

# **Four Pennsylvania Youth Named Outstanding 4-H and FFA Youth during 2017 Keystone International Livestock Expo**

HARRISBURG – Four Pennsylvania teens were named Outstanding 4-H and FFA Youth during the 61st Annual Keystone International Livestock Expo, held in Harrisburg on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Nominated by their county Penn State Extension educators and agricultural education teachers, respectively, each honoree excels in agricultural activities and serves as a model member of their respective organizations.

Erin Lang, daughter of David and Lisa Lang from Glen Rock, York County, was presented with an Outstanding 4-H Youth Award. An 11-year 4-H member, Lang credits 4-H with “...providing her the tools and knowledge to lead a successful career in agriculture,” through participating in projects relating to goats, dogs, rabbits, horses, sheep, alpacas and beef cattle. She is a student at Penn State University, York Campus, majoring in crop production, and desires to attend the University of Georgia for a master’s degree in plant breeding, genomics and genetics to eventually work in the field of plant production.

Daniel Rohrbaugh, son of Cathy Rohrbaugh from Seven Valleys, York County, was also named an Outstanding 4-H Youth Award winner. A 10-year 4-H member, Rohrbaugh attributes his success in 4-H with setting the foundation for his future in cattle marketing, through taking part in projects related to teen council, 4-H exchange, shooting sports and beef cattle. He is a current student at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural business. As a fourth-generation Angus breeder, he plans to pursue a career in marketing.

Mikara Anderson, daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson from Three Springs, Huntingdon County, was named an Outstanding FFA Youth Award winner. A member of the Southern Huntingdon FFA Chapter, Anderson focuses on sheep production, and maintains three flocks of registered Hampshire, Montadale and Natural Colored sheep. She also raises and sells market lambs. She is a student at Southern Huntingdon High School, and plans to pursue a career as an agricultural lawyer, to apply her passions for working with people, agriculture and public speaking to helping farmers and agriculturalists.

Travis Dull, son of Larry and Karen Dull from Manheim, Lancaster County, was also named as an Outstanding FFA Youth Award winner. A member of the Manheim Central FFA Chapter, Dull centers his FFA involvement around cattle, originally showing dairy beef and working his way up to showing a market steer from his own herd, a personal goal he was proud to achieve. A graduate of Manheim Central High School, Travis recently purchased a farm in partnership with his father, and hopes to begin selling club calves to other youth getting started in the beef industry, eventually raising a herd of market steers on his feedlot and transitioning into becoming a fulltime farmer as a career.

For their accomplishments, each winner received a plaque and \$250 cash award and were recognized during the opening ceremonies of the 2017 Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition is the largest livestock show on the East Coast, with 947 open and 417 junior breeding beef cattle, 181 halter and 266 hitch horses, 1,139 open and 452 junior breeding sheep, 251 breeding swine, and 302 open and 86 junior Boer goat entries in 2017. This year, more than 725 exhibitors from 27 states and Canada are competing in livestock events. The show also includes the 10th Annual Keystone Classic Barbecue Competition, a Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned event to select the state's finest culinary competitors.

All events are open to the public with free admission and parking. Find more information and a complete schedule of events at [www.keystoneinternational.pa.gov](http://www.keystoneinternational.pa.gov).