

## **4-H Overall Story**

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### **Junior Essay Winner**

Hello, my name is David Edward Holguin, I am 13 years old. Some of my interests include spending time with my family, going out with my pigs, and shooting bow and .22 long rifle. This year was a crazy 4-H year for my family, we had nine pigs in total. They were very entertaining, they would not stop jumping on their gates when it was feeding time. I had never heard a louder pig barn than this year when it was feeding time.

Other things that I participated in outside of 4-H include, eighth grade Student Body President. I also play all sports available to me as a seventh and eighth grade student. I was the team captain for both my basketball and football team.

I have been in 4-H for five years now and I have loved every minute of it. The competitions for county contest I participated in were horticulture, agronomy, public speaking, consumer decision making, .22 long rifle, and archery. At district competition in Socorro, I competed in consumer decision making and traditional archery. I got first place in traditional archery, first place team in consumer decision making, and second place individual. I was fortunate enough to participate in five fairs this year. I received two new belt buckles this year for Junior Showmanship; I would say I did pretty good. I also got three pigs in the sale. These activities were all fun!

4-H has helped me become a better citizen and leader by helping me get out of my comfort zone and expand my horizons. It has allowed me to be a better person, be humble, and look at situations from different perspectives. In my club, I am the Treasurer but by completing this record book, I will be able to run for club President next year, which is my goal. One of the many things I learned is to never back down from a challenge, work on each other's strengths and do not put members down; instead, lift them up and coach them up.

There are many things I liked this year, but the best was Youth Get-Away Camp! This is my last year attending YGA as a participant. I hope to apply to be a Counselor in Training next year. I met many new friends, who I would run into at fairs across the state.

At a school event, I had to put on a workshop at the district level for Student Council. I used what I had learned in 4-H to help me present. We discussed teamwork and putting aside differences. Many things have influenced me to be a good leader and the idea to never back down from a big challenge.

This year in 4-H has been my best year yet! I met new friends, participated in new projects, and met my goal at winning not one, but two showmanship buckles. One funny thing though is I'm pretty sure that my whole entire family has rode a pig this year, by accident of course, not on purpose. I guess you can say we had some wild pigs and had our work cut out for us in taming them. I have achieved many new things this year. I have been proud of my brother and sister's accomplishments, we became known as "Team Holguin" and reminded each other when things got tough. I have been influenced to become a better person and a good friend to all that know me. Thank you for taking the time to read, MY STORY!