



## ABOUT ME

As a dedicated 17-year-old student at Semprevivo Academy, dual enrolled at Indian River State College, I bring a wealth of experience and leadership to any opportunity I pursue. Locally, I have shown Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Poultry (Commercial and Breeding), and horticulture. I've also shown sheep at the state level, placing 5<sup>th</sup>. I competed Statewide in Poultry Judging (1<sup>st</sup>), Meat Judging, and Florida Native Plant Identification. I also competed in Public Speaking County Events and placed 1<sup>st</sup>, and tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place at District. My notable achievements include serving as a Florida 4-H Executive Board Member for three years, where I contributed to the Legislature, 4-H University, and State Service Committees, and co-chaired the State Service Marketing Subcommittee. I have consistently demonstrated my leadership skills as President of the Homeschool Chess Club and the Bulls Eye Safe Shooting 4-H Club, and as Secretary of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club. Additionally, I have earned top honors in 4-H, including Reserve Grand Champion Chickens and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Showmanship at the IRC Fair for five consecutive years. My extensive involvement in 4-H has not only honed my leadership and teamwork abilities but also fueled my passion for agriculture and community service.

I take great pride in being a 4-Her, even more specifically a FL 4-Her. 4-H helped to make me who I am today.

# JOSEPH SEMPREVIVO II

## EDUCATION

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**Semprevivo Academy**  
**Home-Schooled from 2011-Present Day**  
**4.0 Unweighted GPA**

**IRSC**  
**2020– Present Day**  
**4.0 Unweighted GPA, Inducted into 2 Honor Societies**

## 4-H LIFE SKILLS

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### Teamwork

As I have held several positions, in varying clubs and organizations, but specifically in 4-H, I am able to work with people and am able to be a team player, communicate, and listen to my peers. I am able to listen and understand their wants and needs.

Being Co-Chair of my subcommittee, I learned the value of being a team player. I was able to hear ideas and implement them, not just my own. I was able to help implement someone else's ideas, not just my own.

### Learning to Learn/Love of Learning

As a 4-Her, it is instilled from the beginning, sense of learning, a more solid form of curiosity, a love of learning. From the beginning, when I grew trees, I would research the book about our specific cultivar, inside and out for information on my tree. I would follow instructions to the letter. It was the same thing with my poultry projects. However, the difference between the two is that effort of learning was measured with poultry. We had an annual poultry showmanship at my fair and it was to test the knowledge of the animal, as well as how well you can handle the animal. When I won the title for the first time, I felt rewarded for hard work. From then on, I would take every chance to learn if I could. I grew fond of science, history and physics and now I learn for fun.

"No matter where you are in life, you learn. No one knows everything." An idea that I learned young, one that I still use today. When I stepped up to roles in my clubs, I asked questions, I took notes, I learned. By the end, I learned as much as I could soak in, and I plan to do that for the

## HOBBIES

Gardening  
Reading  
Chess  
History  
Science  
Cards

rest of my life.

### Work Ethic

Since I was young, my father and Grandfather taught me the value of a hard day's work. When I started 4-H, I got my feet wet using a citrus tree. I loved the idea of putting in work and seeing the fruits (no pun intended) of your labor blossom before your eyes over the span of a year. I moved on from Trees to Poultry, and I showed them for a couple years and I learned about hard work mentally. When I prepared for our Showmanship Competition, that made the year worth it. I then went to Sheep. Sheep taught me to work hard from a physical aspect. I would spend 3-4 hours daily out at my sheep pen, I would walk them around in circles for hours per day. For my steer and my dairy heifer, I did the same. I learned the hard work it takes from a physical project.

There are different types of hard work, there is also mental work. One example that 4-H has strengthened my work ethic is 4-H Legislature. I was a Chris Allen Nominee and Winner. I was given the ability to take on 5 bills as a Senator, all of which I was able to pass into the main chambers. Due to my bills being highly controversial, only 2 were able to be covered and they unfortunately did not pass. However, due to the knowledge I displayed, and the amount of work I put into my bills, I was studying every spare second that I had, it was noticed and, as previously mentioned, I am now a proud recipient of the Chris Allen Award. It shows me that often good hard work often does not go unrewarded.

I've carried a love for hard work with me, especially for a good cause. I work to be productive, to better myself, and to help others. Over the last 5 years, I have accumulated over 800 Volunteer hours from a wide variety of organizations. I try to do my best to pay everything forward and am not afraid to work hard while doing so.

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