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Introducing the New 4-H State Council Team

The new Pennsylvania 4-H State Council team was announced at the Pennsylvania 4-H State Leadership Conference earlier this year.

Throughout the next year of their term, these individuals will represent the Pennsylvania 4-H program at industry gatherings, plan state-level events and attend 4-H activities and meetings across the commonwealth.

President

Sophia Leiden, Clearfield County

Sophia is a senior at Glendale Junior/Senior High School. She has participated in a variety of 4-H market projects, including lambs, goats, swine, turkeys, dairy beef and beef. Her involvement in 4-H clubs includes the Clearfield County 4-H Beef Club.

"A skill 4-H has taught me that I will carry with me through life is the ability to network," she said. "Outside of 4-H, this skill has opened up internship opportunities for me and has helped me to build confidence to talk with people I may not know."

Sophia plans to attend college to earn a bachelor's degree in animal science and then attend veterinary school. She is the daughter of Chris and Janice Leiden, of Coalport.

Secretary

Emma Wilson, Jefferson County

Emma is a senior at Brookville Junior/Senior High School and president of the Kool Clovers 4-H Club and Jefferson County 4-H Council. She also serves on the youth development team. In the 4-H program, she completed projects in horses, ecology and leadership.

"4-H has taught me to step outside of my comfort zone, especially when dealing with public speaking," she said. "I speak at various 4-H events, and I can lead club meetings very confidently. I am a confident public speaker and can carry that throughout my life."

Emma plans to attend college to focus on medical imaging or respiratory care therapy. She is the daughter of Jamie Wilson, of Siegel.

Communications Committee

Trevor Fetterman, Somerset County

Trevor is a homeschooled junior. He serves as the vice president of the Somerset County Council, participates in the Somerset County Exchange Club and is president of the Country Clovers 4-H Club. His 4-H projects include wildlife and environmental science, shotguns, air rifles, archery, hunting skills, STEM,



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The new Pennsylvania 4-H State Council members are, front row, from left: Abigail Clemente, Emma Wilson and Evan Frescura. Back row, from left, Adelaide Miller, Kelton Wenger, Sophia Leiden, Trevor Fetterman and Alyssa Cook.

dairy goats and leadership.

"A skill that 4-H has taught me that I will carry through my life is leadership and communication skills," he said. "Through the 4-H program, I have gained confidence and the ability to communicate effectively with youth and adults. This has not only benefited me in 4-H but also in my community."

Trevor plans to attend college and obtain a degree in wildlife technology or environmental science. He hopes to work for the Pennsylvania Game Commission or the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. His parents are Roy and Christy Fetterman, of Somerset.

Communications Committee

Kelton Wenger, Lancaster County

Kelton is a junior at Manheim Central High School. His 4-H involvement includes serving as the president of the Mount Joy 4-H

Community Club and participating in the Lancaster County 4-H Council, STEM teen leadership projects, canoeing and camping projects. He said he previously acted as a 4-H State Project Ambassador for STEM and was a member of Alpacas with an Agenda 4-H Club.

"While I was a very shy 8-year-old when I joined 4-H and was afraid to talk to the other club members, I have grown as I've had many opportunities to teach skills to younger members and to serve my clubs," he said. "These leadership skills will be used throughout my life, and I realize I wouldn't be the confident young man I am today without 4-H."

Kelton plans to attend college to major in naval architecture and marine engineering. He is the son of John and Susan Wenger, of Manheim.

Events Committee

Abigail Clemente, Mercer County

Abigail is a junior at Commodore Perry High School. Her 4-H clubs include Baby Beef and Lamb and Ropes and Reins. She has participated in projects including market beef, market lambs, horse and Teen Council.

"4-H has taught me so much about leadership," she said. "I would not be the person I am today without the leadership skills I have gained over my few years in 4-H."

Abigail plans to attend college for an agricultural business degree, then continue farming beef cows and helping farmers grow their businesses. Her parents are Anthony and Coty Clemente, of Clarks Mills.

Events Committee

Adelaide Miller, Clinton County

Adelaide is a first-year student at the Pennsylvania College of

Technology. She has participated in Barnyard Buddies, poultry, rabbits, baking and leadership projects.

"Over the years, 4-H has taught me so much about hard work and perseverance," she said. "I've learned how to set big goals and put in the hard work, day after day, because in the end, hard work and perseverance will pay off."

Adelaide plans to finish her associate of applied science degree in baking and pastry arts and open her own farm-to-table bakery. She is the daughter of Chad and Dominique Miller, of Mill Hall.

Outreach Committee

Alyssa Cook, Schuylkill County

A senior at Tri-Valley High School, Alyssa participates in Blue Mountain 4-H Livestock Club, Teen Council, Schuylkill Potato Judging Club and the Schuylkill Cooking Club. Her 4-H projects include dairy beef, market goats, market turkeys, market rabbits, cooking, sewing, public speaking and potato judging.

"Before joining 4-H, I was nervous about talking in front of people, but over the years, I've become more confident," she said. "Now I'm more comfortable sharing my thoughts and helping to lead others, which will definitely help me in the future."

Alyssa plans to travel and attend college to become a livestock veterinarian. She is the daughter of Daniel and Theresa Cook, of Pitman.

Outreach Committee

Evan Frescura, Westmoreland County

A first-year student at Westmoreland County Community College, Evan is a member of the New Alexandria Ag 4-H Club and the Teen Lead Council in Westmoreland County. His projects include dairy cattle and public speaking.

"The motto that one of my leaders said was, 'If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you are late. And if you are late, you are left behind,'" he said. "I will always remember this to be at least five minutes early for any event, whether an important meeting or just a friendly gathering. You never want to be the one everyone is waiting for."

Evan plans to complete an associate's degree in AutoCAD and pursue a career as a full-time land surveyor. He is the son of Marla and Todd Frescura, of Latrobe.

4-H State Council Reveals This Year's Theme

The 2026 4-H State Council recently announced this year's theme, "Passion Sparks Opportunity," to guide program participants.

According to the council team, the theme is aimed at inspiring and encouraging 4-H youths to explore various project areas that may interest them and build passions to open future opportunities.

The inspiration for the theme came from the diverse backgrounds of 4-H members and the wide range of project areas they pursue. Despite these differences, Pennsylvania 4-H sparks a common idea of passions, leading to opportunities, which, according to the State Council, led to the theme.

"Our inspiration was each other's stories and listening as we shared how a single 4-H project, started months or even years ago, opened doors to opportunities," the council said. "Those opportunities were possible because of a passion

sparked by 4-H."

In announcing the theme, the council said the motto is more than a tagline; it is a promise. They hope to ignite excitement in 4-H youth across the commonwealth by sharing their passions, lifting others up and embracing every chance to grow.

"We want members to keep in mind that there are so many important lessons in the smaller moments as well as the big ones, and to take advantage of all of them," the council said.

Jeanette Stackhouse, Penn State Extension 4-H education specialist for leadership and civic engagement, serves as advisor to the State Council.

"State Council is the highest youth leadership opportunity in Pennsylvania 4-H," Stackhouse said. "These young people give a year of their time to serve a program that has had an impact on them."



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The 2026 4-H State Council logo and theme.

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