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4-H Premier's Award winner announced

Youth Ambassadors will represent 4-H at events throughout North America

Olds – Amanda Hughes from Calmar is the winner of the Alberta 4-H Program's most prestigious award. Hughes was chosen from among 123 of the province's top 4-H members to receive the Premier's Award during the 54th annual 4-H Selections program at Olds College, April 29 – May 2.

"Alberta 4-H has been part of Alberta's rural communities for more than 93 years and plays an important role with our youth," said Premier Ed Stelmach. "4-H provides members and volunteers with leadership, communication and technical skills – preparing our province's future leaders."

"Agriculture is an essential part of our economy and heritage and 4-H helps to ensure that legacy continues," said Jack Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Our government is proud to support Alberta 4-H in building a network of individuals committed to strengthening rural Alberta, and many have gone on to be successful and accomplished leaders in their communities."

Hughes, a member of the Calmar Heart of the Country 4-H Club, has been active in her 4-H career, participating in a variety of projects from crafts, market/ewe lamb, light horse and market steer to canine, photography, performing arts and foods. Earning top honours at 4-H's provincial Horse Classic program last year, Hughes was awarded a trip to Denver in 2011 as a member of Alberta's Hippology team to compete in an international judging competition. In addition to the 4-H program, she is also a member of the Canadian Pony Club, and the Black Gold Community Band.

"4-H has been such an influential part of my life and I look forward to getting to share my love for the 4-H program during my time as the Premier's Award recipient. I want to give back to the younger members in the program, and I am looking forward to attending provincial events outside of my region to help spread the 4-H spirit," says Hughes on her recent achievement.

In addition to the Premier's Award announcement, 52 senior members were chosen to represent 4-H at major educational programs throughout Canada and the United States during the 2011/12 year. Fourteen 4-H Ambassadors were also selected to serve a two-year term promoting 4-H and youth involvement in Alberta.

4-H is Alberta's longest running rural youth program with more than 6,400 members and over 2,100 leaders participating in close to 400 clubs across the province. For more information, visit www.4h.ab.ca or contact the provincial 4-H office at 780-422-4444.

Editor's Note: The **Provincial 4-H Selections Award Trips** listing can be found at www.4h.ab.ca or see below.

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Provincial 4-H Selections Award Trips

The following pages outline the 52 trips awarded at the Selections Program.

4-H Ambassadors Group

4-H Ambassadors exemplify the leadership, communication and personal development skills for which Alberta's 4-H program is recognized. Their role is to promote 4-H to members and non-members.

Southern Region	Kaitlynn Bolduc Adriane Good	Stavely Brooks
Calgary Region	Sawyer Daley Jordynn Jamieson	Carstairs Dalemead
West Central Region	Lindsey Salomons Jennifer Wrubleski	Lacombe New Sarepta
East Central Region	Katelyn Dietrich Trevor Molzan	Foresburg Oyen
Northeast Region	Breanne Durie April Ockerman	Vegreville Dewberry
Northwest Region	Amanda Hughes Stacey Woywitka	Calmar Legal
Peace Region	Bryan Lentz Jenny Nichiporik	Whitelaw Hotchkiss

Description of Selections Award Trips

1) Montana 4-H Congress, Bozeman, Montana

July 10-17, 2011

Sponsor: Calgary Stampede and 4-H Program Trust

During the Congress, the four Alberta delegates will see Montana 4-H members in action, and learn how 4-H operates in Montana. Delegates are invited to take part in seminars, workshops and discussions as well as observing various competitions.

Recipients: Bryan Lentz Whitelaw
 Troy Lyster Mayerthorpe
 Stacey Woywitka Legal
 Jennifer Wrubleski New Sarepta

2) 4-H Alberta/Northwest Territories Agriculture Development Tour

July 11-20, 2011

Sponsors: ITS Travel and 4-H Program Trust

The 4-H Alberta/Northwest Territories Agriculture Development Tour promotes the importance of agricultural products and by-products, as well as increase the awareness of the diversity of agriculture throughout Alberta and the NWT. An attempt will be made to purchase Alberta products where possible, visit agricultural processing and production facilities, and identify Alberta products that are available in the Northwest Territories. Members will also gain an appreciation of the culture and lifestyles of residents in different regions of Alberta and the NWT. Delegates will travel by bus and will camp throughout the trip.

