

2020 County Awards Day results

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The virtual County Awards Day program for 2019-2020 was held on Saturday, September 26 after the County Council meeting on Zoom. 41 records books (11 Junior, 18 Intermediate and 12 Senior) were submitted for evaluation for awards. We thank those who volunteered to evaluate the record and officer books for the County Record Book Competition. Our LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors (Sophie Loewner, Nikki Yunker) and Ace Yeck (California 4-H State Ambassador) were the program MC's. We thank all those who helped make this a special occasion. Congratulations to the following for their accomplishments.

For the following awards, the following abbreviations are used for clubs:

ERHP = Eagle Rock Highland Park

Racketteers = Leona Valley Racketteers

PVP = Palos Verdes Peninsula

RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Junior

Arts & Crafts

County Winner - Ellie Gomringer, Pomona Valley

Beef

County Winner - Levi Green, Racketteers

Beginning 4-H

Silver Medalist - Josefina Villicana, ERHP

Clothing & Textiles

County Winner - Kevin Vlach, Racketteers

Goats

County Winner - Alexa Hunsinger, Racketteers

Horses

County Winner - Amy Zimmer, PVP

Rabbits

County Winner - Cordelia LaPlume, PVP

Rabbits

Silver Medalist - Caelyn DeWit, PVP

Rocketry

County Winner - Charlie Keese, PVP

Sheep

County Winner - Audrey VanderHyde,
Racketteers

Swine

County Winner - Annabel Leaf, Racketteers

Intermediate

Arts and Crafts

County Winner - Sophia Vlach, Racketteers

Certificate of Participation - Nicholas Villicana-Salzar, ERHP

Beef

County Winner - Nathan Kerr, Racketteers

Bees

Silver Medalist - Sophie Kong, PVP

Beginning 4-H

Silver Medalist - Amber Gomringer, Pomona Valley

Clothing and Textiles

County Winner - Victoria Jung, PVP

Certificate of Achievement - Alexander Villicana-Salzar, ERHP

Food Preservation

Silver Medalist - Madeline Lockmann, Agoura Hills

Foods and Nutrition

County Winner - Owen Stewart, Canyon Coyotes

Goats

County Winner - Gavin Litchfield, Westside

Gardening

Silver Medalist - Alexa Rose, PVP

Leadership

County Winner - Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina,
Pomona Valley

Leathercraft

County Winner - Emily Aye, PVP

Pets and Small Animals

Certificate of Achievement - Sara Castiglione,
PVP

Shooting Sports

County Winner - Emmalina Jackson, Racketteers
Certificate of Achievement - Nathaniel Jackson,
Racketteers

Woodworking

County Winner - Noelle Long, Canyon Coyotes
Silver Medalist - Ashley Arana, Agoura Hills

Senior

Arts & Crafts

County Winner - Ava Stewart, Canyon Coyotes

Beef

County Winner - Landon Green, Racketteers

Cavies

County Winner - Anika Whipple, Westside

Clothing and Textiles

County Winner - Rebekah Kasperson, Canyon
Coyotes

Cultural Arts

County Winner - Makenna Long, Canyon Coyotes

Foods & Nutrition

Silver Medalist - Megan Arana, Agoura Hills

Outdoor Adventure

County Winner - Kenton Long, Canyon Coyotes

Pets & Small Animals

County Winner - Sophie Loewner, PVP

Shooting Sports - Guns

County Winner - Jeffrey Abe, Canyon Coyotes

Swine

County Winner - Mark Kasperson, Canyon
Coyotes

Silver Medalist - Cameron Long, Canyon Coyotes

Woodworking

Silver Medalist - Abby Lockmann, Agoura Hills

CLUB OFFICER BOOKS AWARDS

President - Nathaniel Boeker, Canyon Coyotes - Gold Medal

Vice-President - Carter Boeker, Canyon Coyotes - Green Seal

Secretary - Ava Stewart, Canyon Coyotes - Gold Medal

Anika Whipple, Westside - Gold Medal

Treasurer - Christian Cook, Canyon Coyotes - Gold Medal

Historian - Aaron Boeker & Joshua Purnell, Canyon Coyotes - Gold Medal

JUNIOR AND TEEN LEADER MERIT AWARDS

Junior Leader

Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina, Pomona Valley

Victoria Jung, PVP

Owen Stewart, Canyon Coyotes

Teen Leader

Makenna Long, Canyon Coyotes

Keaton Long, Canyon Coyotes

SENIOR AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Senior Award of Excellence in Project Work - Landon Green, Racketteers

Senior Award of Excellence in Healthy Living - Abby Lockmann, Agoura Hills

Senior Award of Excellence in Science, Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.)- not awarded this yr.

