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EVANGELINE 4-H'ERS ATTEND 2012 4-H UNIVERSITY

“4-H Goes Hollywood: BE YOUR OWN STAR” was the theme of the 98th Annual 4-H University held on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge June 19 - 22, 2012. **Thirty-five** 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: **Jacques Fontenot** and **Ellis LaHaye**, Sacred Heart Elementary, Entomology Demonstration - 1st Place, State Winner; **Benjamin Bertrand** and **Jacob Klumpp**, Basile High, Sports Broadcasting - 1st Place, State Winner; **Caleb Duplechin**, Basile High, Automotive - Individual - Blue Ribbon; **Greg Miller**, Basile High, Automotive, Individual - Blue Ribbon; **Caleb Duplechin** and **Greg Miller**, Basile High, Automotive, Team - Blue Ribbon; **Darren Fontenot**, Basile High, Diesel Operations - 2nd Place; **Elizabeth Ortego**, Basile High, Fashion Review, Casual - First Alternate; **Ardhyn Parks**, Sacred Heart High, Fashion Review - Ready to Wear, 3rd Place; **Sean Fontenot**, Sacred Heart High, Plant Science, Individual, Blue Ribbon; **Kaleb Deshotels**, Mamou High, **Sean Fontenot**, Sacred Heart High, and **Brandon Soileau**, Sacred Heart High, Plant Science Team - 5th Place; **Robert Fusilier**, Sacred Heart High, Public Speaking, Any Other Subject - 4th Place; and **Bryson Belair**, Basile High, Public Speaking Coop - Blue Ribbon.

Also participating were: **Tre' Fontenot**, Sacred Heart Elementary and **Jordan Vidrine**, Sacred Heart High - 4-H Has Talent; **John Micheal Fontenot**, Ville Platte High and **Seth Manuel**, Sacred Heart High - ATV; **Maegan Franques**, Bayou Chicot Elementary and **Olivia Johnson**, Pine Prairie High - Child Development; **R J Bellon**, **Chesley Hebert** and **Lauren Veillon**, Basile High - Fishing Sports; **Heather Odom**, Pine Prairie High, - Insect Identification; **Kellie Barnes**, Mamou High, and **Elliott Mire** Sacred Heart High - Meat Identification; **Jacob Aguilard**, **Austin Fontenot**, and **Avery Hollier**, Sacred Heart High - Plant Science; **Ryan Eastin** and **Emily Vidrine**, Sacred Heart High - Sports Broadcasting; and **Lane Bertrand** and **Jacob Fruge'**, Basile High - Wildlife Habitat Judging.

Participating in Clover College was **Makayla Hebert**, Pine Prairie - Journey of Self Discovery; and **Savanna Watts**, Sacred Heart High - Let's Eat for Health.

In addition to the contests and educational sessions, two parish 4-H'ers were selected to serve on the 2012-13 State Fashion Board - **Ardhyn Parks** and **Savannah Watts**, Sacred Heart High.

Accompanying these 4-H'ers were 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.