

Jakyn Tyson
Emanuel County 4-H Agent/CEC
GAE4-HA Nominee for the Office of Vice President

Personal Statement:

Many years ago, I heard Bo Ryles say, "If life is a highway, 4-H is where you learn how to drive", but I'd also like to add the line "and GAE4-HA is how you get in the driver's seat of our own career". I believe the purpose of this organization is to engage 4-H professionals in the professional development of one another, to share best practices and tools for our meaningful work, and to support one another. I know that it's provided all of those things for me. GAE4-HA is more than just a place to build your dossier; it's also a place to find your way in our organization. 4-H is unlike any other program area in Extension and while it is the most fulfilling, it can also be the most exhausting. So many times, with the constant cycle of program development and providing opportunities for our students, we're left with so little time to reflect, evaluate, or even celebrate our OWN wins. I would like to serve as Vice President so that through GAE4-HA, I can help provide a source of advice, inspiration, and recognition to those that consistently give so much of that to others.

Educational Background:

- 2017 Master of Public Administration; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia
- 2007 Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Community Leisure Services
Minor, Public Relations; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia
- 2005 Associate of Science in Recreation; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Georgia

Work Experience:

- Present-2016 UGA Extension – Emanuel County: 4-H & Youth Development Agent
- 2016-2012 UGA Extension – Bacon County: 4-H & Youth Development Agent
- 2012-2008 UGA Extension – Terrell County: 4-H & Youth Development Agent
- 2007-2008 Customer Service Representative, Georgia Power Company
- Summer 2007 UGA Extension – Ben Hill County: 4-H Youth Development Intern

Awards:

- 2019 NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award
- 2019 NAE4-HA Excellence in Camping Award, State Winner
- 2019 NAE4-HA Educational Package- Individual Award, State Winner
- 2018 NAE4-HA Educational Technology Award, State Winner
- 2018 NAE4-HA Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (Team Member), State Winner
- 2017 Epsilon Sigma Phi Diversity/Multicultural Award (Team Member), National Winner
- 2017 GAE4-HA Scholarship, State Winner
- 2017 NAE4-HA Excellence in Camping Team Award, State Winner
- 2017 NAE4-HA Excellence in Communication & Expressive Arts (Team Member), State Winner
- 2017 NAE4-HA Excellence in Global Citizenship Award (Team Member), National Winner
- 2015 NAE4-HA Educational Package Team Award, National Winner (Team Member)
- 2014 NAE4-HA Educational Piece- Individual Award, State Winner
- 2014 GAE4-HA Professional Development Fellowship, State Winner
- 2013 NAE4-HA Achievement in Service Award
- 2012 NAE4-HA Educational Piece- Team Award, State Winner
- 2012 NAE4-HA Periodical Publication – Individual Award, State Winner
- 2012 NAE4-HA Exhibit Award, State Winner
- 2012 NAE4-HA Promotional Piece- Team Award, State Winner
- 2012 GAE4-HA Professional Achievement Award, State Winner
- 2011 NAE4-HA Promotional Package- Individual Award, State Winner
- 2011 GAE4-HA Outstanding New Professional Award- State Winner
- 2010 Epsilon Sigma Phi- New Extension Professional Award, State Winner

Committee Activities:

- Present-2008 GAE4-HA, Member Recognition Committee Member
- Present-2014, 2011-2010 NAE4HA Awards Judge, National, Regional, and State Levels

2020-2018	NAE4HA Conference Educational Sessions Proposal Reviewer
2019-2018	Chair, Member Recognition Committee
2017-2016	Co-Chair, Member Recognition Committee
2015-2014	Southeast District Awards Representative
2011-2010	Southwest District Awards Representative

Professional Development:

Throughout her 13-year career, the applicant has participated in 100+ in-service trainings and professional development conferences. In addition to the required district and state updates and conferences, the applicant has attended the following. While this is not an exhaustive list, it does highlight the range of professional development participated in at district, state, and national levels.

- 2020 Growing Leaders: Habitudes Facilitator Training, Virtual
- 2020 ACRES Virtualizing Your Out-of-School Offerings, Virtual
- 2019 Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Eatonton, GA
- 2018 Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Athens, GA
- 2017 Training Youth for Foods and Nutrition Certification, Perry, GA
- 2017 Volunteer Conference of Southern States, Eatonton, GA,
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- 2016 Volunteer Conference of Southern States, Eatonton, GA
- 2016 Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Pooler, GA
- 2015 National Camping & Environmental Education Institute, Eatonton, GA
- 2015 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Portland, OR
- 2015 Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Pine Mountain, GA
- 2014 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 Extension Academy for Professional Excellence, Parts I and II, Mansfield, GA & Athens, GA
- 2014 GA 4-H & Centers for Disease Control Curriculum, Eatonton, GA,
- 2014 Interactive White Board Technology, Brooklet, GA
- 2014 Project WET, WILD & Learning Tree Facilitator Training
- 2013 JCEP Galaxy Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2012 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Orlando, FL
- 2012 Southern Region Science Academy, Huntsville, AL
- 2011 4-H Robotics Facilitator Training, Chevy Chase, Maryland
- 2010 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- 2009 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference, Rochester, NY
- 2009 Project Learning Tree Facilitator Training, Eatonton, GA

Professional Presentations:

- 2018 GAE4-HA Conference; Roadrunner Session- "MailChimp: Building an E-Newsletter to Grow Your Program"
- 2017 GAE4-HA Conference; Competency Building Workshop- "Winning with what's in your 4-H Toolbox"
- 2016 NAE4-HA Conference; Poster Session "4-H Provides Service Learning, Boosts Military Morale"
- 2016 Volunteer Conference of Southern States (VCOSS); Learning Lab "4-H Chopped Challenge"
- 2015 NAE4-HA Conference; Competency Building Workshop "Classroom to Camp: Putting the Science Behind What We Do Best"
- 2015 VCOSS; Learning Lab "4-H Robotics: Where Do I Start? An Overview of Opportunities"
- 2015 VCOSS Learning Lab; "Award Winning, Youth-led Citizenship Project: Operation Desert Support"
- 2016 Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference; Poster Session: "4-H Provides Service Learning, Boosts Military Morale"
- 2015 GAE4-HA Conference; Concurrent Session "Simple Science Lessons—It's not Scary!"; Concurrent Session "State 4-H Chicken Que: Tips from the Contest Coordinator"
- 2014 NAE4HA Conference: "Classroom to Camp: Putting the Science Behind What We Do Best"
- 2014 Winter Conference; Poster Session: "4-H Facilitates School Fundraising with Box Tops for Education"
- 2012 GAE4-HA Conference; Poster Session: "Robotics Increases Students' Interest in Science"
- 2012 Southern Region Science Academy; "Offering 4-H Science as In-School Enrichment in High Poverty Areas"
- 2012 Georgia Cyber Academy Day; Workshop: "4-H Robotics"
- 2012 Georgia 4-H Robotics Trainings; State-wide In-service trainings