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people is that they know the difference they have made in the lives of others and how they have inspired our organization this year.

The Kentucky 4-H Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Ryan Quarles along with the Kentucky Farm Bureau are loyal advocates of our Kentucky 4-H Program and tonight they bring a special greeting to our officers.

Video from Ryan Quarles
Ryan Quarles
Melissa Miller

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As we look to the future of Kentucky 4-H we are excited to announce the newest members of our Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council and Leadership Boards.

State Teen Council
Gloria Bolin
Hannah Snyder
Luke Jacobs
Reba Prather

Performing Arts Troupe
Jennifer Tackett

Science, Engineering and Technology
Torey Earle

Healthy Living Leadership Board
Isaac Hilpp

Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Board
Ashley Marcum

Fashion Leadership Board
Isaac Hilpp

Natural Resource Environmental Sciences Academy Ambassadors
Ashley Osborne

The Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Academy is a three-year program designed to teach youth about their natural environment. In the program, scholars participate in hands-on investigations to learn about Kentucky’s water, forest, entomology, and wildlife resources. Upon completion of the Academy, graduates can apply to be Ambassadors. Ambassadors use and apply skills and practices learned as academy scholars, build upon leadership and communication skills by interacting with current participants, and have the opportunity to interact and network with natural resource professionals. The Natural Resources and
Environmental Sciences Ambassadors for the 2020-2021 Program year are:
• Alec Zierer from Breathitt County
• Dallas Hall from Clark County
• Lucky Coleman from Grant County
• Kara Kelly from Morgan County
• Jessalyn Bishop from Owsley County

Congratulations to our new Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Ambassadors.

Video of Communications Contest Results

Jennifer Tackett

Zoom Video Comes up of Outgoing and Incoming Officers

Rachel:
Thank you, Dr. Mains for being with us and continuing the time-honored tradition of installing the Kentucky 4-H State Officers.

Mark:
As Assistant Director of Extension for 4-H Youth Development, it is my duty to acquaint you with your responsibilities. To fulfill your respective positions to the highest degree possible, you must uphold the following:

1) Use your ideas and creative abilities for the growth of the 4-H program at the county, district, state and national level;

2) Work to implement these 4-H programs in service to others;

3) Work as representatives of the 4-H program to the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky

Zoom Video
Rachel Noble
Incoming and Outgoing Officers
and serve as a link between county, district, regional and state programming;

4) Be in constant contact with the seven districts, relating their ideas and thoughts to the state level and communicating proceedings from meetings back to them.

Furthermore, you will use the ideas and knowledge you learn to strengthen and build your county and district teen councils, so that they work effectively with other council and advisory groups. You will also be asked to work together, support each other and create a team of officers that will advance the 4-H program in Kentucky.

Being aware of these duties, do you accept these positions to which you have been elected? **If so, signify by saying “I Do.”**

**Morelia “I Do.”**
**Morgan “I Do.”**
**Deja “I Do.”**
**Landry “I Do.”**

I now declare you officially installed and wish you the best over your year as a state officer.

**Rachel:**
In Kentucky 4-H we have several time-honored traditions that have created lasting memories in the lives of our members. The passing of the State Officer gavel is one of those. Each year
the outgoing Kentucky 4-H State Officers pass the gavel to the newly elected Kentucky 4-H State Officers.

I invite Reba Prather, Kentucky 4-H 2020 Treasurer to begin with the gavel pass to 2021 Kentucky 4-H Treasurer.

OFFICER GAVEL EXCHANGE TEXT

TREASURER

Morelia Falcon, as Treasurer, your duties will require you to spend many hours representing the Kentucky 4-H program. You will spend many hours working with the accounts of the State Teen Council. Every organization must maintain a stable budget. Your work will be to do just this. Throughout the year your work and time commitment will be lengthy. However, at the conclusion of your term in office you will find that the ends justify the means. You will find great joy in being a Kentucky 4-H Officer. I wish you success as you take on this monumental task.

As the State 4-H Treasurer you will work closely
with the Finance Committee of the state teen
council.
Morelia this gavel symbolizes the strength of our
organization. Kentucky 4-H is a proud and
growing program. Remember this and what you
represent as the Kentucky State 4-H Treasurer.

At this time you are invited to share a few short
remarks.

Moe share a few short remarks---mostly thank
yous and your hope for the year.

Reba:
I now invite Hannah Snyder, Kentucky 4-H 2020
Secretary to begin the gavel pass for the
Kentucky 4-H 2021 Secretary.

OFFICER GAVEL EXCHANGE TEXT
SECRETARY

Morgan Barnes, you have undertaken a great
task as Secretary of our fine organization. As
secretary, you make up the backbone of your
officer team, for you have the responsibility of
organization. You will also be required to take
minutes for the Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council meetings. You will represent Kentucky 4-H as one of its finest youth to many organizations across the state. This year will be long, but also very short as you encounter the work and joys of success. As secretary, I charge you to strive for excellence, promote 4-H, and use your leadership abilities for the improvement of our 4-H program. This office will serve as a great source of honor throughout the year.

Morgan, As you receive the gavel, I ask that you also give freely back to 4-H your time and talents.

At this time you are invited to share a few short remarks.

Morgan share a few short remarks---mostly thank yous and your hope for the year.

