



# Heartline

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NC 4-H Honor Club Member Newsletter



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## Historian Report: 2023 In Review

Honor Club members have been very busy this year! The 2023 annual Honor Club Conference was held in June with 41 members in attendance. Honor Club members enjoyed gathering as 4-H alumni, reminiscing about their days in 4-H, making new friends and reconnecting with old. Honor Club members discussed important business, heard from Dr. Yoder, and voted in new members to be inducted at 4-H Congress. Members also participated in community service projects around Millstone 4-H Camp to help them prepare for the upcoming camp season.

The meeting minutes can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

In July, 4-H Congress 2023 was held in Raleigh NC, with the Honor Club Tapping Ceremony taking place on Saturday evening of the event. Twenty-six outstanding 4-H'ers were inducted as new Honor Club members, and we are excited to welcome them!

On Monday, Honor Club members assisted with the incoming 4-H State Officer elections. Members also spent the day preparing for the candle-lighting clover and assisted with the ceremony.

The Honor Club Board has been discussing ways to encourage youth to apply for Honor Club as well as encouraging current members to become more engaged.

## New Inductees Tapped at Congress

Twenty-six 4-H members were inducted into Honor Club this summer at 4-H Congress 2023, recognizing their significant 4-H citizenship and leadership accomplishments and service to North Carolina 4-H. We look forward to engaging with our new members in this upcoming year. Congratulations to all our new inductees!



Abbie Joines - Alleghany County

Jalil Hayes - Bladen County

Jacob Hanlon - Burke County

Ana McAuley - Cabarrus County

Cayden Lowe - Currituck County

Emily Gobble - Davidson County

Jolyna Sundbom - Edgecombe County

Payden Kiser - Edgecombe County

Meredith Potter - Franklin County

Faith Waelz - Gaston County

Arielle Carpenter - Haywood County

Emma Barber - Henderson County

Rebecca Jackson - Johnston County

Anastasia Smith - Orange County

Avery Otts - Pasquotank County

Lillie Hansen - Pender County

Cathryn Haynes - Person County

Kennedi Lyons - Robeson County

Christian Stebe - Rowan County

Kaylee Lackey - Sampson County

Charleson Boucher - Tyrrell County

Elijah Lee - Wayne County

Gideon Linton - Wayne County

Raelee Boren - Wayne County

James Gardner - Wilson County

Rachel Thomason - Wilson County

## Honor Club Welcomes New Executive Board Members

Every year at Honor Club Conference, new Executive Board members are elected to serve a year-long term assisting in the upkeep of Honor Club and its activities. This year, not only did we elect a new President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian, but we also elected our first-ever Communications Coordinator. Join Honor Club as we welcome our 2023-2024 Executive Board members!



**Chair of Board**  
Becky Caison  
Caswell 1971



**President**  
Cecilia Tadt  
Gaston 2016



**President-Elect**  
Emmett LaHay  
Nash 2015



**Vice President**  
Kat Stulpin  
Catawba 2017



**Secretary**  
Elizabeth Merrill  
Wayne 2009



**Treasurer**  
Rebecca Dietrich  
Wake 2013



**Historian**  
Jonie Stumbo  
Cleveland 2014



**Communications  
Coordinator**  
Chloe Allen  
Johnston 2019

## Honor Club Welcomes New District Directors

Under the Vice President's direction, District Directors assist with the screening process for Honor Club applicants. There are two Directors for each district who serve a two-year term with one position being up for election each year. Please join Honor Club as we welcome our new District Directors!

### West

#### **New Director**

Anna Marie Morra - Cleveland 2012

#### **Existing Director**

Dayna Causby - Rutherford 1997

### North Central

#### **New Director**

Bonnie Cahall - Surry 1989

#### **Existing Director**

Keynon Settle - Rockingham 2021

### Northeast

#### **New Director**

Katie Haynes - Granville 2017

#### **Existing Director**

Susan Colby\* - Montgomery 1981

### South Central

#### **New Director**

Willie Earl Wilson - Wake 1970

#### **Existing Director**

Daniel McAuley - Iredell 2014

### Southeast

#### **New Director**

Amber Lackey - Sampson 2018

#### **Existing Director**

Alex Evans - Robeson 2017

\*Newly-appointed to fill vacant position

## Note from the Honor Club President

Each year at North Carolina 4-H Congress new members are inducted into NC 4-H Honor Club, which is a statewide 4-H SERVICE organization! Thinking back on the night I was inducted, I remember sitting in my seat just waiting to be tapped by Honor Club members I had looked so highly up to! Fast forward to now, being an active member of NC 4-H Honor Club has given me the privilege of being able to be a member of 4-H after I have aged out. I think that is what is so important in today's society - to be able to continue something that you did when you were younger. These memories that I have made in the NC 4-H Honor Club are timeless. I hope the past and new members can have the same experiences that I have been able to have in my time as being an Honor Club member. I encourage the members who have not attended Honor Club Conference in several years to plan to attend the January "Wake Up, Meet Up" meeting via Zoom on January 20th, 2024! More information will be available as the planning process is just in the beginning stages. I know whenever you apply somewhere it always states something about giving back to an organization that has given so much to you, so if that is something that you want to do feel free to reach out to anybody on the Honor Club Board and we will give you ideas! Also, I encourage everyone to join the Facebook group that we have established for Honor Club members. That is the best place to stay up-to-date on events that are happening in your community that you can be involved in. If you want to help out your community, always encourage to reach out to your local extension office and they can give you ideas on how you can give back. In my eyes, the Honor Club is the alumni of North Carolina 4-H Organization and how we leave a legacy for the future generations! Can't wait for an exciting year!



