

2019 Junior Fair Court

Brittany Adams

Brittany is the 16-year-old daughter of Tina and Mark Adams. She is a junior at Chardon High School, where she is active in National Honor Society, Thespian Society, and French Club. Through her participation in these organizations she has participated in service work and takes honors classes. Brittany was active in Girl Scouts for six years and organized her troop's Silver Award service - cleaning barns at the Geauga Fairgrounds. She is currently a member of Bunny Bunch (eight years) and has served as Secretary for one year and President for four years. In addition, she is a member of Junior Leaders 4-H club and is active as a Junior Fair Board member. Through 4-H she received the Gold Medal Award for Leadership in both the Junior and Senior categories, and the Gold Medal Award for Achievement in the Senior category. Along with showing rabbits, she has participated in projects for archery, pigs, dairy cows, and horses. In her free time, she enjoys shooting sports, riding 4-wheelers, spending time with her friends, and helping out in the community. She also enjoys writing music, singing, and playing various instruments.

Leah Fine

Leah is the 17-year-old daughter of Linda and Dan Fine. She is a senior at Kenston High School where she has been a 6-time high honor roll student, completing many honors and AP classes. She is a member of the girls' soccer team and coaches a rec soccer team of kindergarteners. She is also a member of Kenston Connect, an organization that helps 8th grade students adjust to high school with ease. Leah was one of the original members of the Junior Fair marketing committee which worked to make potential buyers aware of the Livestock Auction. She began her 4-H career showing rabbits and worked her way up to pigs, heifers, and steers. She is the current president of Breeders and Feeders 4-H Club. She is also an active member of Junior Fair Board. In her spare time, she babysits, volunteers at soccer youth camp, and participates in the daily husbandry of goats, pigs, and cattle on the Fine Family Farm. Leah plans to attend college to study early childhood education.

Janine Hartory

Janine is the 17-year-old daughter of Jim and Jen Hartory. She is a senior at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High School. She has been a 4-H member for the past 13 years and currently shows steers and swine. In the past, Janine has shown rabbits and chickens. She is a member of Junior Fair Board, Junior Leaders, and Geauga Beef and Swine 4-H Club. Outside of 4-H she is a volunteer camp counselor at Camp Whitewood, plays soccer at NDCL, and is a member of the NDCL American Political Parties Club. At school she has participated in the annual food and clothing drives and has been on the school's honor roll for three years. In Janine's free time, she volunteers at the local food pantry, the Geauga County Home, and Cleveland Central Catholic. Her goal after high school is to attend Case Western Reserve University to study accounting.

Mary O'Neill

Mary is the 17-year-old daughter of Heidi and Stephen O'Neill. She is a senior at Kenston High School where she is a member of student council. She has been a member of Greener Fields 4-H Club for nine years and has served as secretary, vice president, and president. Mary raises chickens and rabbits to show at the Junior Fair shows. She is also an active member of Junior Fair Board where she serves as secretary. Every year for the past three years, Greener Fields has organized a fundraiser for the Geauga Hunger Task Force where they have raised over \$100,000.00. This year and last year she helped head the committee. Mary has also spent time helping at Fieldstone Farms Therapeutic Riding Center. Mary is a member of USA Diving and AAU Gymnastics and Diving. Diving has taken up a large part of Mary's life and taught her many life lessons. She is hoping to continue her diving career at a Division I school after graduation.

Andy Cohn

Andy is the 17-year old son of Tracy and Jim Cohn of Chardon. He is a senior at Ohio Virtual Academy maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He has been an active member of Geauga County 4-H for five years, and is currently serving as Vice President of Feathers and Fleece 4-H Club. Andy has raised and shown rabbits, market ducks, and market turkeys for Junior Fair. In 2018, Andy raised the Reserve Champion Duck Pen and he also received the Outstanding 4-H Member Award. Since 2015, Andy has been an active volunteer for Canalway Partners, coordinating the finish line during fundraising races involving the Towpath Trail in the Ohio and Erie Canalway. He also volunteers his time at a local assisted living facility by using his rabbits as service animals to comfort residents. Andy's interests are hiking, golf, football, baseball, and travel. He enjoys the outdoors and visiting national parks. After high school, Andy plans to pursue a career in park services as a game warden or historical guide.

Garrett Hastings

Garrett is the 16-year-old son of Brenda and Lad Hastings. He is a junior at Berkshire High School. Garrett lives on a dairy farm in Burton, where he is involved in the daily operations of farm life, including breeding, vaccinating, moving animals, data entry, calving assistance, and taking care of all aspects of the dairy 4-H animals housed at his family's farm during the summer. He also manages the genetic program at the family dairy, which includes bull selection, cow matings, embryo transfer and preparing cows and heifers for shows. Garrett is an active member of the National and Ohio Holstein Associations. He is a member of Geauga Dairymen and Breeders and Feeders 4-H clubs and serves on Junior Fair Board. He has shown his dairy animals at the county and district levels. At school, Garrett is a member of the varsity track team. His 4-H accomplishments include being the recipient of Gold Medal Awards for Dairy, Poultry, and Leadership, and he was awarded the Ambassador of 4-H Award. He enjoys spending most of his time working with his 4-H animals at the farm, raising market poultry, and studying dairy cattle genetics. After high school he wants to attend The Ohio State University to study agriculture and related subjects.

Sam Pleva

Sam is the 16-year-old son of Mara and Walt Pleva. He is a junior at Berkshire High School, where he has participated in Cross Country, Track, Bowling, and Soccer. He is a member of the International Thespian Society, and has acted in two musicals with the Berkshire thespians, the Wizard of Oz and the Addam's Family. He has been a member of Flockmasters 4-H Club for 8 years and was a member of Bunny Bunch 4-H Club for 2 years. He has held the offices of President, Treasurer, and Health & Safety Officer. His 4-H awards include the Gold Medal Awards for Poultry and Outstanding 4-H Member. He has been on the honor roll and Dean's List and represented Berkshire at QuizBowl. Sam has been involved in his church youth group and has helped run fundraisers and collect food and clothing for distribution, and has volunteered at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. He has been involved in the fostering process by being a foster brother and helping his family with respite foster care. He walked in the Northeast Ohio Kidney walk to highlight the challenges of kidney disease, organ donation, and transplantation. In his spare time, he enjoys snow skiing, reading, writing, running, theatre, public speaking, and breeds call ducks, Seabright and D'ucclle chickens.

Alan Wood

Alan lives in Auburn Township with his parents, Julia and Alan, and his older sister Graycen. He is a senior at Kenston High School where he maintains a 4.2 GPA and earned his letter in Academics as a freshman and Varsity Basketball as a junior. He is a member of National Honor Society, Business Club, Spanish Club, Student Council, Yearbook staff, and the Principal's Leadership Council. Alan has been a 4-H member for five years, where he has shown pygmy goats, dairy goats, and market chickens. He is currently the Treasurer of The Pygmy Connection 4-H Club and previously held the offices of News Reporter and Health and Safety Officer. Alan enjoys being a third-year member of the Geauga County Junior Fair Board where he superintends shows, contacts judges for the shows, and does service to maintain the fairgrounds. Since his freshman year, Alan has completed over 100 hours of community service, including coordinating a 2019 donation drive for Rescue Village. He has also collected and handed out handmade Valentines at various assisted living facilities for three years. When Alan is not at school or participating in his extracurricular activities, he enjoys playing basketball and instructing youth on basketball skills. Alan plans to study business and marketing and continue his basketball career in college.