Local Youth Chosen to Be Part of National 4-H Team

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Dallin Bunnell, a Utah State University Extension 4-H youth from Utah County, was recently selected to be part of the 2016 National Design Team for the National 4-H Congress. He is the first youth from Utah to be selected.

Bunnell submitted an essay and a video application and was chosen as one of eight youth from over 60 applicants.

“Dallin has a lot of creativity, and the 4-H program is really important in his life,” said JoLene Bunnell, a USU Extension 4-H youth program developer and Dallin’s mother. “I think that’s what set him apart from other applicants.”

The National 4-H Congress is a conference for youth to meet, exchange ideas and receive recognition for individual accomplishments and community service. Over 1,500 youth from across the nation attend the conference, which is held in Atlanta during the Thanksgiving holiday.

“I applied to be on the design team because I wanted to provide a similar, or hopefully even better, unforgettable experience to the next group of the nation’s best 4-Hers,” Bunnell said. “At the National 4-H Congress, we collectively celebrate the greatest 4-H youth in the nation and their accomplishments.”

As a member of the team, Bunnell will plan and implement the conference. He will serve as a master of ceremonies, organize workshops, work with donors, arrange keynote speakers and lead the events and activities at Congress.

“What really sets 4-H apart from other youth organizations is that 4-H is so much more than a competition,” Bunnell said. “The 4-H program is a lifestyle built on learning, serving and leading. It is the youth organization that truly knows how to teach leadership—learning by doing. The 4-H program grows the leaders of tomorrow.”

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