

The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation has awarded the following scholarships and a grant for 2020 to five outstanding senior 4-H members.

- \$2,500.00 Arabelle Burnett Memorial Scholarship: **Lauren Stuck**
- \$1,500.00 Melody Kollath Memorial Scholarship: **Kaylee Sefcovic**
- \$1,500.00 Sally Eliassen Honorary Scholarship: **Marston Garber**
- \$1,500.00 Barbara Holthaus Memorial Scholarship: **Evin Vincent**

The 4-H Foundation is also awarding a one-time special “Willow Grant” to **Molly Ramlet**. The Willow Grant is named in honor of the rescue horse Molly cares for and utilizes for her 4-H project work.

All our scholarship recipients have many things in common. They all state that they have learned public speaking skills through demonstrations and judging events; they have all participated in a large variety of community service projects; served as officers and committee members in their 4-H clubs; helped and assisted the younger 4-H members in learning project skills; served as Junior Leaders, and learned valuable record keeping skills. They all say that 4-H has prepared them for choosing their careers and advancing their education.



**Lauren**, the recipient of the \$2,500 AraBelle J Burnett Excellence Scholarship, has been accepted to the University of Northern Colorado to pursue a degree in Theatre Arts and a minor in American Sign Language. She is currently working on earning her Early Childhood Teacher’s certificate. Lauren is a graduate of Colorado Connections Academy with a 4.17 GPA, ranking 4<sup>th</sup> in her class of 268. She is a 7 year member of the Cove Circle 4-H Club. Clothing construction has been her main 4-H project focus. Lauren’s 4-H highlight was attending National Western 4-H Roundup as a consumer choices contestant. She earned this trip as State Champion individual in the Consumer Choices contest and was a member of the state champion team. She says it was one of the most amazing experiences she has ever had. It

afforded her new opportunities and perspectives. She is President of her school’s National Honor Society, plays the piano and participates in the school theatre group. Her end goal is to go to Broadway.

**Marston** received the \$1,500 Sally Eliassen 4-H Foundation Honor Scholarship. He is a graduate of Overland High School with a 4.566 GPA, ranking first in a class of 543 and plans to attend DePaul University. His goal is to be a confident music producer, composer, writer and performer with a substantial musical understanding. He is a 10 year member of the Cove Circle 4-H club. Shooting Sports, computers, electricity and photography were some of his main 4-H projects. Marston is an Eagle Scout, has played soccer and was a member of the school varsity swim and dive teams. He also managed the girls swim and dive teams and volleyball team. He has participated in four mainstage theatre productions at his high school. Marston is a member of the top Mixed Jazz Choir and Mixed Choral Ensemble and is student director and section leader of the choral Ensemble. Marston’s 4-H highlight has been the chance to explore, to help others and learn to work hard, not give up, to laugh hard and have fun! 4-H has taught him to be a loving, caring person who is interested in the success of others.



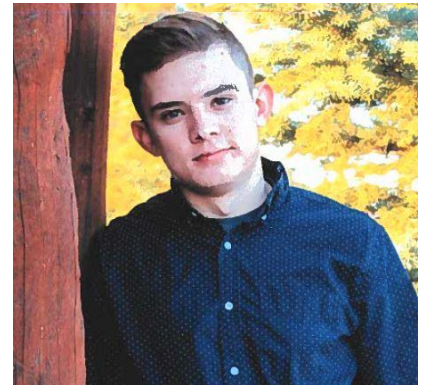
**Kaylee Sefcovic** is the recipient of the \$1,500 Melody Kollath Memorial Scholarship. She plans to study Athletic Training and Equine Science at CSU. Her career goal is to work with rodeo and PBR contestants and be a member of their traveling sports medicine team. She is an 11 year member of



4-H and belongs to the Elk Creek 4-H Club. Kaylee graduated from Bennett High School with a 4.04 GPA. She was Grand Champion Level 2 Western horse competitor at the State Fair this past year. She also was a member of the AQYHA Champion Horse judging team and a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> place overall team at the Arabian Nationals Horse judging competition this past year. Kaylee has also taken Market Beef and cat projects. She caught and showed a Catch a Calf at the National Western Stock show last year. Kaylee lettered in basketball the past three years, played volleyball, participated in track and was an assistant volleyball middle school coach this past year. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Bennett FFA Chapter. She plays clarinet in the school wind symphony and the pep band and has played

in several honor bands in Eastern Colorado. Kaylee's 4-H highlight was her experiences and accomplishments at the 2019 Colorado State Fair 4-H horse show. She helped a younger member improve in her horse skills and succeed during her first year showing at the state fair. She states that "knowing I helped others while having my own success made this a very memorable highlight of not just my experiences as a 4-H member, but in my life."

The \$1,500 Barbara Holthaus Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Evin Vincent**. Evin is a graduate of Bennett High School with a 4.0 GPA and plans to study pre-med at Regis University and become a pediatric surgeon. Evin's sister was saved by a pediatric surgeon and Evin wants to be able to have the same impact in life by saving someone's life. He belongs to the Elk Creek 4-H club and is a 12 year 4-H member. Evin has been very active in the shooting sports project the past ten years and is proficient in archery, 22 scope, outdoor skills, shotgun and muzzle loading. He has competed at a Nationals Shooting Sports competition and was on the 8<sup>th</sup> place team. He has also shown Market swine the past ten years and as well as rabbits. Evin has lettered in football, track and baseball and serves on the school principal's student advisory board. He is a member of Future Business Leaders of America and has competed at the district and state level and qualified for nationals. He is also a member of the Bennett FFA chapter having served as president, secretary and competed at the district and state level. The National Shooting Sports competition in Grand Island, Nebraska was the highlight of Evin's 4-H experiences. He competed in the Outdoor Skills competition where proficiency in outdoor survival and marksmanship skills are required. He says that it was incredible meeting other 4-H members from across the country.



**Molly Ramlet** is the recipient of a Willow Grant in the amount of \$1,500. Molly has spent the past eight years doing both the 4-H horse project and riding with the Westernaires. Molly is a graduate of the Rock Solid Christian Academy with a 3.36 GPA. She will be attending Arapahoe Community College studying Equine Management and training and hopes to work in the horse industry. She is an 8 year member of the Bit of Class 4-H Club. She has also shown her dog in the 4-H dog project competitions at the county and state level. Molly is a member of the Westernaires Big Red team which is the highest performing team. As a member of this team, she performs all over the state. They performed at National Western Stock Show rodeos this year. Because of all the riding events and

practices she has had little time to participate in other activities. She works for the Littleton Public Schools as an after-school child care aide and has also worked as a summer day camp aide for South Suburban Parks and Recreation district. The highlight of Molly's 4-H experiences is working with her horse "Willow". The horse was purchased by her club leader from a slaughter truck and sent to be trained. She worked with the horse at the trainer's before it was taken back to the leader's barn.

Now three years later, the horse can do a show slow trot and flying lead changes in figure eights. She is now working on desensitizing her to scary things like bikes, bags, etc. Molly says she has learned many training techniques and has learned to overcome her own frustrations by figuring out the problem and doing what needs to be done while working with the horse. The success in training "Willow" has given Molly a great sense of accomplishment.