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## **EVANGELINE 4-H'ERS ATTEND 2011 4-H UNIVERSITY**

“**CIRQUE DE 4-H, A Big Top of Leadership**” was the theme of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H University held on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge June 21 - 24, 2011. **Forty** 4-H'ers from Evangeline Parish participated this year. 4-H University is a state wide competition for 4-H'ers from throughout the state. These 4-H'ers competed in many different categories or participated in Clover College.

This year's 4-H University participants did a terrific job representing Evangeline Parish. Louisiana 4-H is an educational program of the LSU AgCenter.

Placing in contests were: **Abigail Daire**, Sacred Heart High, Ag Product Demonstration - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - State Winner; **David Scott Fontenot**, Basile High, Compact Tractor - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Blue Ribbon; **Darren Fontenot**, Basile High, Diesel Operations - Blue Ribbon; ; **Elizabeth Ortego**, Basile High, Fashion Review, Casual - First Alternate; **R J Bellon**, Fishing Sports - Individual, Blue Ribbon; **Austin Fontenot** and **Robert Fusilier**, Sacred Heart High, Horticulture General Demonstration, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - State Winner; **Heather Odom**, Vidrine Elementary, Insect Identification - Blue Ribbon; **Brad Fontenot**, **Cameron Fontenot**, Sacred Heart High, and **Kaitlyn Guillory**, Mamou High, Livestock Judging Team - Blue Ribbon; and **Benjamin Bertrand** and **Jacob Klumpp**, Basile High, Sports Broadcasting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Blue Ribbon.

Also participating were: **Caleb Duplechin**, Basile High and **Jordan Vidrine**, Sacred Heart High - 4-H Has Talent; **Lane Bertrand**, Basile High and **Seth Manuel**, Sacred Heart High - ATV; **Brently Bertrand**, Basile High - Automotive; **Bryson Belaire**, Basile High and **Averey Hollier**, Sacred Heart High - Career Preparation Interview; **Annie Edward**, Pine Prairie High and **Emily Vidrine**, Sacred Heart - Child Development; **Justin Vige**, Member-at-Large - Compact Tractor; **Makayla Hebert** and **Olivia Johnson**, Bayou Chicot Elementary - Consumer Decision Making; **Ardhyn Parks** and **Savannah Watts**, Sacred Heart High - Fashion Review - Ready to Wear; **Chesley Hebert** and **Lauren Veillon**, Basile High - Fishing Sports; **Kellie Barnes**, Mamou Jr. High, **Elliott Mire** and **Meghan Vidrine**, Sacred Heart High - Meat Identification; **Olivia LaHaye**, Sacred Heart High - Photography; **Jacob Bordelon**, **Brett Saucier**, and **Brandon Soileau**, Sacred Heart High - Plant Science; **Bryce Melancon**, Mamou High School - Public Speaking - Any Subject; and **Jacob Aguilard** and **Ryan Eastin**, Sacred Heart High - Sports Broadcasting.

Participating in Clover College was **Lyndsey Ardoin**, Sacred Heart - Exploring the World of Sports.

In addition to the contests and educational sessions, 4-H'ers elected state 4-H Executive Committee officers, Regional Representatives, and State Board members. Elected to serve as the State 4-H President was **Robert Fusilier**, Sacred Heart High and the Central Region Representative was **Bryson Belaire**, Basile Heart High. Elected to serve on the Science, Engineering and Technology Board was **Jordan Vidrine**, Sacred Heart High and elected to the Fashion Board was **Ardhyn Parks** and **Savannah Watts**, Sacred Heart High.

Accompanying these 4-H'ers was adult volunteer leaders Angie Fusilier and James Barnes, along with 4-H agents Tina Guillory and Todd Fontenot.

We would like to congratulate these 4-H members for their hard work, effort and dedication to preparation for their contests. A thank you goes to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, friends and the community for encouraging and supporting these 4-H'ers in their quest during state competition. Also, a sincere "Thanks" to the people in our community, and to the staff of the Evangeline Parish Cooperative Extension Service for helping train these young people and for the cooperation and support that was given.

**4-H is open to all youth in grades 4-12 regardless of race, color, creed, or sex. The Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and Evangeline Parish 4-H follows the non-discriminatory policies and procedures in all programs and employment.**

