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### Sullivan's 4-H Youth Rank High at New York State Fair

SYRACUSE, NY— Each year, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program displays a selection of outstanding youth project work exhibits at The Great New York State Fair in Syracuse. Of the 39 entries showcased at the fair, four Sullivan County exhibits secured "Outstanding Recognition" awards amongst all the counties on display, and one was selected for the "Best of Fair" blue ribbon award, the fair's highest honor. The Best of Fair recipient was the 4-H Trout-in-the-Classroom project, a journal tracking observations and testing results, featuring diagrams and artwork following the development of fish fry from eggs to release in local waterways. This phenomenal achievement shines a light on the experiential learning opportunities made possible by Sullivan County 4-H youth members and their caring adult mentors. To learn more about this project, visit <https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/trout-in-the-classroom>.

The selection of New York State Fair exhibits takes place during the annual Sullivan County Youth Fair on the third weekend in August at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. It is open to all youth who wish to engage in face-to-face evaluations of project work. Exemplary exhibits are recognized and nominated to represent Sullivan County at the New York State Fair.

Afterwards, these outstanding youth exhibits enjoyed a final show at the Sullivan County Government Center during National 4-H Week, October 7-13.

Any Sullivan County youth ages 5-18 can apply to enroll in 4-H for free, all year long. To learn more about 4-H, call CCEESC at 845-292-6180 or visit <http://sullivancee.org/4-h-youth-development>.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program empowers any youth ages 5-18 to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University resources and gain career readiness skills through hands-on activities and "learning by doing".

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