Recipients:

Aydon Almberg	Czar	Taunie Bechthold	Foremost
Brandon Bollum	Airdrie	Brittany Brayford	Newbrook
Ryley Corcoran	Ardrossan	Sarah Crooymans	Bow Island
Jeanine Foot	Red Willow	Kelly Gallelli	Crossfield
Trisha Gauthier	Kitscoty	Ethan Gourley	Calgary
Brett Jones	De Winton	Amy Kraemer	Cochrane
Lisa Lastiwka	Willingdon	Justin Matile	Strathmore
Trevor Molzan	Oyen	Kathleen Nester	Cessford
Jenny Nichiporik	Hotchkiss	Adam Nixdorff	Airdrie
Dallon Prior	Irma	Tylene Rafa	Seven Persons
Emily Ritchie	Turner Valley	Sara Van Sickle	Mayerthorpe
Colin Verbeek	Morinville	James Yakemchuk	Hairy Hill

3) California 4-H Exchange, UC Davis, California

July 28-31, 2011

Sponsor: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and 4-H Program Trust

The delegates will travel to California to participate in the California Annual 4-H Leadership Conference as well as a possible host family stay prior to the conference. Delegates will experience 4-H programming in California, visit with 4-H members and exchange ideas. The leadership conference is designed with fun and learning in mind and is focused on developing leadership skills and discussing current issues that affect youth.

Recipients: Nicole Briggs Gibbons
 Remington Shandro Willingdon

4) Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs, Goldeye Centre – Nordegg, AB

August 14-19, 2011 OR August 21-26, 2011

Sponsor: 4-H Program Trust

The Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs (SUNIA) is an opportunity for students to expand their horizons and see the world in a different light. The conference is designed to create a forum for the free exchange of ideas, and to foster a better understanding of the political, economic, and social aspects of global interactions. Along with the day long simulated Security Council, students are immersed in a group learning environment that involves several development simulations, immigration and cultural identity activities, seminars and discussion groups. The conference also features speakers from the United Nations and the Canadian Department of National Defence.

Recipients: Kellyn Christensen Ponoka
 Sawyer Daley Carstairs
 Kaitlyn Grudecki Acadia Valley
 Meghan Smook Vegreville

5) National 4-H Conference: Science and Technology Symposium, Toronto, Ontario

November 2–6, 2011

Sponsor: Canadian 4-H Council

Ten Alberta delegates, along with delegates from the other nine provinces, the US and the United Kingdom will come together for six days in Toronto. This program involves a hands-on learning environment, complemented by workshops, roundtable discussions and visits from a variety of experts in the fields of medicine, agriculture, aerospace and the bio-economy, just to name a few.

Recipients:

Jenalee Blackhurst	Rocky Mountain House	Kaitlynn Bolduc	Stavelly
Katelyn Dietrich	Forestburg	Katie Garber	Milk River
Adriane Good	Brooks	Lori Hart	Medicine Hat
Amanda Hughes	Calmar	Jordynn Jamieson	Dalemead
Julie Knapp	Erskine	April Ockerman	Dewberry

7) National 4-H Citizenship Seminar, Ottawa, Ontario

April 13-19, 2012

Sponsor: Canadian 4-H Council

Eight delegates will join other 4-H members from each province for a seminar in Ottawa. Delegates will be involved in group discussions, lectures, and seminars dealing with Canadian government structure. They will have the opportunity to see the Parliament Buildings, attend a session at the House of Commons, visit Government House and tour the city of Ottawa.

Recipients:

Breanne Durie	Vegreville	Seamus Good	Brooks
Brian Huisman	Barrhead	Ryan Hunter	Didsbury
Samantha Jones	Balzac	Carling Matejka	Ponoka
Ben Puch	Pincher Creek	Samantha Stretch	Ponoka

8) Alternate List

4-H members listed as an alternate may be called upon to replace a delegate at any one of the above programs.

Jaeden Binks	Grande Prairie	Terra Chalack	Carstairs
Kelly Coppock	Castor	Caytlin Crooymans	Bow Island
Kelsie Fenton	Cochrane	Taylor Finstad	Etzikom
Ashley Henrickson	Patricia	Wilson Lougheed	Red Deer
Luke Marshall	Innisfail	Brett Murphy	Duchess
Laura Plante	St. Paul	Stephanie Rasmussen	Didsbury
Dylan Vincett	Galahad		

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