

# Extension News

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## ELECTRONIC 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING RECEIVES AWARD



4-H Volunteer E-learning has been named a recipient of the Western Extension Directors' Award of Excellence for 2008 in the multi-state category.

4-H volunteer E-learning is composed of four electronic modules, providing basic training for new volunteers and a refresher course for continuing volunteers. This training was developed by a multi-state team of Deb Jones, USU Extension 4-H, Jan Hiller of Washington State University Extension 4-H, Linda Webb, University of Idaho Extension 4-H, and Cindy Richmond, a web-based, learning designer located in Ohio. The training format was developed in response to time constraints of prospective volunteers and Extension agents in the western states who cover multiple subject matter areas.

"This was an amazing project that involved input from paid staff and volunteers in several western states; it was fun bringing it all together," Jones said. "The fact that not only are the original western states benefiting from the training, but the inquiries we are getting from other states, and even internationally, tells us this training format is on target with 4-H volunteers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

The award will be presented at the Summer Directors Meeting, Wednesday, July 9, in Fairbanks, Alaska, at the University of Alaska Woods Center Ballroom. For lodging and other information, visit <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/summer2008/jsm.html>. To access the training modules, visit [www.utah4-H.org](http://www.utah4-H.org) and click on "volunteers."

## EXTENSION AGENT HONORED FOR SERVICE

Utah County Farm Bureau honored Adrian Hinton, Utah County Extension horticulture agent, with the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, presented by Neil Anderson at their annual banquet this spring.

Hinton has developed an outstanding Master Gardener program. He has trained hundreds of volunteers who have helped thousands within their communities. He regularly contributes to pesticide applicator certification training and leads water conservation efforts throughout Utah County.

Hinton works continually with the greenhouse industries in the county and helps organize the horticulture conference each winter. During the recent outbreak of Japanese beetles in the Orem area, Hinton led much of the educational and volunteer recruitment efforts that have prevented the pest from spreading to agricultural areas. Hinton has also been the key advisor to the jail garden program established at the Utah County Justice Facility.

Hinton started with Utah County Extension in 1999 after previous Extension service in southern Utah and upstate New York. Since then he has provided great service to Utah County agriculture.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Governor's Office of Economic Development Web cast

May 15  
[goed.utah.gov/](http://goed.utah.gov/)

### Food Preservation Workshop

May 20-21 - Logan  
[extension.usu.edu/foodsafety](http://extension.usu.edu/foodsafety)

### Western Region of the Association of County Governments

May 21-23 - St. George  
[www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)

### Bear River Celebration and Free Fishing Day 2008

June 7 - Logan  
[extension.usu.edu/waterquality/html/educationalprograms/briverceleb](http://extension.usu.edu/waterquality/html/educationalprograms/briverceleb)

### 4-H Adventure Camp

June 9-11 - Riverton  
[utah4h.org/html/events-registration/adventure-camp](http://utah4h.org/html/events-registration/adventure-camp)

### Annual Utah Conservation Field Day

June 19 - Brigham  
[www.uacd.org/districts/BoxElder/Home.htm](http://www.uacd.org/districts/BoxElder/Home.htm)

### 4-H Junior Youth Conference

June 23-25 - Ephraim  
[utah4h.org/html/events-registration/junior-youth-conference](http://utah4h.org/html/events-registration/junior-youth-conference)

## UTAH 4-H YOUTHS CHOSEN AS DANIEL SCHOLARS



Five Utah 4-H high school seniors were selected this spring to receive the prestigious Daniels Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors and cover tuition, books, room, board, college preparation training and support services including a new lap top.

Utah 4-H received 20 nominations across the state; 14 were selected as semi-finalists. Nine were selected to interview as part of the final pool. From the original 20 students, five received the scholarship: Brittani Groll of Rich County (pictured), Crystalina Rosenhan of Salt Lake County, Katie Camp of Millard County, Kristina Howell of Sevier County and Joshua MacDonald of Washington County.

Scholarship founder Bill Daniels believed in the value of a college education and he wanted deserving young people to have the opportunity to get that education, regardless of their background. When he started the Daniels Fund, he felt that scholarship recipients should be diamonds in the rough. As of spring 2007, more than 700 Daniels Scholars were attending some 200 colleges and universities across the United States. Utah 4-H currently has seven Daniels Scholars.

