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NC 4-H Honor Club Member Newsletter



North Carolina 4-H Honor Club Tapping Ceremony



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Historian Report: 2021 In Review

Despite being limited in how much we could interact face-to-face over the last year, Honor Club members have been engaging virtually to stay connected with one another.

Honor Club Conference 2021 was held virtually in June, with 86 members in attendance. Holding the meeting via Zoom allowed many Honor Club members who would typically be unable to travel to the in-person Conference to join us, sparking the idea to have a virtual component when we return to an in-person event. During the virtual conference, the State 4-H Staff shared North Carolina 4-H updates, and Honor Club members discussed new business and voted in new members. The meeting minutes can be found on our website at <http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/minutes/>.

In July, **Virtual 4-H Congress 2021** was held, with the Honor Club Tapping Ceremony taking place on Monday evening of the event. Twenty-four outstanding 4-H'ers were inducted as new Honor Club members, and we are excited to welcome them!

In the fall, many members stayed connected virtually through our **Facebook group**, where they shared photos from Honor Club's past and reminisced. If you haven't already, you can check out these pictures (and add your own photos!) at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/18782542975/>.

The Honor Club Board has been discussing more ways to engage in the upcoming year. We look forward to connecting with members and hope to see some familiar faces in person this year!

New Honor Club Inductees

Twenty-four 4-H members were inducted into Honor Club this summer at Virtual 4-H Congress 2021, recognizing their significant 4-H citizenship and leadership accomplishments and service to North Carolina 4-H. We look forward to engaging with our new members as we return to in-person events in the upcoming year. Congratulations to all our new inductees!

The Virtual Tapping Ceremony can be watched here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=od3geW4sAZ4>



Autumn Apple - Brunswick County
Sydney Blair - Brunswick County
Ciela Crane - Cabarrus County
Brittany Harrelson - Cherokee County
Grace Henderson - Cherokee County
Josiah Scarlett - Davidson County
Jeffrey Bradley - Edgecombe County
Luke Arrowood - Forsyth County
Noah Crawford - Forsyth County
Laurelyn Ridge - Forsyth County
Calleigh Wilson - Forsyth County
Will Coltrane - Guilford County
Madison Rosenbaum - Johnston County
Kyra Worth - Johnston County
Anthony Almanza - Jones County
Mariana Martinez - Jones County
Angela Mason - Madison County
Josh Fletcher - Pasquotank County
Samuel (Zane) Andersen - Pender County
Conner Mills - Pitt County
Traci Powell - Pitt County
Maggie Underwood - Robeson County
Keynon Settle - Rockingham County
Guillermo Estrada - Wayne County

“Wake Up! Get Up! MEETUP!”

Virtual member gathering coming NEXT MONTH!

Over the years, we have gathered at a 4-H camp, in a hotel, or other locations for the annual Honor Club Conference...*typically in June*. Well, here's your chance to get a jump on that gathering! We hope you'll join your fellow Honor Club members in **January 2022** for a time of fellowship, catching up, “seeing” each other on Zoom, and hearing about some new opportunities and other exciting HC efforts! **Be sure to “Wake Up! Get Up! And MEETUP!”** Looking forward to seeing you!

January 22, 2022

9:45-11:00 AM ET

NC 4-H Honor Club “MEETUP!”

Register online at

<https://go.ncsu.edu/honorclub>



Looking Ahead: Honor Club Conference & Family Weekend

We are looking forward to holding an in-person *Honor Club Conference and Family Weekend* in 2022! The event will be a time to reconnect with friends and welcome new Honor Club members from the last three years. Stay tuned for more details... We hope to see you there!

When: June 3-5, 2022

Where: Millstone 4-H Camp

Note from the Honor Club President

For many of you, being tapped into Honor Club at 4-H Congress (either in person or virtually) is a fairly recent memory, while for some of us, it's been quite a few years (dare I say decades?). We saw a 4-H friend or family member headed towards us with a candle and card with our name and a goal was realized that evening.

Regardless of when you were tapped, that HONOR came after many years of being an active 4-H member and doing multiple 4-H presentations, attending club and county council meetings, teen retreats, and many other 4-H events. Being inducted into Honor Club would identify that, long after our 4-H years were over, we would have an opportunity to continue to give back to others in our 4-H and larger community.

When the NC 4-H Honor Club was established in 1931, two primary areas of great importance in selecting and inducting new members were **leadership** and **citizenship**. Over the last 90 years, other areas became important as well. But the importance of using our leadership and citizenship skills - not only in 4-H, but in our individual lives and careers - has hopefully challenged and motivated us!

As we continue to realign our lives and re-engage as COVID-19 protocols are being relaxed, your Honor Club board has been discussing the importance of creating a "Building the Brand" task force. We are looking for a cross-sectional team of former officers and both recent and seasoned HC members to work virtually (and occasionally face-to-face) to explore the importance and significance of enhancing the overall image of our service organization. This would be a one-year commitment, and we hope to look "behind the NC 4-H Honor Club Diamond"... more about that during our January 2022 Mid-Year Honor Club Meetup.

Looking forward to our **SERVICE** together as we move into 2022!

Dan Cook, NC 4-H Honor Club President, tapped 1975
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Serve on an Honor Club Committee

Honor Club has several committees that focus on serving the organization in different capacities. Interested in learning more or serving on a committee? We encourage you to reach out!

Community Service Committee
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Directory Committee
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EverGREEN & Events Committee
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Technology Committee
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Is your member information up-to-date?

If you've recently moved or updated your contact information, let us know!

<http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/directory/>

Have a question for Honor Club? We'd love to hear from you.

Contact us on our webpage and we'll get in touch!

<http://nc4hhonorclub.org/contact/>

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Millstone Memories Fundraiser

Honor Club has a long history of supporting 4-H camps, and members are often involved in fundraising events for Millstone 4-H Camp. In lieu of the annual Pickin' in the Pines Benefit event, which is usually held at Millstone in October but was cancelled due to COVID-19, a virtual event was held.

The Millstone Memories Virtual Fundraiser was a huge success, raising over \$5,700 towards camper scholarships for underserved youth. Attendees enjoyed bluegrass music by Chatham Rabbits and stories about Millstone from Honor Club members, campers, and 4-H staff.

Upcoming Opportunities in 2022

There are multiple ways to engage with Honor Club and serve North Carolina 4-H.

- Judging Project Record Books & Portfolios
- Judging Presentations at District Activity Days and 4-H Congress
- Volunteering at the Honor Club Reception, State Officer Elections, and Candlelight Clover Ceremony at 4-H Congress

You can stay up-to-date on all Honor Club involvement opportunities by joining our member Facebook group or visiting our website. See the links below!



Have something you'd like to see featured in the *Heartline* member newsletter?

Contact Anna Marie Vagnozzi, Honor Club Historian, at amvagnozzi@gmail.com

Join our member group on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/18782542975/>

Visit our website at www.nc4hhonorclub.org

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