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2023 GLENN COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Glenn County 4-H conducted its scholarship interviews for graduating seniors on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Four very impressive youth members were evaluated on their application, individual interviews, and growth in the 4-H program. All four scholarship recipients have gained work experience throughout their high school careers, been involved in other organizations, and have worked hard to maintain their exceptional grades throughout high school. Scholarship recipients were awarded a combined amount of \$1,750 to further pursue higher education.

Kate Amaro, a member of the Willows 4-H Club, has been in 4-H for nine years and is a Senior at Willows High School. She has participated in the Rabbit project and Teen Council. Some of Kate's highlights in 4-H include being a Junior Leader, a Teen Leader for two years, a Club Officer, a committee member for multiple club activities, and has earned her 4-H Platinum Star. One of her favorite activities to help with was the 4-H Adopt-A-Family project because it taught her the importance of never taking things for granted, that helping others boosts her own confidence, and that you help others that truly need it. Although Kate has faced some difficulties, she appreciated those as it has helped her build her character and boost her confidence in many areas such as connections with others, leadership, and her

ability to communicate with others in a professional manner. 4-H brought Kate comfort by creating a family of friends and even a support system through long days of activities.

Kate plans to attend Sacramento State University to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business and a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science and to become certified in General Medical Sonography.

Ryan Chapman, also a member of the Willows 4-H Club, has been actively involved in 4-H for 12 years and is a fourth-generation 4-H'er. Ryan has been the Club Treasurer, Teen Leader for Archery and Sheep, and has earned multiple proficiencies. Some of the 4-H projects Ryan has been involved in are: Pygmy Goats, Sheep, Beef, Archery, Cooking, Arts and Crafts, Baking, Record Keeping, Bowling, Gardening, and Hi 4-H. The Adopt-A-Family activity was a very meaningful opportunity to Ryan as well, because he saw how important it is to help out in our community. Seeing the struggle that some people experience near Christmas time has made him more appreciative for what he has, and he now has more compassion for others. He also appreciated learning how to shop on a budget.

Ryan plans to attend the Butte College Welding Program, specializing in fabrication specifically. After obtaining his certificate, he would like to own his own traveling Welding Company.

Brayden Sims, a member of the Schaffert 4-H Club, has been actively involved in 4-H for 13 years. Brayden has been a part of the Sheep project, Entomology project, Archery project, and Air Rifle project. Brayden has been a Junior Leader and a Teen Leader for all three projects. Brayden is proud of his public speaking skills he has learned through 4-H and enjoys volunteer opportunities that allow him to give back to his community such as Adopt-A-Family, Fair clean-up days, Coats-for-kids, and canned food drives.

Brayden plans on attending Butte College to become a Music Teacher. Brayden is driven by his love for music and wants to be able to teach others.

Kaitlyn Battson moved to Glenn County and is a member of the Plaza 4-H Club. She has also been involved in 4-H in Bakersfield. She has been in 4-H for five years and has taken the Rabbit project and the Cake Decorating project. Kaitlyn shares a love for animals and helping others. She has been a Junior Leader and a Teen Leader for the Rabbit project, held the Treasurer and President Club Officer roles for multiple years and is always willing to lend a helping hand where needed, such as evaluating at County Presentation Day. Kaitlyn feels that being active in 4-H and her community has given her a sense of belonging and pride in community service. She has loved helping at Country Pumpkins, Bakersfield's Teddy Bear Toss, and the National Wreath Ceremony for Veterans. Kaitlyn holds true to the 4-H pledge and feels that it is an embodiment of her core values and what she stands for.

Kaitlyn plans to pursue a degree in psychology with a minor in Bachelor of Science as she is an observant youth member, she sees the need for both mental and social health. She plans to become a psychologist or psychiatrist after earning her degree at the University of Idaho where she plans to attend this fall.

Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients and best wishes to them with their higher education plans. All members have represented the Glenn County 4-H Youth Development Program so well and should be very proud of their accomplishments. A special thank you to our selection panel Grant Carmon, Becky Gruenwald, and Lisa Humphreys for their time and effort; it is greatly appreciated.



Pictured: Kaitlyn Battson, Kate Amaro, Ryan Chapman, and Brayden Sims.

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