Hannah: I now invite Luke Jacobs, Kentucky 4-H 2020 Vice President to begin the gavel pass for the Kentucky 4-H 2021 Vice President.
VICE PRESIDENT

Deja Hatchett, it is a great honor to be elected to a State 4-H Office. As Vice President, your duties will be to preside in absence of the president, to organize, maintain, and direct committee operations, and to represent Kentucky 4-H at all major 4-H functions. Within the course of this year you will learn the meaning of the word "delegate". As you know, committees play a vital role in any organization; without them, organizations become weak and unstable. It's your duty to delegate your power to others through these committees in order to assure that these committees are organized and efficient. Your ambassador role will be intensified this year. You will be asked to lead workshops, perform demonstrations, and give speeches whenever called upon. This gavel symbolizes your importance to the state officer team, the youth, volunteers, and 4-H professionals you now represent.
At this time you are invited to share a few short remarks.

Deja share a few short remarks—mostly thank yous and your hope for the year.

OFFICER GAVEL EXCHANGE TEXT

PRESIDENT

Landry Woodrum, you have attained one of the coveted positions of 4-H State Officer. It will be a difficult job that will require many hours of diligent labor, but this is the moment you’ve been working toward through your 4-H career.

As President of the Kentucky 4-H organization, it will be your job to work cooperatively with many people and to always be available to the membership. You will be called upon to take many roles of leadership as you go throughout this year: the deliberator, the compromiser, the delegator. You and the 4-H Officer team will serve in a leadership role for our State 4-H Council. Landry, as I present you with this gavel to serve you in your role as President, remember that you have the most difficult task, because
you must be the lead in ensuring that your 4-H Officer team works effectively and efficiently. This gavel symbolizes the qualities of leadership, dedication, and perseverance that our organization strives to instill.

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Landry share a few short remarks---mostly thank yous and your hope for the year.

4-Hers work hard throughout their experience to gain skills they can apply to their life. Tonight, we would like to celebrate our Kentucky 4-H seniors. We wish the class of 2020 much success and happiness on their journey to the next step. We hope to see them transition their involvement into becoming a volunteer and inspiring the next generation of 4-Hers.

Rachel Noble

Another time-honored tradition is the hanging of the green jacket and rapping the gavel to close the Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference. This year, since we didn’t have the opportunity to gather for the 96th Annual Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference, we would like to share this tradition with you virtually.

In the words of former Kentucky 4-H Officers:

Haley Anderson, 2017 Kentucky 4-H President: Hanging the green jacket signified the largest goal I had ever achieved, not only becoming a state officer, but giving my all as I presided over the largest youth organization in Kentucky. I walked away from this
experience with a greater appreciation for agriculture, those working behind the scenes to make the magic happen, and all of the beautifully unique individuals that make up a community. The tapping of the gavel was not a banishment or endpoint, but it was the sound of a new unforeseen remarkable adventure approaching. Taking on the challenge of serving in the green jacket put me in a position to achieve my dreams.

Mason Forsythe, 2005 Kentucky 4-H Treasurer: Hanging up the green jacket was the culmination to an entire career as a 4-Her. Rapping the gavel gave me a chance to reflect on all the things that I accomplished and all the good times that I had. I don’t think there was a better way to end my time as a member of such a great family.

Cathy Weaver, 1999 Kentucky 4-H Treasurer: Rapping the gavel signifies, still to this day, that we did it, we achieved our dream of being state officers, and we did so together. Closing your incredibly life changing year of being a state officer is hard to describe, but a moment I will not forget and I am still incredibly proud to have gotten the chance to serve.

Carrie Tilghman Derrosett, 2006 Kentucky 4-H Secretary: The thing I remember most is the team I got to serve with. We put our heart, soul, blood, sweat and tears into serving. The pounding of the gavel and hanging of the jacket signified the end of that well-oiled machine. At that point, we had to take what we had learned and carry on flying solo.

Lena Mallory, 1991 Kentucky 4-H Secretary: Serving as an officer is a time I will never forget. By the time we hit the gavel to close our year we had become family, I gained two brothers and a sister forever united by having the honor to serve Kentucky 4-H.

Janie Williams Dotson, 2006 Kentucky 4-H President: Hanging up the green jacket meant the ending of a great experience that impacted my life forever, the rapping of that big gavel is a sound and feeling that
changes you—hang on to those feelings. These are some of the greatest moments you can ever experience.

Rebecca Hayes, 2017 Kentucky 4-H Secretary: Hanging my green jacket signified that a dream turned into a reality and I became a new person because of it. I learned so many life lessons and things about myself that I now can contribute to my community. The gavel represented more of “passing on” not only a title, but the chance for a younger 4-Her to have a life changing experience.

Dylan Gentry 2019 Kentucky 4-H Treasurer: The jacket hanging experience for me was the final realization of countless hours of hard work, chased dreams, and friendships made. As I prepared to put my jacket on the coat hanger memories flew by in my head. Memories of past officers and agents who never quit, and who I idolized as outstanding leaders. I also saw 4-H youth who I had mentored. I know I left a small legacy and fulfilled a self-promise to set an example to younger 4-Hers. I watched my team do the same as tears slowly rolled down our cheeks. Then, as a team, we rapped the gavel. Being a state officer is over, and so is a cherished time. But the memories and lessons learned will last forever.

| Hanging of Green Jacket Video | Rachel Noble Outgoing Officers |
| Rapping of the Gavel Video | Rachel Noble Outgoing Officers |

TOGETHER: We now officially close our officer term.

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Melissa Miller
Executive Director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation

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