Senior Award of Excellence in Community Service - Rebekah Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes

Senior Award of Excellence in Leadership - Sophie Loewner, Palos Verdes Peninsula

Senior Award of Excellence in Achievement - Mark Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes

Sr. Award of Excellence for Project Work

This member, who is only 14, started a beef livestock project with just a steer and a heifer. Now he has what you could call a whole herd. He owns 5 heifers, 3 steers and a bull calf. He has raised 3 healthy calves for his herd. This is an amazing accomplishment in just a few years of 4H work. All of his livestock projects were outstanding. He made \$1,049 from his lamb. In Showmanship he won first place and won his first belt buckle. To increase his knowledge, he visits stockyards and ranches. He learned about and used artificial insemination. Not only did he do an excellent job on all his livestock project records, beef, lamb and swine, he is vice-president of his club, actively participating in their activities.

Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence winner for Project Work, from Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club, Landon Green.

Sr. Award of Excellence for Healthy Living

The winner for healthy living is very concerned about the novel COVID-19 virus and holding 4-H club meetings. As Vice-President the member wanted to ensure everyone's safety while keeping members in active participation. With the club officer board, they began using Zoom for club board, project and general meetings to be sure everyone is involved and participating. This member's school started virtual learning in March, so the member planned a routine to remain healthy and active. The routine is -wake up at 6 AM, run a few miles, come home, bake goodies, start school classes. Finish around 11 Am, then enjoy the rest of the day. This member went from B's to A's. This member also arranged social distance walks, s'mores in the backyard and even camping trips. This is what healthy living is all about, for yourself and your club and community. This member said, "4-H has taught me to be diligent, embrace change with open arms, and has inspired me to do more with my time. The whole club completed the year, thankful to be able to continue 4-H and the perseverance through these unusual times will be carried by each member for years to come." Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence for Healthy Living winner, from Agoura Hills 4-H Club, Abby Lockman.

Sr. Award of Excellence for Community Service

Community service means doing something significant for the community in which you live. This year it was a little difficult with being isolated from others, but this member turned a project into help for many others. This member made more than 275 face masks and gave away 50. On Zoom, she taught her clothing project how to make 3-fold masks. Her original community service project for her Clothing project was making Linas blankets for comfort to children in need of soft, warm, handmade blankets. She spent \$275.71 and got the cost down to \$8.50 a blanket. The members learned to make them at their last project meeting together and took some home to finish up. She finished up the others and donated them. She made 10 travel bags to sell at the Club's Christmas boutique. For her friends, family, and project members she altered 11 garments including pants, a wedding dress, a Hawaiian dress. She made 2 Lakers masks and masks for the class of 2020 graduates at church. Despite being shut in this member helped and made life easier for many in her club and community spending 26 hours in community service. Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence for Community Service winner, from Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club, Rebekah Kasperson.

Sr. Award of Excellence for Leadership

The Sr. Award winner for Leadership is in their second year as a Teen Leader at their club. This member is Teen leader for 4 projects: Heritage Art, Jr. Master Gardening, Pets and Small Animals and Poultry. The member is also her club's Community Service leader, youth activities director for San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair, and an All-Star Ambassador. She was a volunteer at her community's Snow Day. About her teen leadership during this difficult time, she said, "I learned teaching a lesson never goes exactly as planned. Project members interested in rats wanted to talk and play, so I had to set aside time at the end to share stories about pets. Then everyone learns more." She was able to shift plans as when a horse trail was blocked with rocks, she planned and led the rock removal. She discussed with members what their ideas were, and acted on them, and used the internet to find projects. She learned to lead with Zoom, had excellent planning and carrying out plans despite the pandemic. Congratulations to our Sr. Awards of Excellence winner in Leadership, from P.V.P. 4-H Club, Sophie Loewner.

Sr. Award of Excellence in Achievement

The Achievement award is awarded for excellence in all areas, projects, leadership, community service, and participation at all levels. It is not only this year, but past years also. This member has always practiced excellence in projects, leadership, community service this year and all past years. This member has been in 4-H for 9 years. He was in 12 projects this year, all completed excellently, teen leader for 2 projects, completed 27 hours of community service, held a job, participated in music and church activities. This member has taken and learned from 23 projects, 97 leadership activities and 92 community service opportunities. The member is always trying new projects. Each year seems to list at least one project that he is trying for the first time. He is always helping others achieve. This member said, "I believe that to achieve excellence, one must support others, lead with confidence, and make the best better. Congratulations to our Sr. Award of Excellence in Achievement, from Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club, Mark Kasperson.