



# Regional News

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## From the President's Desk

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### Mark your Calendar!

- Feb. 8-10, 2011  
JCEP Leadership Conference  
San Antonio, TX
- April 3-6, 2011  
PILD Conference  
Alexandria, VA
- Oct. 24-28, 2011  
NAE4-HA Conference  
Omaha, NE
- Oct. 21-25, 2012  
NAE4-HA Conference  
Orlando, FL

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Working with 4-H is probably the "toughest job you'll ever love!" There are long hours, lots of nights

and weekends, spending as much time with other's children as you do your own, working with easy people and challenging people at the same time, and finding a way to balance it all. I have read a lot about balancing work and family and have come to the conclusion that there is no balance. One day work will need more attention than family, and the next day family will need more time than work. The trick is finding a happy medium. I have a co-worker who told me one day "you'll always have a car payment, a house payment, and this job is only here for 30 years where your family is there for the rest of your life and your legacy will live through them, not your job." I feel like most days I have a pretty happy medium, even though there is not a balance. I will admit I have great administrators who set a good example, encourage me not to work every day I am on maternity leave, and support me in all I try to accomplish.

One of the things that has helped me find my balance is by trying to improve myself as a leader so that I can work efficiently and effectively. I'm an avid reader of more than romance trash novels and enjoy reading ways I can work smarter and not harder. As a leader in your state association, you have "volunteered" your time to help

others in your state advance the 4-H Youth Development profession. This takes time from your "paying" job, but the rewards for your state and for us as a nation are huge. Try to pick 3 things you would like to accomplish as an officer this year and get those done. Don't try to move mountains, but if we all focused on 3 things, think of what we could accomplish as an association! Keep "The Leader's Charge" somewhere you can see it when you need a reminder of that happy medium and remember together we can move mountains!

### The Leader's Charge

from: Taylor, D.H. (2007). The imperfect leader: a story about discovering the not-so-secret secrets of transformational leadership. Bloomington, IN: AuthorHouse.

- "To understand and embrace humility.
- To pursue a life of purpose.
- To exhibit a life of character.
- To become dissatisfied with the status quo.
- To envision and articulate a preferred future.
- To create a performance culture and deliver results.
- To lead the way, serving at all times and at all costs (Taylor, 2007, p. 141)."

Have a great Holiday Season and if there is anything I can do to help you at any time please let me know.

Lori Purcell Bledsoe  
NAE4-HA President

# 2011 NAE4-HA CONFERENCE

## Join us in Omaha, Nebraska!

### Head Hands Health in the Heartland

NAE4-HA National Conference  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28  
[nae4ha.com](http://nae4ha.com)



- Memorable Keynote Speakers
- Outstanding Educational Opportunities
- Unique and Enjoyable Entertainment
- Highlights of Local Businesses with International Connections (ConAgra, Gallup, and others)
- Exciting Networking Opportunity located at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo
- Mouth-Watering Food
- Affordable, Value-Filled
- Central Location
- Warm, Midwest Hospitality
- More Than You Can Imagine!

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## NAE4-HA 2011

Refocus on the meaning of 4-H in your community! Attend the 2011 NAE4-HA Conference, “Head, Hands, Health in the Heartland,” in Omaha, next October 24-28. Nebraska may be known for its fields of cattle and corn – but it is also a field for world-class innovation! And an outstanding professional development and networking experience awaits you!

The 2011 NAE4-HA Conference will feature inspirational speakers, including Dr. Shane Lopez, Darrell Andrews, Dr. Tom Osborne (tentative) and Janie Walters. You’ll be moo-tivated from their messages! And learn from the most successful 4-H programs, including some of those found right in Nebraska.

Discover leadership strategies from international businesses located in Nebraska, including Gallup and Conagra Foods. The Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo, the Historic Old Market District – all “prime cut” conference learning experiences, right in Nebraska!

