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HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS TO ATTEND NATIONAL 4-H CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

Six (6) Hunterdon County 4-H members have been selected to represent New Jersey at the 2019 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Conference. This conference, now in its 60th year, will be held July 7-13 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth. Delegations from across the country attend this six-day program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, located just outside Washington, D.C. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants attend workshops, congressional sessions, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. They learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

During the week, program participants will also have the opportunity to visit local Washington, D.C. landmarks including the Capitol, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Presidential and war monuments and memorials, as well as Smithsonian museums.

Delegates from Hunterdon County attending this year's conference are Lindsey Davis from Asbury; Rachel Ewing from Flemington; Taylor Lengen from Flemington; Cecelia Ossi from Annandale; Emma Weniger from Ringoes; and Josie Whitmore from Glen Gardner.

"The conference provides opportunities for young people to identify individual citizenship rights and responsibilities; identify issues facing youth and explore causes and possible solutions; establish communication with law makers; witness government in action; and develop a personal citizenship action plan," says Sherrie Peterson, 4-H Program Assistant.

Financial assistance for travel and tuition costs was provided by the State 4-H Association and the Hunterdon County 4-H Leaders Association and the parents of the participants.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station - Cooperative Extension, 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law.

For more information about the Hunterdon County 4-H Program, call the 4-H Office at (908) 788-1341 or visit the 4-H State website at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/> or Hunterdon County website at <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/rutgers/4H.htm>.

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