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Yuma Catholic's First Ever.....

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Your 2017 Yuma Catholic FFA Chapter Officer Team!



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Meet Your FFA Chapter President!

By Zoey Auza



Hello, my name is Zoey Auza. I am a 15 year old sophomore that goes to Yuma Catholic High School. I am the very first Yuma Catholic FFA Chapter President. Even though this is only my second year in FFA, I have been involved in agriculture all my life. My dad is a local farmer in Yuma. I remember when I was little, I would ride around in the back of my dad's truck and go around looking at fields with him. Every year, when I was little, I couldn't wait for fall because my dad used to grow pumpkins. We would go pick our own pumpkins straight from the fields. It was so much more special than going to the store or the pumpkin patch to get pumpkins.

When I turned nine, I started showing sheep for 4-H. I showed sheep for three years then took a couple years off. Last year, I got back into showing animals. I showed a Holstein Calf for the first time. I absolutely loved the whole experience of raising and showing a veal. To top off the brand new experience, I got Reserve Grand Champion FFA Showman.

I was really happy when I heard our advisor is totally into CDEs. I love competing in the Career Development Events. Last year I competed in Food Science, Job Interview, and Agricultural Issues. My favorite CDE I did last year was Food Science. I love it because I enjoyed the aromas at the competition. The aroma part is where they set out different spices and extracts and you guess what it is. Another reason I like Food Science is that it is a very competitive competition. All the schools start practicing months in advance and are over prepared.

I am so excited to be the very first Yuma Catholic FFA President. I cannot wait to make memories with new people this year and hope everything goes smoothly.

COLT CONFERENCE



By: Abby Norred

C.O.L.T. is an amazing and engaging opportunity for Chapter Officers to train and learn more about being leaders within their Chapters. My favorite workshop was Engaging Chapter Meetings with Isaac Armenta and Tristen Gillispie, who are Arizona State Officers. A Chapter Meeting is one of the most significant and recognized aspects within a Chapter. It is a way for members to bond with their officers, their advisor, and each other. Chapter members were asked to make a poster on how they run their Chapter meetings, and I gained so many great ideas for Chapter activities and games that I can't wait to coordinate with in our Chapter.

By: Lexi Bernal

This year at COLT was one to remember. It was our first COLT for all the Chapter Officers and we had a great time! We had to go to different workshops with the State Officers and they were all about how to get your Chapter on track, how to start a fundraiser or which ones you could do, and more. The one that was the most fun for all of us was about coming together as a Chapter. We had a lot of fun doing the activities together like making a candy wrapper to represent our Chapter. Overall, I think it helped us come together a lot more as an officer team. Also a big thank you to ASU for putting on this COLT because we had a great time and we learned a lot of useful strategies we can use in the future.



Upcoming Events

Tag Days:

- Market Beef– October 21– 10am to Noon
- Sheep, Breeding Ewe, Market Goat, Boer Doe, Dairy Goat– December 16– 10 am to Noon
- Swine– January 6– 9am to Noon
- Market Holstein Calf, Feeder Calf, Heifer– January 27– 10am to Noon
- Carcass Entry– February 28– Before 5pm

Other Upcoming

Events:

- Fun Run– Smucker Park– Volunteers to be at the park lby 7:15am and runs until 12:30– Community Service Hours
- Yuma Cathholic FFA BBQ Fundraiser– Serving begins at 6:30pm
- FFA Chapter Meeting– October 4– Full Official Dress Required for the Day-Meeting to begin After School
- Small Animal Selection Clinic– Saturday October 21– Begins at 9am
- CDE Practice every day after school– District Competition Friday November 3– All Day

Greenhand Breakfast 2017



YC's first ever Greenhand Breakfast went off without a hitch with approximately 50 first year Ag students and Freshman attending! The kids were treated to a great breakfast donated by Gus Nunez and served by Lori Nakasawa, who also donated the Orange Juice, Jeff and Heather Johnson who donated the cases of water, and Julia Howe! YC FFA can't thank our parents enough for helping out!!!



The FFA Creed
By E.M. Tiffany

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds— achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so— for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring tasks.



Greenhand Initiation 2017



COLT:

Chapter Officer Leadership Training Series

This is a 24 hour leadership training where attendee's choose from a variety of workshops to attend. Workshops are designed to provide Chapter Officer teams with the tools and knowledge needed to effectively run a chapter.



Chapter Officers Preserving the Green-hand Poster!



COLT Greenhand and Chapter Officers



COLT attendees included Sara Figueroa, Alexa Bernal, Sierra Ringwald, Zoey Auza, Jordan Rutledge, Kiana Rodriguez and Faith Sandoval.

Production Steer:

Pick-up was a great experience for the kids that attended! Thanks to Mr. Kammann and helpers for making the pick-up a smooth transition for animals and kids! YC attendees included; Jordan Rutledge and her mom Ms. Rutledge, Mr. Gus Nunez and son Leo, Mr. Jeff Johnson and son Nick and Austin Pacewic with grandpa Wes Eade! Thanks to all that showed up on time at 6am to get their SAE/4-H projects up and running!