The 2011 NAE4-HA Conference will be a valued-filled experience. Plus, the genuine, friendly environment with Midwest hospitality provides the perfect setting where you can begin to refocus professionally, no matter what you may have “herd.” To be held at the new Qwest Convention Center and Hilton Hotel, in Omaha, the conference takes place in the center of our country’s national 4-H program – the **heartland!**

The request for proposals for program seminars, poster sessions, competency building workshops, and research/evaluation reports, will be available in December and will be due on January 31, 2011 (midnight eastern time). More information about the 2011 NAE4-HA Conference can be found at <http://2011nae4ha.unl.edu>. And, receive conference updates via Facebook (<http://facebook.com/2011nae4ha>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/2011nae4ha>).

Join us in Omaha next October 24-28, 2011, and refocus on the meaning of 4-H in your community, with your “Head, Hands, Health, in the Heartland.”



issues affecting youth and gain professional development experiences to enhance their personal and professional life. As our states continue to face budget restraints, regional directors will play a vital role in connecting members to our association.



**Melissa Henry**  
**Southern Senior Director**

Melissa Henry has worked for 12 years as a 4-H County Extension Agent in Tennessee. During that time she has served in various leadership roles in her state association including President, Vice President and Recognition Chair. She also served as conference co-chair for their annual State Association Conference and for Tennessee's first state Galaxy Conference. One of her favorite activities is training judging teams in forestry, land and wildlife for region, state and national contests. Her county also has a very active horse project group and she recently started a dog project group. Melissa is a huge sports fan and loves traveling. Melissa is excited about serving as Southern Regional Director and looks forward to visiting different states in the region and learning more about their programs.



**Marcus Boston**  
**Southern Junior Director**

Marcus D. Boston Jr. has served as an extension 4-H agent in Leon County in Tallahassee FL for 17 years. During his tenure he has provided leadership in the Florida State Association by chairing the Programs and Diversity Committee, and eventually serving as the Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents President. He's also had the opportunity through great leaders and 4-H youth to develop a strong county program with special emphasis on environmental education and leadership development. Marcus feels that with the current state of our economy, this moment serves as an opportunity for NAE4-HA to make a visible positive impact on our 4-H professionals, volunteers, parents, and youth.

## Western Region



**Scott Nash**  
**Western Senior Director**

**Scott Nash** has worked in extension for over 16 years and enjoys his role as Western Region Jr. Director. I met so many great people and had wonderful leadership experiences as I visited other states. It has truly been a tremendous opportunity to learn the needs of association members. I appreciate the chance to provide members the information they need to enhance their leadership and become more involved in the association. Attending 13 NAE4-HA Conferences in 16 years of extension work has helped me know how the association functions. I think it is

important to continue to communicate what the association can do for members and how the members can help the association. I know that being involved in NAE4-HA has helped me gain the skills needed to manage a local 4-H program with over 4,500 youth and maintain the balance needed to enjoy time with family.



**Warren Crawford**  
**Western Junior Director**

Warren Crawford has worked for the University of Wyoming Extension for the past 12 years. I worked 6 years at the county level and 6 years at the state level as the Youth development Specialist. My primary job responsibilities include coordinating all the state natural resource and leadership development programs. I have been a member of our state and national association for 12 years and have attended 10 national conferences. The things that keep me coming back each and every year are the fantastic networking opportunities and the variety of professional development experiences available through NAE4-HA. I am thrilled to be a part of this worthwhile profession and I look forward to serving you and the association in my role as regional director.

## JCEP UPDATES!!

State Association Presidents are reminded that there will only be one JCEP workshop site in 2011. The dates are February 6-8 in San Antonio, TX. Registration and information can be found at [www.jcep.org](http://www.jcep.org) NAE4-HA will pay the registration fee and most of the travel expenses for one delegate from each state to attend.

The host hotel for JCEP will be the Crown Plaza in San Antonio, TX. The conference starts at 2:00 PM on Feb. 8th and ends at noon Feb. 10th. Registration is \$250. Rooms are \$130 for 1-2 people, \$148 for 3 people, and \$166 for 4 people.

The Regional Directors are working hard to offer an educational program during our association business meeting and, as always, time will be devoted for regional breakout sessions to share updates and discuss regional business. We look forward to having EVERY state represented at the JCEP Workshop in San Antonio!



