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Hilton High School Graduate receives the 2020 Norman V. Ryan 4-H Scholarship

Congratulations to Faith Avedisian, the 2020 Norman V. Ryan Monroe County 4-H Youth Development Scholarship recipient! Faith, a member of the Buttonwood Livestock 4-H Club, will be heading to SUNY Morrisville in the fall to begin her studies in Agricultural Business.

Faith credits her 4-H experience as an important part of her life. Faith shared, "The versatility that 4-H offers has allowed me to become a more open minded and well-rounded person. 4-H has helped lead me to my future career path and helped me in deciding what college I would be attending." Avedisian has had the chance to experience a variety of leadership experiences as an officer in her club and has had the chance for career exploration at different 4-H events. These experiences have aided in the development of independent leadership skills and the ability to step forward and take charge in a variety of situations.

Susan Coyle, 4-H Program Leader said, "It is a pleasure to honor Faith with the Norman V. Ryan 4-H Scholarship. Faith has been a member of 4-H since she was a young child. She has grown up trying new projects and new experiences. She has developed a passion for agriculture and will be continuing her education in the field. This will be a great fit for a young person who spends her summers showing cattle and educating the public about the dairy industry, and farming in general. Faith is a leader in Monroe County and across the state in the agricultural science field."

Through 4-H, Faith has shown her registered Jersey and Ayrshire cattle at a number of county fairs as well as the New York State Fair. She has also completed the Junior Dairy Leader Program through Cornell University's Department of Animal Science. Avedisian has taken on leadership at the national level, being a major contributor to planning and executing the National Ayrshire and Brown Swiss Convention held in 2019 in Buffalo. She currently serves as the Monroe County Dairy Princess in support of the dairy industry.

The skills and confidence Faith has gained in 4-H, coupled with the satisfaction of continued learning and community service, have prepared her for the transition to college student. Everyone involved with the Monroe County 4-H program wishes her well in her new adventures!

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Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

The Norman V. Ryan scholarship is presented to a Monroe County graduating high school senior who has demonstrated leadership and community service. Special consideration is given to teens who are planning to enter a field of study or employment as a result of their 4-H activities and experiences.

The Monroe County 4-H Youth Development Program is offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension to the youth of Monroe County. 4-H is a worldwide youth development program open to all youth aged 5-to-19, who want to have fun, learn new skills, and explore the world. In return, youth who participate in 4-H find a supportive environment and opportunities for hands-on or "experiential" learning about things that interest them.

Learn more at <http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youthdevelopment>.

Photos provided by Brenda Avedisian.



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