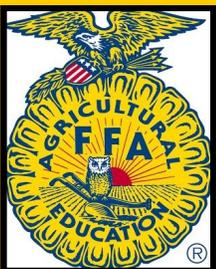
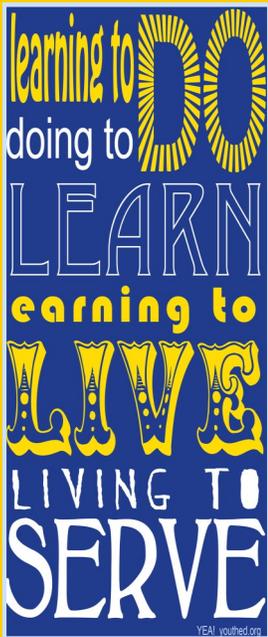
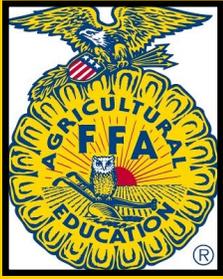
PRODUCTION STEER PICK-UP AT KAMMANN'S FEEDLOT IN DOME VALLEY!



YC's First Ever FFA Summer Ice Breaker!



Top photo Arizona Association State Officer, Top right photo students in classroom learning about the Agricultural Education Program and Career Development Events, Bottom photo YC future FFA Members and Yuma High as well as Gila Ridge Chapter Officers.



Yuma Catholic FFA had their first ever ice breaker. Gila Ridge FFA Officer Team and a few Yuma High FFA members had the honor of experiencing this with them. It was a great welcome to new FFA members and gave a chance for other members to meet new members of our National family. Having the State Officers there helped us have a better understanding of what happens at the State level and hear about their experiences at different conferences and competitions. It was all around a great experience and great opportunity, YC is going to have a great and very involved Chapter!

Article written by Madison Cooper, Gila Ridge FFA

We had approximately 20 kids attend this ice breaker that was led by Past State Officer and U of A Agriculture student. They started the ice breaker with a balloon game that got the kids talking about what they did over the summer and what their names were so that everyone there began to know who everyone was! The rest of the day, kids were in a classroom learning about what Ag Ed has to offer as well as what great things the FFA can do for them! We also invited the other schools in the District to come and participate and had Yuma High and Gila Ridge Chapter Officers in attendance! Thanks to Madison Cooper for the great article and the Az Association FFA for sending us a great team to help out in our first YC FFA Icebreaker!!



FFA Camp

During the summer of June on a hot summer day, I was blessed to be able to attend a FFA camp that would change the way I looked at agriculture itself. When I thought of FFA I thought of just animals and students showing them off to judges. I realized there was more to FFA than just watching animals for a couple of months then selling them off to other owners to take care of. FFA is a way to reach a goal of diligence, patience, courage, and the knowledge to know what you are doing. It was an entire week I spent learning about how to be a leader and how to be a follower. I met so many people who showed me what it is like to be a part of something amazing. As a young generation of people, we are now going to be the new agriculture farmers of the country. FFA camp had many activities that opened you up to meet new people without being scared or shy. Everyone was so nice to me, they saw that I didn't know much and they guided me to what I learned today. Being a senior and a Greenhand it's different to see all the freshman class starting out and learning what I am learning at the same time. Sadly it is my last year as a FFA member, but what I will not forget is what camp taught me. They reminded me that no matter what there is, there is so much more to FFA than what meets the eye.

Article Written by Ruth Mork

First YC Meeting to Start the AG/FFA Program that was held in May of last year.

When they announced that Yuma Catholic was going to start an FFA I was immediately intrigued but still unsure. I had seen my friends in the FFA for many years now and it looked incredible. I went to the meeting hoping to understand this program a little better and help me decide whether to join or not. At this meeting they described what FFA was all about and had state officers come in to show us different camps and CDE's. The officers showed us livestock as well as plants we could show. Also competitions we could compete in such as wildlife, food science, marketing, etc. They also showed how the FFA improves us personally by making new friends, becoming a leader, serving your community and more. You're going to be traveling, earning money and awards including scholarships, being a part of a team, targeting career success, serving your community, outstanding conferences and conventions. Deciding to join FFA seemed like the obvious answer after this meeting.



Article Written by Kaitlyn McBride



Top photo: Kaitlyn McBride, Alexa Bernal, Sophye Carizales; Right Bottom: Savannah Rush, Sierra Ringwald



Greenhand Conference 2017



Top photo: Abby Norred, Bottom photo: Kaitlyn Greene



GREENHAND
CONFERENCE



Top Row: Nick Johnson, Adam Dym, Caden Dunn, Cameron Yancey, Lilly Lammel, Jared Nakasawa, Sterling Lutes, Isabel Torok; Middle Row: Addison Lutes, Abby Norred, Ruth Mork, Kaitlyn McBride, Alexa Bernal, Adriana Hoffmann, Zoey Auza, Isabella Valencia, Sierra Ringwald, Kaitlyn Greene, Theodora Baker, Elyse Sheppard, Alexis Douglas, Brielle Olsen, Elise Thelander, Aivlys Lopez, Front Row: Serafin Tinajero, Jairo Sanchez, Leo Nunez, Austin Pacewic, Nolan Mayfield, Brandon Miller, Rorrie Vaughan, Emily Martinez, Savannah Rush, Sophye Carizales

