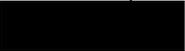


**Danielle Brazeau
Storrs, CT**



An animal lover since infancy, Danielle is a sophomore animal science student in the Agriculture Education Department at E. O. Smith High School neighboring the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs. Next year Danielle will be earning college credits in physics from the land-grant university. She saw different types of agriculture while camping from coast to coast during the summer of 2013.

Danielle gives credit to both 4-H and Future Farmers Association (FFA) for diminishing her shyness so she could take advantage of this road to leadership development and public speaking. Each year she has applied herself in more opportunities such as rabbits, hens, horse showing, art exhibits, public service, dances, and field trips. In last month's competition she earned the title of Grand Champion Showman at the Southern New England 4-H Poultry Show. After winning the FFA Creed Speaking competition at school last year she gained courage to run for the office of president in 4-H.

During the club's monthly business meetings she enjoys encouraging younger members to speak up during parliamentary procedures so that they can feel the power of participation and learn that it affects the club's activity calendar. This spring, Danielle and some high school classmates spoke to Senator Flexor in Hartford about the inequality of agricultural education funding in Connecticut. Experienced in 4-H and FFA governing bodies, as well as having witnessed state government during three visits to the Capitol, Danielle is preparing for work at the national level as a delegate in the 4-H Conference.

Other than horseback activities or hanging out with friends Danielle likes to canoe, cycle, swim, and spend time with pets. Her favorite place to be is at fairs with friends.