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Nominee for Office of Treasurer

Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents

— BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Southwest Georgia, Crystal found a love for Georgia 4-H over 25 years ago. After being introduced to 4-H in the 5th grade, Crystal was hooked immediately. As a 4-H'er, Crystal participated in numerous competitions, camps, and judging teams and was named as a Master 4-H'er in 1999. When the opportunity was presented to join Extension as a 4-H Youth Development Agent, without any reservations, Crystal returned to Georgia 4-H in eagerness to continue making the best better in the community.

Since 2014, Crystal has served as the 4-H Agent in Sumter County, Georgia. Before joining UGA Extension, Crystal worked with youth placed in the juvenile justice system. She is passionate about serving vulnerable populations. Crystal has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Master of Public Administration degree, and a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Social and Human Services. Her background span the fields of youth development, administration, and public health, with a specific interest in family studies and intervention strategies. Capitalizing on her academic background and professional experiences, Crystal has expanded 4-H programming in Sumter County through innovative, diversity and inclusion programs.

— FORMAL EDUCATION

2021	Doctor of Philosophy Walden University; Minneapolis, MN Major: Human Services Specialization: Family Studies & Intervention Strategies
2008	Master of Public Administration Columbus State University; Columbus, GA Major: Educational Leadership Health Services Administration
2006	Bachelor of Science Georgia Southwestern State University; Americus, GA Major: Exercise Science/Wellness Education

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

04/2014 – Present **County Extension Agent;** 4-H Youth Development Professional
University of Georgia

Provide leadership for the 4-H youth development program in Sumter County, Georgia, through educational programs and activities. Facilitate club meetings, coordinate local activities, and prepare youth for project and judging events. Provide leadership for volunteers, youth para-professionals, and teen leaders delivering 4-H youth development programs. Develop a plan of work that is equitable in meeting the varied socio-economic needs of the county. Develop and conducts relevant interdisciplinary programs with other staff members based on critical issues. Collaborate with other agencies and community groups to plan and implement programs.

2009 - 2014 **Program Director**
Southwest Key Programs

Coordinate interagency relationships between various entities involved in the program. Implement and ensure all contractual requirements and grant-specific requirements are met. Provide staff training for various positions. Participate as a member of the multi-disciplinary treatment team responsible for case management and care of clients in the program. Manage and coordinate the activities of a local advisory council and have extensive involvement in both community and public relations. Manage main office and satellite office, servicing several counties. Manage program budget.

2004 – 2006 **Program Director**
Methodist Home for Children and Youth

Coordinated and implemented innovative curriculum and programs for youth. Maintained database records for grant funding. Managed budgets. Supervised, evaluated, trained, and recruited employees and volunteers for multiple program locations.

2002-2004 **Site Coordinator**
Sumter County Schools

Implemented and coordinated activities for the assigned program site. Supervised and trained employees. Managed program operations. Provided monthly reports for grant funding.

— INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITS

The candidate’s professional presentations and exhibits include:

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National Presentations	Regional Presentations	State Presentations

— PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, ASSIGNMENTS, AND LEADERSHIP

2019 – Present	Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Beta Chapter
2019 - Present	Georgia Southwestern State University Experiential Learning Community Partner
2019	Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee
2016 – 2018	National Organization for Human Services
2015 – 2017	University of Georgia Black Faculty and Staff Organization
2014 – Present	Sumter County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Division
2014 – Present	National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals
2014 - Present	Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents
2008 – Present	Phi Alpha Alpha Honor Society

— PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

The candidate’s honors and awards include:

4	17	20
National Awards	State Awards	District & State Awards Received by Staff, Volunteers, and Students under the Direction of Candidate