



Hartley Spaulding

UF/IFAS Extension Okaloosa County 4-H Youth Development Agent I, Northwest Extension District

Profile

Born and raised in Texarkana, Arkansas, I have always had a love for the Emerald Coast and all that it has to offer. I recently moved to Okaloosa County with my miniature schnauzer, Phoebe.

As the 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, my focus is bringing opportunities to the youth of Okaloosa County. I seek to develop the next generation of responsible citizens and productive members of the workforce.

My agriculture background is centralized in youth education and leadership, small animal management, and landscape design programs. I have spent many years traveling across the southern states to educate middle and high school students about post-graduation agriculture opportunities. I strive to use 4-H activities and opportunities to bring positive growth to the Okaloosa County community.

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County 4-H

Educational Programs

Development of Organizational and Volunteer Systems to Support Youth Development in Okaloosa County

With the help of my team and colleagues, it is my responsibility as the Okaloosa County 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent to recruit and train qualifying and like-minded volunteers to support the growth of our activities, clubs, and students. We work in partnership with many different entities and organizations across the county, state, and nation, to provide our youth with the greatest opportunities for growth and development. I will build an advisory committee that is crafted to meet the needs, advocate for, and prioritize the clientele of our diverse county. I implement strategies to keep the community, volunteers, and members up to date and knowledgeable on program operations.

Youth Development in Okaloosa County

As the County's 4-H agent it is my duty to create, plan, and implement educational programs that support the goals and values of the 4-H organization in order to make a positive impact on the growth and development of youth in Okaloosa County and shape future generations of leaders. Through school activities, club meetings, volunteer opportunities, judging teams, and many other educational experiences, we share the values of 4-H with the youth and next generation of Okaloosa County, Florida

Experience

- Agriculture Careers Intern
Texas High School, 2021
- Women In Agriculture Community Service Initiative
Independent, 2022-2024

Professional Preparation

- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business
University of Arkansas, 2022
- Master of Science in Agriculture – Leadership and Education
Southern Arkansas University, 2024