



# Meet the 2022 4-H Alberta Alumni & Friends Advisory Group

## Quinn Best, Peace Region

My name is Quinn Best. I was a 4-H member for 7 years as well as a 4-H Alberta Ambassador. My years were comprised of a variety of life skills and small animal projects.

I was a District Key Member and enjoyed planning and leading different events. In 2017, I took CIT (now YLEAD) and counselled at both regional and provincial camps. My favourite experience in 4-H would have been public speaking and highway cleanup.

I'm passionate about public speaking and the life skills and small animal projects as well as workshops. I look forward to building events and bringing more awareness of 4-H in the Peace Region.

## Emilee Bickley, West Central Region

I was a 4-H member for 10 years during which I had young horse and senior horse projects, market steer projects, and a crochet project. I was also fortunate to be selected as 4-H Alberta Ambassador for the West Central Region from 2018 - 2021. I gained leadership skills and made so many lifelong friends. One of my favourite things is being able to give back to 4-H through volunteering and helping younger members benefit from this program as much as I have!

I am currently a student at the University of Calgary where I will be completing my final year of my Bachelor of Science with a major in Zoology this upcoming school year!

## Melanie Danielsen, West Central Region

My name is Melanie Danielsen. I was apart of 4-H as a member for 9 years, with my last year being a Jr. Leader. Over the years I held multiple executive positions. 4-H gave me numerous opportunities that I am forever thankful for. Another highlight of my time with 4-H Alberta was attending Selections where I was chosen for the Northwest Territory Trip. To this day I have many friendships that began during my time with 4-H.

Public speaking is the number one skill I developed in 4-H that I continue to use in both my personal and professional life. My ability to lead a team as well as be an active team member are foundational skills I learned throughout my time as a member.

4-H was able to give me lots when I was a member, therefore when I aged out, I became an Alumni Member. I've been the president of the WC Region Alumni Cub for the last 5 years. With the help of others we organize the Sr. Member Ski trip that is held annually. I'm an active volunteer for the West Central Region, and helping within the communities the best I can. 4-H will always hold a place in my life as I see the importance of getting involved and giving back to the communities.

## Alexandrea Dechaine, Northeast Region

My name is Alex Dechaine and I was a 4-H member for several years. My projects included beef and photography. I became a Youth Leader through the 4-H Alberta program and have participated in many camps and programs. I held the positions of President and Vice President in my club during my time with 4-H.

I am very passionate about bringing the joys of 4-H to others that may not know about it. I am also bilingual, fluent in French and English, so I am able to talk to a range of people. I am very hard working, reliable, and enjoy teamwork. I look forward helping the Alumni & Friends program flourish and bring some new perspective to 4-H Alberta Alumni & Friends

## Loralee Klys, South Region

Bio coming soon!



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## Haley Kozar (Miller), Northwest Region

My name is Kaley Kozar and I was involved in 4-H Alberta for over 6 years. As a past member of Telford 4-H Multi Club, I started out in the horse division of the club. After my first year I fell in love with public speaking and every year after went on to compete in the District competition as well as Regionals.

During my time in 4-H, I held both the Secretary and Treasure position. I was the MC for many events as well as did numerous volunteer activities. I also assisted junior members in both public speaking and horsemanship. In my final years of public speaking, I assisted both the Vice President and president in learning their roles.

I look forward to growing the 4-H Alberta and Alumni presence in the Northwest Region.

## Aaryn Lynham, Northwest Region

Through my 10 years as a member of 4-H Alberta, I had many incredible opportunities to be involved and give back to the community, as well as represent the program on a larger scale. A highlight was being awarded my Platinum diary award in 2015 where I was able to thank many of the people in my Region who helped me ultimately achieve that landmark goal (it takes a community!)

Some of my roles with 4-H included:

- Ambassador for the East Central Region (2014 - 2016)
- Key Member for the Stettler District
- Representing 4-H Alberta at the National Members Conference in Toronto in 2014
- Being the founder of 4-H Alberta Colour Me Green - a charitable colour run in benefit of 4-H

After my 10 years in the program as a member, I went to Calgary to pursue my baccalaureate degree in Public Relations at Mount Royal University. During that time, I remained involved by judging communications events for five years in the Calgary Region. I also was part of the University of Calgary 4-H Alumni Club (now YYC Aggies), where we workshopped communications with members in the region, and facilitated a grant program for 4-H clubs.

Probably the biggest highlight of my 4-H career however, was attending Club Week in 2012, as this springboarded the rest of my intensive involvement in the wider program as a Senior member. I was able to come back as a facilitator in 2018 for Club Week in Hinton, but the coolest thing is that I'm back, yet again, facilitating at Club Week 2022 - ten years after I went as a member and it completely changed my life!

## Paulina Wolswinkel, West Central Region

I was a member in 4-H Alberta for nine years. In my time at 4-H, I learned a variety of skills that have stuck with me to this day. Showing my market steer, participating in public speaking up to the Regional level and holding a variety of positions in the club, such as president, each gave me the opportunity to improve my communication skills and learn more about livestock.

The skills I learned in 4-H, also helped me pursue my dream of studying veterinary medicine. I am entering my second year of the DVM program in the Fall. When possible, I still enjoy volunteering at various 4-H Alberta events and helping members with their projects.

I hope to bring together past 4-H members with a variety of events and networking opportunities, find ways for alumni to play an active role within 4-H Alberta, and ensure that people's voices are heard.

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