

## Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation 2011 Scholarship Winners

The 4-H Foundation funds three \$1,500.00 scholarships and one Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence scholarship of \$2,500.00 each year. This year there was a superb pool of applicants, resulting in the Foundation awarding five scholarships.

### Kinsey Morley



Kinsey Morley, the 2012 recipient of the Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence scholarship, will graduate from Arapahoe High School and plans to study Business and Advertising at Penn State University.

She has been a seven-year member of the Morley Family 4-H Club and her projects have included Dog, Model Rocketry, Photography, Horseless Horse, and Quilting. The highlight of her years in 4-H was being elected District 3 President at State Conference in 2011. As a member of the State 4-H officer team, she helped plan and organize a very successful Youth Fest for 4-H members. Her main goal as a State 4-H officer has been to encourage the success of youth in Colorado.

Kinsey organized a 4-H club in a low income apartment complex in downtown Denver, which has been very successful in lowering the crime rate in the area and encouraging kids to do better in school. Kinsey is currently serving as her 4-H club president and Arapahoe County Junior Leader President. She has been involved with her school newspaper staff, serving as design editor and advertising manager. Kinsey is also a member of the Chorallettes, an audition-only choir at Arapahoe High School. Kinsey is a people-person as well as an organizer.

### Grant Caswell



Grant Caswell will be graduating from Cherry Creek High School and plans to attend Washington University in St Louis, Missouri to study Computer Science and Chinese. His 4-H highlight was raising his guide dog puppy "Orient" and getting to attend the dog's graduation in Oregon. Grant got to meet the woman who received "Orient" as her companion. He said it was a powerful few hours he spent with Orient's new owner and something that he will never forget.

Grant works with the Cherry Creek High School Peer Ambassador program. This program helps students who are struggling academically or socially. Grant participated in Cross Country, Track and has served as captain of both teams. He also plays hockey, is a member of the school running club, Chinese Honor Society, National Honor Society, was a delegate to Colorado Boy's State and has been a volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, Parade of Light and tutors high school students in Computer Science and Chinese.

## Nicole Groves



Nicole Groves is a six year member of 'Have Paws Will Travel 4-H Club" and a Cherry Creek High School graduate. She has been admitted to TCU, Baylor and the University of Oregon. She just needs to decide which University she will be attending. Her career goals are to go into Social Work and non-profit administration, because both fields fit perfectly with her passion, which is helping others.

She is raising her fifth guide dog puppy. Nicole helps the younger members learn how to handle and discipline their new puppies. The highlight of her 4-H project is being able to attend the Guide Dog graduation ceremonies in California where raisers get to meet their dog's blind partner.

Nicole has played Lacrosse and Field Hockey and served as captain of both teams. She has been involved with Big Sisters and DECA. Her community service activities include mission trips to Camp Barnabas, Haiti, South Africa, Mexico and downtown Denver, as well as involvement in His Love Fellowship, Extreme Community Makeover and Vacation Bible School.

## Abigail Hanouw



Abigail "Abby" Hanouw will be graduating from Rock Solid High School and is a nine-year 4-H member. She has been a member of two 4-H clubs, Bit of Class and Smoky Hill where she has served in many of the offices. She is currently secretary of the Arapahoe County 4-H Horse Council. She plans to attend Metropolitan State College and study Communications and Worship Arts.

Abby has taken 15 different 4-H projects over the years, with emphasis on the 4-H Horse and Horseless Horse projects. Her 4-H highlight was her first year in the horse project learning to trust, train and ride her horse. Her work and patience with her horse resulted in the Junior Overall Western Grand Champion award at the Arapahoe County Fair competition. She is a member of the Junior Leader Organization and also served as a youth representative to the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation. She has participated in county 4-H Talent Shows, Speech and Demonstration Contests.

She also plays soccer and runs track and is very active with her church youth group and music activities in the church. She plays several instruments and sings with the youth worship team. Her career goal is to be a worship leader.

## Kira Kalkus



Kira Kalkus is a member of the "Have Paws Will Travel 4-H Club". She will be graduating from D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School and plans to attend Stanford University to study Pre-law and psychology. Her goal is to become an advocate for children.

Kira and her family have raised eight guide dog puppies. Kira's 4-H highlight was being a Junior escort for Henry, a blind graduating senior, in 2011. It enabled her to see directly what she was devoting her time and effort for in raising a guide dog puppy. She was training a companion and partner for someone who had already struggled to overcome so much. Henry turned 18 this past summer and received his own Guide Dog.

Kira has served as president of the Spanish Honor Society and organized a Big Brother/Sister program at a bilingual school. Kira also played basketball four years, earned her varsity letter the past three years and her team won the Jeffco League Championship for the first time in school history. She was also chosen First Team All-Conference player for soccer and runs track. She plays the harp and has traveled with the Boulder Youth Symphony to China. Kira is also a Zoo volunteer.