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Local youth leaders earn scholarships for their hard work

Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation honors scholarship and volunteer winners

Littleton, Colo. --- Years of hard work and dedication give local 4-Her's a helping hand as they head off to college. At a ceremony yesterday, two Arapahoe County 4-H youth Brittney Pelton and Ashley Hale received the \$1,500 4-H Foundation scholarship, while Christina Williams received the Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence scholarship for \$2,500 as the highest scoring 4-H Foundation applicant this year. All winners are members of the Antelope Crossing 4-H Club in Strasburg and graduates of Strasburg High School.

"Through 4-H I've learned leadership skills and how to work as a team," said scholarship winner Williams. She explained how these skills will help push her to succeed as she enters the Colorado School of Mines this fall to study Computer Engineering and science.

In addition to announcing scholarship winners, the County's 4-H Foundation also honored the year's IVY winner Janell Amundson. This Important Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a volunteer who's gone above and beyond the call of duty. As a 4-H leader for 18 years, Amundson established the Bridle Path 4-H Club for youth interested in horses. She's influenced youth, parents, leaders and the community by providing fun and educational activities for youth in the 4-H Horse Project.

"These women have demonstrated a high level of sportsmanship, responsibility and leadership," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. "Arapahoe County is fortunate to benefit from such a strong 4-H program, Foundation and volunteers who are working together to help develop our future leaders."

If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation to the 4-H Foundation or would like to learn more about 4-H, call 303-730-1920 or visit www.arapahoeextension.org.

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Scholarships: Arapahoe County 4-H youth Ashley Hale, Christina Williams and Brittney Pelton each receive the \$1,500 4-H Foundation scholarship.

IVYaward: Volunteer leader Janell Amundson (right) earned the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation Important Volunteer of the Year Award for going above and beyond the call of duty