Tennessee 4-H Shaping the Future Together

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The mission of Tennessee 4-H is to provide research-based extension educations experiences that will empower young people to gain knowledge, develop life skills, and form positive attitudes that will prepare us to become capable, responsible, and compassionate adults. We, as a community, can create our future together. Tennessee 4-H members can work together towards a common goal. By collaborating we can decide what success looks like and how to get there. Together as a whole, our community can provide an opportunity to shape Tennessee for future generations to come- our children, grandchildren and far beyond.

By working together, we can reimage and reinvent our communities as one. What will our future look like five years from now? 10 years from now? We as young students have the responsibility to ensure we are successful both economically and personally. We have learned to adapt to changes and learned to live differently due to Covid-19. There was a time when we could come and go as we please and did not have to worry about some virus affecting us. I hope we can get back to that! I miss the in person 4-H camps, that really helped shape us as one community together. It is hard to do virtually. There is no real connection.

New technologies are important to our future. Tennessee 4-H members should work together and take advantage of all the social media available to us. Tennessee’s young people are eager and willing to learn, adapt and grow together. We need to interact now more than ever. 4-H is so very important to future businesses and our economy from the things we learn, and the skills we obtain. Leaders emerge from 4-H, and I hope to be one someday. Technology is going to be important in every aspect of tomorrow. We should all learn from one another as everyone has something important to offer.

Changes are coming to our workplaces, our banks, and the world as we know it. Now is the time to prepare. How can we prepare students? Creative thinking and being innovative should be encouraged more in our schools. More classes are needed to prepare for the real-world. I believe 4-H does just that. If it wasn’t for 4-H, I wouldn’t have had all the great opportunities I have had in our community.

We as Tennessee 4-H members should unite and come together as a whole to make certain that Tennessee is successful in every way. New ways of thinking using new technologies and being adaptive during a worldwide pandemic will drive future success. If people don’t change to our new reality, they will get left behind, and it will be hard to catch up. Let’s all remember what the four clovers stand for: Head, Heart, Hands and Health. These are the four values us members work on through fun and engaging programs.