



**Kentucky 4-H Paper Crane Project**  
**Video Script**  
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Lily Martin: In Japanese culture folding 1000 origami paper cranes represents peace, good health, and friendship. I felt that these values were something that we could all use a little bit of during these trying times. Because of this, the Kentucky 4-H 1000 Paper Crane Project was born.

Ben Sommers: Beyond just being a fun and interesting experience or participating in the international exchange program or project like this one helps us to become more open minded individual with more understanding and empathy for others. The crane as a focal point and symbol of this project also made it a message not only about a message about understanding other cultures but also about peace and understanding.

Lily Martin: The Paper Crane Project started during the coronavirus crisis. The goals of the project were to allow youth to interact with other youth from around the state, nation, and world and to learn about other cultures from right inside their homes.

Max Strass: Spreading awareness, understanding and respect should be a goal of all people to help make the world a more welcoming and united place.

Max Burnham: Developing global relationships is so important because it helps us gain a better understanding of people, perspectives, and cultures that are different from our own. This helps us build empathy and compassion and friendships that transcend borders and help connect our global community.

Max Burnham: Building and developing our own cross-cultural understanding means that we learn to appreciate and celebrate cultural differences rather than use them as tools for hatred and discrimination. This is so important as we look to create a world where all cultures are valued for being unique and different from one-another.

Lily Martin: The countries that participated were Taiwan, Japan, Spain, and the United States, with Taiwan creating the most cranes. The states from the United States that participated were Kentucky, Michigan, Virginia, Idaho, Florida, and North Carolina.

Total Cranes Count: 16,016

Jan Brinn: When I am making an Origami Crane – it has a Connection to the 4-H Pledge  
*Head* – Using your head in gaining global & cultural knowledge  
*Heart* – Your heart in friendship, empathy & love  
*Hands* – hands in creativity & service  
And *Health* – Your emotional & physical health  
For your club, your community, your country and your world.

