

## Why do I want to be a Florida 4-H State Officer?

The 8 years I have been in 4-H have been nothing short of amazing. Each year has outdone the prior with adventures and opportunities that have led to new friends and precious memories. One of my favorite memories is attending Intermediate State. It was my first taste of state level events and the opening of the leadership door to me. I spent that weekend absorbing all the information swirling around and bonding with some of youth from my district. By Sunday morning a plan for the upcoming year was formulated and ready to put into play. With the encouragement of my new friends, Agent and family, I ran for the District IX Treasurer. As District IX Treasurer I also became a member of the Executive Board. The officers that have led our great organization have done so with grace and dignity; while inspiring youth to step up to the leadership plate. I have stepped to the plate at the county and district level, serving two terms as the President for both councils. I feel it is time to take on the big league of the State Council, working to build Florida 4-H for future generations. I want to grow the passion of our members, inspire them to reach further and show them it is all possible with dedication.

As a member of the State Council I bring the BIG M and I am not referring to BIG Montana. "B" is for Belonging, ensuring every member feels included and that Florida 4-H is an all-inclusive organization. The "I" represents Independence, helping members grow into productive and responsible citizens. G is for the heart Generosity, instilling the importance of lending a helping hand to our fellow members and in our communities. Finally, "M" for Mastery, teaching real world life skills, giving a safe place to face challenges and a platform which to showcase their success. I will also bring organizational skills, time management, planning, team work, adaptability, and enthusiasm. I am a firm believer in prioritizing and

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following through with commitments. My actions speak for my capabilities and service throughout my county, district, and state committees.

Growing through the years in 4-H, raising livestock and participating in working the show barn, I have learned to expect the unexpected. Hard work and dirty hands are the backbone of raising and showing livestock. Quick thinking is a must when working with animals and people. Listening first and absorbing what is being said is important, sometimes it is not about the words said and more about what wasn't said. I have had opportunities to work with a team and on my own. As the coordinator of the Scarecrow Build, Farm Bureau dessert sales, county toy drives and the Bealls Back to School Bash; I established timelines for specific actions; assigned job duties and gave descriptions; built a volunteer schedule for each event; communicated between youth volunteers and adult volunteers. Teamwork is a must as is cooperation, they make tasks easier and sometimes more fun.

# **MONTANA ROSE SMITH**

Pasco County's UF IFAS 4-H YDI Ambassador

## **Objective**

To be elected State Council Secretary

## **Experience offices held**

- 2011-2012 Academy at the Farm Historian  
As Historian I took pictures at the 4-H meetings and made a scrapbook of the activities from the year.
- 2012-2013 Academy at the Farm President  
As President I set meeting agendas, followed parliamentary procedures, and planned educational activities for the meeting.
- 2012-2013 Odessa Wrangler Reporter  
As Reporter I made newsletters and submitted articles to the local newspapers.
- 2013-2015 Legend Dairy 4-H President  
As President I set meeting agendas, followed parliamentary procedures, and planned educational activities for the meeting.
- 2014-2015 District 9 Treasurer  
As Treasurer I planned fundraisers.
- 2014-2017 Pasco county Council President  
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## **EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS RUN**

- 4-H State Executive Board 2014-2017

Worked with Florida 4-H State officers to plan state events such as 4-H Legislature and 4-H Intermediate State as well as assist with the Ways and Means, COmmunications and Council Support, and entertainment committees.

- Showmanship clinic in Osceola county 2016-2017

I worked with a 4-H leader in Osceola county to run a showmanship clinic for the 4-H clubs dairy goat showman.

- Crystal Springs Community Event 2016

I worked with my agent to promote 4-H in an underdeveloped city.

- Parks and Recreation Fishing Event 2016

I worked with my agent to recruit 4-H member to help the parks and recreation run games.

- Scarecrow Festival 2013-2016

I worked with my 4-H leader to set up a petting zoo and scarecrow build at the Pioneer Florida Museum.

- Pioneer Florida Museum Holiday Open House 2015

I worked with my 4-H leader to set up a petting zoo.

- Florida Hospital Zephyrhills Christmas Tree Decorating 2015-2016

I worked with my agent to decorate Christmas trees at a local hospital.

- Tractor Supply Clover Day's Car Wash 2015-2017

I worked with my county council to run a car wash and bake sale to promote and raise money for the county council.

- Farm Bureau Dinner 2012-2016

I worked with my agent to make and sell desserts as a fundraiser at the Farm Bureau Dinner.

## **Education**

Entering Junior Year- Florida Virtual School

## **Awards**

- 2012-2017 placed in the top 10 in various dairy goat shows across the state
- 2013-2017 Emerald Award
- 2013-2014 1st Place Intermediate Showmanship at the Florida State Fair
- 2015-2016 Presidential Volunteer Service Award

- 2015-2016 1st place Florida Tailgate Contest Pork Division