter. I have also had the opportunity to become a member of the State Executive Board serving on the Legislature and Entertainment Committee. Serving on the Executive Board has been such a great experience by being able to participate in the large amount of planning and hard work that go into each state event. By serving on Executive Board, it has not only improved my leadership but, has inspired me to give back to the 4-H program to help make the best better.

I am confident that the leadership roles that I have held these past eight years will allow me to be a capable and successful state officer. Responsibility, integrity, and focus are just a few examples of traits that make up a good leader. If elected as a state officer I will bring these traits along with enthusiasm which is something I believe is necessary to be a great state officer. From planning events on the county, district, and

state level, I have learned that being able to effectively communicate with your peers is a very important skill to have. Without effective communication, it limits the success of any goal one would want to reach. When serving as District 12 Reporter, it was my duty to advertise and push out information to the counties about different events we were having as a district. When elected as the State Reporter, I will use my experience as District 12 Reporter and other officer positions to fulfill the job to the best of my abilities. My main goal as reporter would be to inform as many youth as possible about all the great opportunities that 4-H has to offer, so they too can grow their leadership skills in the 4-H program. I will advertise these state events by posting on the Florida 4-H Instagram, Twitter and other social media accounts, this way youth are directly informed. 4-H has project areas for every interest a youth might have, from citizenship to healthy living to animal science and many more; there is a project for everyone. As reporter, I will ensure that more youth are informed of these amazing opportunities that 4-H has to offer. I would like to advertise our state events such as Florida 4-H Legislature and 4-H University to interest more youth about these amazing programs so together as a state we can better our leaders of tomorrow.

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## **OBJECTIVE:**

To be elected as the Reporter or the Florida 4-H State Council.

## **Education**

### **North Fort Myers High School, North Fort Myers**

August 2014 - Present

- Enrolled AICE Cambridge Program
- Dual Enrolled at Florida SouthWestern
- Accepted in Arts Program of Media Arts (News and Media Broadcasting)
- National Honor Society Member
- Certified in Microsoft Word and Powerpoint
- Political Debate Club (President)
- High School Cheerleader
- Model UN
- ALA Girls State Delegate

## **4-H Experiences**

October 2008 - Present

- Southern Pride Club- Secretary (2011 - Present) and Fundraising Chair (2010-2012)
- Teen Leadership/ County Council- Lee County President- 1 year (2016-Present)
- District 12 Council- District 12 Reporter- (2016-Present)
- Citizenship/ Washington D.C. Club- One of six Delegates selected from Lee County because of exemplary leadership to spend a week in Washington D.C. (2016-2017)
- Florida 4-H Executive Board Member- Legislature Committee/ Entertainment Committee (2016- Present)
- Horse Exhibitor- Showed horses at the Local, County, District, Regional, and State Level. (2009- Present)
- Small Animal Exhibitor- Showed Poultry and Rabbits at the Local, County, and District Level. (2008- Present)
- 4-H Legislature- Served as Lobbyist (2016) and Served as Deputy Assistant Head Lobbyist (2017)
- Camp Cloverleaf Counselor (2016)

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## Extra Curricular Activities

- Member of the Faith Assembly Church
- Secretary and Treasurer of the Lee County Junior Posse
- Lee County Junior Posse Ambassador (Queen)

## Events/Community Service Projects:

- Monofilament Madness- Environmental cleanup for the Fort Myers Beach/ Bay Area. Collected over 400 pounds of trash
- Blessing Bags- Bags created to facilitate the lives of the homeless Collier County community
- Dog Toys- Lee County came together to make over 60 dog toys for dogs in shelters
- Harry Chapin Food Bank- Collecting donations and canned goods for the Harry Chapin Food Bank
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing- Collecting donations to benefit the Salvation Army.
- Toys for Children in Hospitals- Collected and delivered Toys for children spending their holidays in the hospital.
- Fall Festival- Helped plan and collect donations to benefit Lee County 4-H
- Share the Fun/ Fashion Review- Planned and lead District wide event.
- Horse Judging/ Grooming Workshop- Wrote, taught and lead workshop.
- 4-H Proclamation Day- Gave speech and accepted the 4-H Proclamation from the County Commissioners.

## AWARDS

- 2016 4-H Bronze Award
- 2014, 2015, and 2017 Skillathon winner
- All Around Senior Horseman- 2 years
  - 2016 and 2017
- Lee County Junior Posse Queen