

WHAT IS MOTIVATING YOU TO RUN FOR A STATE OFFICER POSITION?



Candidates for Vice President

Shawn Busby – Brevard

I am running for a state officer position because I want to maintain the welcoming, nurturing environment that previous state officers have created at state 4-H events. That environment has helped me and many other people grow into versions of themselves that they can be proud of and I want to keep that environment so that it can continue to help even more people grow. Additionally, I believe that being a state officer would continue to help me grow into a person I can be proud of and that the more I grow, the more I can help the people around me grow.

Mason Cassady – Duval

Throughout the 9 years that I have participated in 4-H, I have watched many people take the roles of leadership positions in my county and at the state level. At my first executive board event I couldn't believe how youth led and independent the program was. Watching people like Taylor Thigpen confidently leading meetings was so impressive to me. The more I interacted with and watched those in leadership positions the more motivated I felt to be just like them. Taylor Thigpen has been a great President and has shown how important it is to be a good and true leader. This year I have watched him carry out the role of President and despite the substantial duties, he makes it look easy! Seeing someone work as hard as Taylor does for the council and Florida community really inspires me to be like him and make a difference. I have been impressed with the dedication of all the State Officers. All are determined, open minded, and passionate leaders. They have shown me that being a good and true leader is seizing the opportunity to lead people and putting others interests first. Good leaders also take the responsibility of challenging roles that no one else wants to do. 4-H has provided me with so many opportunities to experience and learn new things. Witnessing this year's state officers' commitment has inspired me to step up and in all ways possible so that I may continue to grow and help others. It's my turn to serve the community and the 4-H program that has inspired and shaped me into the person I am today.

Weston Hoffman – Citrus

For the past 10 Years 4-H has been a huge part of my life and has helped make me the person I am today. This being my final year in 4-H I want to give it my all. My goal is to give back and help encourage the future 4-Hers to strive for the best and never give up.

Abbaigaelle Millard – Volusia

I have wanted to become a state officer since i started 4-H when i was 11. I want to keep being a role model and inspiring other 4-H members that even if they don't think they can do something, they still can, no matter what it is.

AseyeShika Nukunya – Alachua

This past year, I had the amazing opportunity to serve as the Florida 4-H State Council Reporter. My goal was to celebrate our members and use our uniqueness to strengthen the impact we can have within our state. Now, as I am running for State Council Vice-President, I want to continue my goal of celebrating our members and strengthening our impact within Florida, but I would also like to focus on representing Florida 4-H as the amazing program it is and helping to lead the council and members well. Accurate representation of 4-H is important, which is something I learned through my career as State Council Reporter. I would now like to use what I started last year to highlight the unique members within our program and represent 4-H (and all the Florida 4-Hers) well. In this way, we can extend our impact from our clubs and communities, to our country and our world!

Joseph Semprevivo II – Indian River

There are several things that are motivating me, the most important reason, to me, is to help others. It is my goal to make sure everyone is included and knows whatever information I can provide. I want to be the first person that someone thinks of when they have a question pertaining to anything I can be of assistance on, be it questions about a schedule, or questions about who to reach out to for their inquiries, etc.. I have learned leadership skills through the many positions I have held and tasks I have done for my 4-H clubs and 4-H as a whole, and I want to apply that in any way possible. My county, as a whole, is not very active when it comes to state 4-H. My hope, if I am fortunate enough to earn the title as Vice President, is to show that even if your peers don't participate, you can still pave a path. I want spread that message throughout the state, to all the counties I can reach. I plan to do so by going to all state events that are available to me, and to participate and spread Florida State 4-H as a whole.