Ricky Fernandez

St Johns County 4-H

Personal Summary

Ricky Fernandez has shown a strong work ethic, effectively facilitating various 4H events at both the county and statewide level, while showing attention to detail and care for all 4 H members.

Desire to Serve

I participated in the 2023-2024 Florida 4-H Executive Board Service, helping set up 3 different service projects to benefit those in most need, as well as our 4-H camps. These included bags filled with school supplies for underprivileged students, as well as hygiene items for the homeless of our state.

As a part of St. Johns County 4-H, I have participated in, and facilitated, several unique service programs that have aided the local community. As a part of multiple clubs, I have written letters to those in nursing homes, collected pet supplies for a local shelter, along with various other service projects

As a member of St. Johns County 4-H Teen Leadership Council, I have both planned logistics, and physically set up several county 4-H events along with my fellow Council members. These events include an annual Barn Dance, the annual Awards Banquet, and the annual Christmas Craft Night,

Attention to Detail

As Secretary of St. Johns County 4-H Teen Leadership Council, I was tasked with writing detailed minutes of each meeting, as well as reporting those minutes to adult leaders. This experience taught me the importance of both minute-taking and of attention to details at-large

Competing in archery, I learned how to pay attention to detail by harnessing and controlling the smallest movements in my body, in order to guide the arrow towards its target. Though I never mastered the sport, in the two years I practiced archery, I improved greatly, earning recognition in the recurve archery category at multiple state events.

Leadership Skills and Experience

As an officer of the St. Johns County Teen Leadership Council, I was given the responsibility of representing St. Johns County 4-H in many decision-making matters, including the Annual Barn Dance, numerous fundraisers, and service activities benefiting the local community at-large

As a committee chair for 4-H Legislature, I was responsible for leading a small group of youth, ensuring that they were sufficiently prepared to debate and present bills on the floor, while facilitating debate and discussion within the framework of proper parliamentary procedure.

As a general 4-H member, I have attempted to be a leader among my friends, especially when it comes to following 4-H rules and directions. I pride myself on being surrounded by upstanding and respectful friends, who have influenced me, just as I have influenced them.

Experience in 4-H

- 2023-2024 Florida 4-H Executive Board Member
- Florida 4-H Legislature Committee Chair and Party Leader
- 2023 St. Johns County Teen Leadership Council Secretary
- 2025 St. Johns County Teen Leadership Council Vice President
- 2022-2023 St. Johns County Toxophily Club Member

Education

St Joseph Academy/ High School

2022-2026

High Honor Roll Student with 4.36 GPA, while taking numerous Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement Classes.

Earned a 33 Composite Score on the ACT.