

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

Candidate for Vice President



Tommy Hawes - Broward

Serving as the 2024-2025 Florida 4-H State Council Secretary this past year, I have gained a profound understanding of the significant impact that state officers can have on our program. I look forward to the opportunity to continue making a positive impact through unique sporting initiatives, such as tournaments and exhibitions. Undoubtedly, sports (including fishing, football, and 4-H shooting sports) have taught me that no matter how hard you fall and no matter who knocks you down, you have to get up and keep going, no matter the circumstances you may be facing. Furthermore, sports have taught me the value of leadership, work ethic, competition, and many other valuable lessons.

I firmly believe that being challenged by your peers who share your passion will drive you to become the best version of yourself, both in your chosen field and as an individual. Sports empower youth and encourage personal goal setting, and such goals inspire the dedicated work ethic necessary to achieve them. I want to introduce additional sports (including, but not limited to, athletic sports, intellectual sports, and eSports) to Florida 4-H, allowing us to grow through competition, together.