## OGDEN BOTANICAL GARDENS RECEIVES GRANT

The Utah State University Extension Ogden Botanical Garden is the recipient of a \$5,000 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Ogden for the development of a new water-wise garden.

The service club donates to projects and organizations for the purpose of improving the community, according to Ogden Kiwanis Club President Richard Minnich.

"We wanted to support a program that is both educational and inspirational, and the Ogden Botanical Garden fits those goals," he said. "A water-wise garden will offer help to the community. Our club frequently works with high school students, and these students will have the opportunity to participate in establishing the gardens."

The garden will be filled with perennials and a few shrubs that will demonstrate to the public how attractive a water-wise landscape can be, said Jerry Goodspeed, USU Extension horticulturist and Ogden Botanical Gardens director. It will be one of the few water-wise demonstration gardens in Northern Utah.

A ribbon cutting and open house for the new garden will be Friday, June 13, at noon. There will also be an "open garden" where visitors can browse through all the gardens.



## EXTENSION WELCOMES STEPHEN SAGERS

Extension welcomes Stephen Sagers as the new Tooele County 4-H agent. Sagers earned his B.A. and M.S. degrees in political science at USU with a certificate in international relations. He also completed an internship in Washington, D.C., with Senator Orrin Hatch in 2004, and was engaged with agriculture, natural resource and energy issues. He is fluent in written and spoken Italian and is currently training in Spanish and French. Sagers said, "I am looking forward to using my training and my wide-ranging experience in helping youth in Tooele County."

Sagers was raised on a cattle ranch and farm in Erda, Utah, and was active in 4-H, the National FFA Organization and Boy Scouts of America. He is married to Stacey Jeppesen and they have three young children.

## EXTENSION WELCOMES SHELLEY JAKINO



Utah State University Beaver County Extension welcomes Shelley Jakino to their staff as the Beaver County 4-H coordinator. She will assist and answer questions about what 4-H has to offer both youth and adults. Shelley said that through good communication and planning, she hopes to offer great programs, motivate both youth and adults to participate in 4-H and by so doing develop lasting friendships.

Shelley was born and raised in Beaver. She is continuing her education through Utah State University and also Southern Utah University. She is the mother of five children, and said she finds her greatest joy guiding and teaching young people.

## EXTENSION IN THE NEWS

### View recent articles written by or about Extension in April 2008

[Construction Career Days fun learning opportunity](#)

[Training for a water efficient turf](#)

[Don't let bad habits suck up your budget](#)

[Children get peek at where food originates](#)

[Ex-ceptional parenting: Former partners need to work together when raising children](#)

[Utah student experience farming with hands-on day in Springville](#)

[Utah County prisoners digging their outdoor duty](#)

[Water District moving forward on conservation education partnership](#)

[Orem gardeners get go-ahead to plant in beetle-infested area](#)

[Utah County 4-H seeking technology expert](#)

## TAKE A LOOK AT THE RECENT EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Publications Completed in April 2008

[Small Acreage Irrigation System Operation and Maintenance](#)

[Buckhorn Plantain](#)

[Neurologic Equine Herpes Virus \(EHV - 1\)](#)

Visit the USU Extension publication site by clicking [here](#).

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT EXTENSION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Professional positions within Utah State Extension are currently open and we would like your help in spreading the word. Below is a list of positions needing to be filled. Please forward this list to anyone you know who might be interested in applying.

### 4-H Youth Programs

[State 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology Program Coordinator - Cache County](#)

### Northern Region

[4-H FitFactor Intern - Davis County](#)

[Assistant Site Coordinator, YFP After-School -Rich County](#)

[Davis County Resident Services Assistant at Mercy Housing](#)

### Southeast Region

[Middle School Afterschool Mentoring Coordinator](#)

[4-H Undergraduate Internship - Grand County](#)

[Undergraduate Internship -- Duchesne County](#)

### Southwest Region

[Staff Assistant - Washington County](#)

[Summer Internship - Sevier County](#)

[4-H Coordinator I](#)

[Summer Internship - Kane County](#)

[Soil Moisture Technician - Panguitch](#)

[4-H Extension Intern - Beaver County](#)

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