To: State 4-H Leaders, Development and Foundation Directors and State Association Presidents

From: Pamela I. Van Horn, Chair  
National 4-H Hall of Fame

Re: 2011 Hall of Fame Nominations

Date: December 1, 2010

The National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force of NAE4-HA, in cooperation with National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters, is pleased to announce that nominations for the Class of 2011 will be accepted until February 28, 2011.

Our goal is for NAE4-HA members, foundation/development professionals and 4-H faculty at all levels to work together to select and nominate the most deserving candidate of each Land-grant institution to the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The State 4-H Leader's signature is required to confirm the Land-grant institution's nomination. An electronic signature is acceptable or the signature page may be faxed to 785-532-5981.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame honors 4-H volunteers, extension professionals and staff employees, donors and others who have made a significant impact on the 4-H program and/or 4-H members through the contribution of time, energy, financial resources, etc. Current employees of 4-H, Cooperative Extension, the Federal Extension System or National 4-H Council and those with 4-H or Extension administrative responsibilities will not be considered until three years following retirement. The three-year rule also applies to deceased employees. Unsuccessful candidates must be re-nominated for future consideration.

The selection process involves a committee of 16 people, including 8 NAE4-HA members (2 from each region), representatives of 4-H National Headquarters, National 4-H Council, a past NAE4-HA president, a State 4-H Leader, three Hall of Fame laureates and a youth representative.

The Hall of Fame Committee anticipates 15 to 20 laureates will be inducted into the Class of 2011. The ceremony is scheduled for October 7, 2011, at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

All Land-grant institutions are encouraged to nominate an outstanding individual who has had a significant impact on 4-H and 4-H members.

Thank you for your support of the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Please visit our website at: <http://www.nae4ha.com/hof/> to view laureate photos, biographies and other interesting information from recent classes. If you have questions, suggestions or corrections related to the National 4-H Hall of Fame website, please contact Jim Kahler at [jkahler@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:jkahler@nifa.usda.gov). Please direct all other questions to National 4-H Hall of Fame Chair Pamela Van Horn at [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu) or 785-532-5800.

## *National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination*

In 2002, the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters partnered to create the National 4-H Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize 4-H volunteers, Extension professionals, staff employees, donors and others who made a significant impact on 4-H at the local, state or national level. Each Land-grant institution may annually submit one nomination. The three national partners may submit up to three nominations. All nominations must be sent electronically to Pamela Van Horn, [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu) by **February 28, 2011**.

### **Nominee Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Relative/contact person if nominee is deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nominator Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination by: Land-Grant (list) \_\_\_\_\_ or  
NAE4-HA \_\_\_\_\_ NIFA/4-H National Headquarters \_\_\_\_\_ National 4-H Council \_\_\_\_\_

The Selection Committee is primarily interested in learning of the nominee's significant impacts on 4-H'ers and/or the 4-H program. The nominee should exhibit outstanding **citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character**. The nomination is **limited to a one-page MS Word document** with margins of no less than .5 inch and fonts no smaller than 12 point. Please do not include photos with the nomination.

***Please focus the information on the nominee's: 1. Citizenship as exemplified by participation in civic, community, state, regional and national public service related activities evidencing concern for the welfare of others, especially as they relate to 4-H. 2. Leadership as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H. 3. Career Accomplishments as exemplified by accomplishments and success in his/her chosen career and as a mentor or role model. 4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement (if a 4-H alumni or volunteer) in the nominee's life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H. 5. Any other information that would be beneficial for the selection committee to know.***

## National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination Signature Page

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

As the nominator, I verify the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submission of this form implies the State 4-H Program Leader or designee approves this nomination.

State 4-H Leader\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send nominations (MS Word document) as an email attachment to Pamela Van Horn, [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu), **by February 28, 2011**. Electronic signatures are acceptable or the signature page may to be faxed to 785-532-5981

Nominators of successful nominees will receive a request in early May for a current digital head and shoulders photo, up to three action photos, a brief biography, and significant 4-H honors.

*\*Director/CEO/NAE4-HA President*