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Camden County 4-H Prepares Youth for a Bright Future



What is 4-H?

4-H is America's oldest and largest youth development organization. Founded in 1902, 4-H is delivered through the Cooperative Extension system – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation – and **boasts 6 million members nationwide.** 4-H offers youth in kindergarten through one year out of high school (K-13) the opportunity to join a project-based club where they gain leadership and life skills to master their projects, in such areas as science, engineering and technology, citizenship, and healthy living. With guidance from adult volunteers and county 4-H staff, youth are encouraged to set goals, try new things, and take on proactive leadership roles.

Cooperative Extension is a unique collaboration between Rutgers, The State University, the Camden County Board of Commissioners, and the United States Department of Agriculture. As the community outreach arm of the University, our goal is to help the diverse population of Camden County adapt to a rapidly changing society and improve lives and communities through educational programs that are science based.

Meet a Few of Our Camden County 4-H Alumni Members



CHRISTINA CANIGLIA

SICKLERVILLE, NJ

*Accepted into the first class
of the Schreiber School of
Veterinary Medicine at
Rowan University*

Rowan University
Biology, 2022



CHRISTOPHER ZUBRZYCKI, J.D.

CHERRY HILL, NJ

*Judicial Law Clerk
New Jersey Courts*

**Widener University
Delaware Law School,**
2024

Rowan University
Criminal Justice, 2021



DR. CHRISTOPHER WACHUKU, JR.

CLEMENTON, NJ

*Resident Physician
Main Line Health*

**Rutgers Robert Wood
Johnson Medical School,**
2024

Rutgers University
Biology, 2015



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Impact of the 4-H Program

Grounded in a research-backed approach to positive youth development, 4-H aims to evaluate the impact of 4-H programs and better understand how young people experience the world.

The unique hands-on approach that 4-H provides gives youth the opportunity to learn by doing and build life skills as they prepare for the future, no matter their career goal (National 4-H Council, 2019).

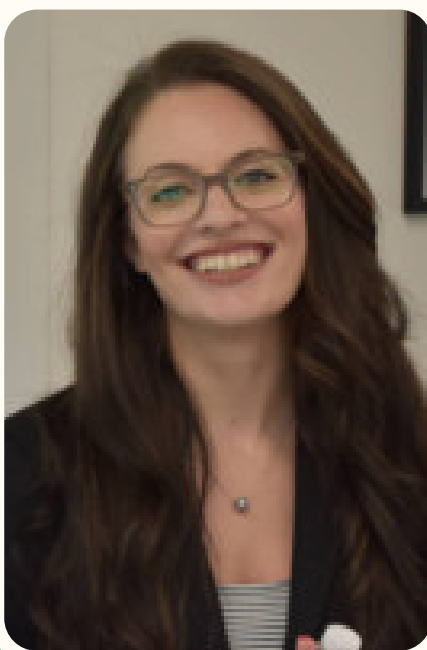


**MIRANDA
STAFFORD, J.D.**

WATERFORD, NJ

*Rutgers Law School -
Camden, 2024*

Rutgers-Camden
Political Science, 2019



**DR. JESSICA
MIDDLEBERG**

SICKLERVILLE, NJ

*Inpatient Pediatric
Postdoctoral Fellow
Children's Specialized
Hospital*

**William James College,
2019**

Wilson College, 2014



**NEETA
PATEL**

BLACKWOOD, NJ

*M.F.A. Candidate,
Yale University
School of Art,
Graphic Design*

Princeton University
Visual Arts and
Computer Science, 2016

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ANDREA PALEOS

SICKLERVILLE, NJ

*Editor, National Board
of Medical Examiners*

**Temple University
College of Liberal Arts,
Philosophy, 2021**



AUSTIN ELLIS

SICKLERVILLE, NJ

*Senior Associate,
Consumer Intelligence
Capital One*

**American University
Business Administration,
2020**



BIANCA ABBATE

SICKLERVILLE, NJ

*J.D. Candidate, The
George Washington
University Law School*

**LaSalle University
International Relations,
2021**

4-H Experience Correlates with Success in Life

In 2019, a national online survey of more than 6,000 former 4-H members suggests 4-H Alumni benefit significantly from their 4-H experience over the course of their lives - socially, physically, emotionally and economically (National 4-H Council).



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LAUREN WEIST

STRATFORD, NJ

*Aerospace Engineer
NASA Ames Research
Center*

Penn State University
Aerospace Engineering,
2022

University of Maryland
Aerospace Engineering,
2020



**ERIKA
PLECZYNSKI**

WATERFORD, NJ

*Water Resources
Project Engineer
Verdantas*

Villanova University
Water Resources and
Environmental
Engineering, 2023

Virginia Tech
Civil Engineering, 2018



SETH TREIMAN

CHERRY HILL, NJ

*Software
Development Engineer
Amazon*

University of Maryland
Computer Science, 2023



The Impact of 4-H

All data suggest that Alumni benefit from the 4-H Model well into adulthood and over the course of their lives, both socially and economically (National 4-H Council, 2019).



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DR. FALLON DUFFY

SEWELL, NJ

*Greenfields
Veterinary Associates*

**Ross University School
of Veterinary Medicine,**
2020

Rowan University
Biology, 2015



IAN EDDY

BERLIN, NJ

*Dispatcher
Inspira Health
EMT*

**Rowan College of
South Jersey**
Legal Assistant/
Paralegal,
Expected 2026



SID PARIKH

MARLTON, NJ

**Georgia Institute of
Technology**
Computer Science,
2025



4-H Alumni: Become Community Leaders

More than 6,000 former 4-H members reported feeling comfortable in a leadership role, volunteer in the community, and are politically active (National 4-H Council, 2019).

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MICHAEL RYAN

CHERRY HILL, NJ

*Master's Candidate
Stanford University
Computer Science, 2025*

**Georgia Institute of
Technology**
Computer Science, 2023



CRAIG ROBINSON

CHERRY HILL, NJ

*Water Resources
Engineer
Wade Trim*

**University of
Pittsburgh**
Environmental
Engineering, 2023



**KAITLYN
KARPOWICZ**

BLACKWOOD, NJ

*Music Teacher
Deptford Middle
School*

Rutgers-Camden
Master of Arts in
Teaching Music and
Special Education, 2022
Rutgers-Camden
Music, 2021



4-H Alumni: Experience Satisfaction in Life

4-Hers Are More Likely to be Personally Satisfied in Life
(National 4-H Council, 2019).



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**AVANISH
KARLAPUDI**

CHERRY HILL, NJ

*Undergraduate
Teaching Assistant*

Purdue University
Computer Science, 2025



**ABIGAIL
MALITSKY**

VOORHEES, NJ

*Intern, Human Rights
Coalition*

Haverford College
Anthropology, 2025



**KIRA
KINSEY**

HADDONFIELD, NJ

**Rutgers-Camden
School of Nursing,**
2025

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4-Hers Are More Satisfied Socially & Emotionally
(National 4-H Council, 2019).



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**SAVANNAH
BRANNAN**

CLEMENTON, NJ

**Thomas Jefferson
University**
Law and Society, 2025



**VICTORIA
ZUBRZYCKI**

CHERRY HILL, NJ

**Thomas Jefferson
University**
Nursing, 2025

Stockton University
Exercise Science, 2024



**CHRISTINA
MCDONALD**

ERIAL, NJ

Pursuing Accelerated
B.S. in Nursing
**Chamberlain
University**
Expected 2026

Stockton University
Health Sciences, 2023



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