

Friends, Supporters, Members and Professionals of Kentucky 4-H:

We are incredibly excited for this year! As an organization we have got our work cut out for us, the combination of COVID-19 and an economic recession have made us completely rethink how our term as officers will look. We have developed a strategic plan for our term to not only sustain existing programs but improve them and design new ones from the ground up. This will be a unique year, but also one which will contain incredible opportunities for growth and fellowship. We believe this is going to be a record year for Kentucky 4-H!

We have decided that the mission for our officer year will be, “to encourage youth to grow despite challenges.” We have also set a target of characteristics that we hope to embody throughout the year: indomitable, passionate, reliable, inspiring, and adaptable. We would like for you to get to know us a little better through our biographical sketches included within this letter.



Landry Woodrum – Kentucky 4-H President

Hello! First, let me say that I am incredibly excited for this year. My 4-H journey began at the age of 5 when I was made to attend camp by my 4-H Agent (who is also my mother). I fell in love with summer camp, and my participation there brought me into entrepreneurship and public speaking contests. My career really began in 7th grade when I went into leadership programming for the first time. 4-H grew my passion for working with people and public speaking, and I am proud to say that I have achieved my lifelong goal of serving as a State Officer by honing those skills. This year I will be attending the University of Kentucky studying Agriculture Economics and Animal Sciences. I cannot wait to work with you all and make meaningful change for the program we love so much!



Deja Hatchett – Kentucky 4-H Vice President

Hi friends, what I have affectionately dubbed my ‘journey to the green jacket’ started with involvement in my county’s sewing club. My interest in all things textile and FCS began to grow before my eyes. I began to devote my spare time to upcycling, sewing, expressive arts and all things artistic through 4-H. As my passion for hands-on creative activities blossomed, so did my love of leadership. From being elected chairwoman of the Fashion Leadership Board, serving on the State Teen Council for two terms, teaching workshops at 4-H Summit and Teen Conference I knew that I wanted to dedicate my energy to mentoring younger 4-H’ers. My mission as state officer is to help youth find their own potential as leaders in their communities. I look forward to continuing to be an active part 4-H and connecting with each of you, whether it be virtual or in person. This year I will be attending Jefferson Community and Technical College where I am pursuing a degree in Applied Arts, I hope to attend the University of Kentucky and major in Textile Merchandising.



Morgan Barnes – Kentucky 4-H Secretary

Hello! I became involved in 4-H in 4th grade, but in 7th grade is when I found a passion through 4-H. For me, 4-H means family and friendship. I have made friendships from across the state that will last a lifetime. For the past two years, I have been a member of the State Teen Council and the Chair of the Education Committee. I served as the Pennyriple Area Teen Council President this past year. These experiences have provided me the leadership skills to serve as a state officer. I was never the kid that just saw the green jacket and wanted to wear one, but when I learned what the people in the green jackets did and stood for is when I decided I wanted to be the kid in the green jacket. My goal as an officer is to make every 4-Her feel like they have a place to fit in, a family, and a place to call “home.” I still cannot believe that I get to live this dream, with this amazing team within this organization! This year I will be attending the University of Kentucky studying Agriculture Economics.



Morelia Falcon – Kentucky 4-H Treasurer

Hello, everyone! My name is Morelia Falcon and I am from Grayson County, District 5. I am from a military family with 7 daughters. I have been a Kentucky 4-H member for 12 years. I have participated in nearly every opportunity the 4-H program has to offer. My favorite content areas are Leadership and Science, Engineering, and Technology. I have served on numerous county, district and state 4-H boards and councils. My favorite memories are those I’ve made while Chair of the Kentucky 4-H S.E.T. Leadership Board and a Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council. As the Kentucky 4-H Treasurer I hope to inspire my fellow 4-Hers to continue with their 4-H participation and to strive to reach their ultimate goals within our 4-H programs. I will continue to support Kentucky 4-H by assisting in any way that I can. I hope through my year I can give back, giving thanks for the opportunities that this program has gifted to me. I currently work full time managing and growing my own business.

We look forward to growing with you this year, Kentucky 4-H! #growky4h

Sincerely,



Landry Woodrum, President



Deja Hatchett, Vice President



Morgan Barnes, Secretary



Morelia Falcon, Treasurer