

Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation 2013 Scholarship Winners

The 4-H Foundation funds three \$1,500.00 scholarships and one Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence scholarship of \$2,500 each year. This year there was a superb pool of applicants, resulting in the Foundation awarding five scholarships.



Anna Groeling is receiving the Ara Belle \$2,500.00 scholarship. She is a 6 year member of the Fox Creek 4-H Club and will be graduating from Arapahoe High School and plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado. Anna plans to study nutrition and psychology with a minor in Spanish. The highlight of Anna's 4-H experiences was being able to attend Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington DC. Anna's projects included Cake Decorating and Global Citizenship. She has participated in the county and state Consumer Choices and the Speech and Demonstration contests. She has also represented Arapahoe County at the National Western Roundup in the Demonstration and Consumer Choices contests. She served as an Alternate District 3 Senator and is a member of Junior Leaders. She organized an active Culinary Club at Arapahoe High School, is a member of the Future Business Leader of America, Key Club and Distributive Education Club of America. She has held offices in these organizations and participated in their many competitions. She writes poetry, is a member and volunteer at Jubilee Fellowship Church and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She states that 4-H has been foundational in helping her develop leadership skills, public speaking skills as well as the specific skills learned through working on projects. 4-H has helped her develop her skills, gifts and abilities. Congratulations Anna!



Ann Moorman, a ten year member, will graduate from George Washington High School and will be attending Denver University majoring in Business and Environmental Science. Becoming a "Sewing Fanatic" has been the highlight of her years in 4-H. Sewing has led her to explore the deeper nature of her passionate interests and helped her develop confidence and creativity in all that she does. She completed sewing, cake decorating, photography and ceramic projects as well as being very active in 4-H Demonstration/Speech contests, Junior Leaders, serving as a club officer, county Fashion Revue committee, Achievement program committee and District 4-H Senate Representative. She also conducted project workshops for other members. She served on the Young American's Bank Youth Advisory board, served as co-secretary of the General of Model United Nations club, plays the flute, was a Girl's State representative, received the Prudential spirit of Community Service award and the President's Volunteer Service Award. This just highlights a list of her many activities and honors. Congratulations Ann!



Drew Wolf, a seven year 4-H club member, will graduate from Denver School of Science and Technology and plans to attend New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology to become a Civil Engineer with a career goal of designing infrastructure to serve people. He has been enrolled in six different 4-H projects with emphasis on the baking project. Drew's 4-H highlight was the Arapahoe County Consumer Choices team winning the State 4-H Consumer Choices competition. It was a culmination of three years of practice and work and he says it was nice to have accomplished something from all of the hard work. He is a District 4-H Senator and a member of Junior Leaders. He has participated in the County 4-H Impromptu Speaking competitions, served as a volunteer at the local library, and was a Technical theatre intern. He has also served in a leadership position on his school's robotics team and participated in state robotics tournaments the past 4 years. Congratulations Drew!



Jonah Baskin is a four year member of the "Have Paws Will Travel 4-H Guide Dog Club" and will graduate from Cherry Creek High School. He is also receiving a \$1500.00 scholarship. His goal in life is to make the world a better place and to accomplish that goal he plans to study philosophy, religion and non-profit management. The highlight of Jonah's 4-H work was raising a Guide Dog puppy which dramatically changed the way he views giving. He recently was able to celebrate the 1st anniversary of Anise's graduation from training when she came with her partner to Colorado. The time spent with them made Jonah realize that one person can change the life of others. His many honors include being a life member of the Mensa Society, a National Merit Scholar finalist, Boettcher Award Semi-finalist, and an AP Scholar with distinction. He is Scuba certified, has a black belt in karate and plays a clarinet. He has participated on the Cherry Creek speech and debate teams, is a member of the National Forensics League, a member of the track team and a board member of the Gifted and Talented Committee at Cherry Creek High School. As a teaching assistant for the Lincoln Douglas ethics based debate class he has conducted speech and debate workshops. He

was the only student selected to be a speaker at the 2012-2013 Cherry Creek Human rights day program. He has served as the board president of the Denver Jewish film festival and Captain of the Cherry Creek speech and debate team. He states that outside 4-H, the activities that are the most important to him are his religious activities as they provide him with the most opportunity to help make the world a better place. Congratulations Jonah!



Katharine Wilson will graduate from Grandview High School and will also be attending the University of Denver majoring in Philosophy and English with the goal of teaching at the college level. She is an 11 year member and completed fourteen different projects. Katharine says the highlight of her 4-H career was participating in the Consumer Choices and Consumer Bowl contests at the national Western Round-Up where the Arapahoe County team placed third in the nation. She was amazed with the sheer number of people from across the country attending that had been touched by the 4-H program. She has served as President, Vice President and Secretary of her club, organized club fund raisers and club field trips where she learned to be flexible as things did not always go as planned! She also participated in the club's many community service projects. She is a member of her school speech and debate team and has qualified for state competitions. Katie is also a member of the National Forensics League with special distinction. She is a member of her school's Chamber and Symphonic Orchestra and was selected to participate in the Cherry Creek District Honor Orchestra her junior and senior years. She plays the violin. She has

also served as editor of the school literary magazine and is a contributor to the magazine.
Congratulations Katharine!