Cecilia Tadt, Gaston 2016  
NC 4-H Honor Club President

## SAVE THE DATE: Honor Club Conference 2024



**When:** May 31-June 2, 2024  
**Where:** Millstone 4-H Camp  
**What:** Voting in new members, camp activities, reuniting with 4-H friends old and new, service projects, and FUN  
**Who:** You!!!

We're looking forward to holding Honor Club Conference in Summer 2024! It will be a time to reconnect with our roots and participate in NC 4-H tradition. More details will be announced closer to the conference date - we hope to see you there!



## Winter Meetup Date Announced

Our virtual Winter Meetup started during the COVID-19 pandemic as a way for members to connect in a world that lacked connection. Now, years later and having returned to face-to-face events, our meetup serves as an opportunity for our membership to reunite and enjoy time together on a virtual platform that allows members to join in even if they don't live in NC.

The Honor Club Board is excited to share the date for our 2024 meetup is January 20, 2024 from 10:00am till Noon, eastern time! Join us as we meet new members, catch up with old friends, and get updates on Honor Club opportunities and news. Registration information will be posted in the Facebook page soon. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



## Registration Open for 5th Annual Pickin' in the Pines

Are you 21+? Do you enjoy barbecue and live music? Do you want to support camp scholarships for youth? If you answered "yes" to these questions, you belong at Pickin' in the Pines, an annual benefit event at Millstone 4-H Camp. This year comes with a new addition, a "Pickin' Area" where attendees can do some pickin' of their own before the concert starts.

Tickets can be purchased by [clicking here](#). More information on the event can be found in the Facebook event [linked here](#). We hope to see you!



## National 4-H Week Recap



National 4-H Week happened October 1-7! This year, North Carolina 4-H celebrated by hosting a social media challenge, competing in the National 4-H Food Challenge, announcing the winners of the Dr. Kim Ingold 4-H Photography Contest, and hosting a booth at the annual NC State CALS Ag Day Tailgate. A lot of NC 4-Hers also celebrated by sharing 4-H memories on social media. How did you celebrate National 4-H Week?

# Clover Connections

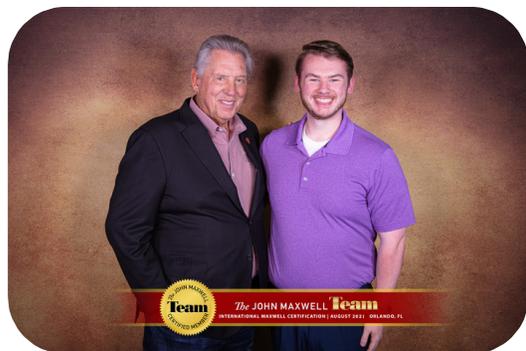
Welcome to Clover Connections, where Honor Club members share life updates such as graduations, new jobs, family additions, and more! Want to share your own Clover Connection? [Click here!](#)

## Chloe Allen, Johnston 2019

In February 2023, Chloe won 2nd Place in Opinion Writing at the NC College Media Association Statewide Media Awards for an article she wrote for *Technician*, NC State University's student newspaper, titled, "Keep the 'ta-tas' out of Breast Cancer Awareness Month." Chloe wrote about harmful language in breast cancer awareness and how to do better.



## Nick Dyson, Alexander 2015



Nick Dyson started a Leadership coaching/training business based in Catawba County NC in 2022. Nick became a Certified Leadership Trainer through John Maxwell's organization, Maxwell Leadership in 2021. Since then he has been working with churches, schools and businesses in his community providing leadership training. In addition to this new business, Nick currently serves as a Youth Pastor and as a Business Professor.

## Anna Marie Morra (Vagnozzi), Cleveland 2012

Anna Marie married Todd Morra in Roan Mountain, Tennessee on June 18, 2022! They met in graduate school studying math and moved in Summer 2022 to Madison, WI to begin new jobs at Epic Systems, a healthcare software company.



## Marisa See (Linton), Wayne 2011

Marisa welcomed Isla Margaret See, weighing 7lb 12oz, into the world on December 5, 2022 in Noblesville, IN.



### Is your member information up-to-date?

If you've recently moved, changed your name, or updated your contact information, let us know so we can continue to send you the latest Honor Club news!

<http://nc4hhonorclub.org/members/directory/>

Have a question for Honor Club? We'd love to hear from you.

Contact us on our webpage and we'll be in touch!

<http://nc4hhonorclub.org/contact/>

## Run for Honor Club Board!

Would you like to serve as an Honor Club Board Member? Honor Club Board members are responsible for new member applications, planning Honor Club Conference, and more! We hope that you'll run for a position at Honor Club Conference 2024!

## 2024 Volunteer Leader Conference: Volunteers Unite!

The dates for the 2024 NC 4-H Volunteer Conference have been announced to be...*drumroll please*...February 2-4, 2024! The conference will be a wonderful opportunity for volunteer leaders to come together to laugh, learn, and lead together. A tentative agenda has not been released yet, but highlights will include workshops, State Officer elections, and awards recognition!

More information on the conference, including workshop proposal forms and the tentative agenda (coming soon) can be found [at this link](#). We hope to see you there!

## Upcoming Opportunities in 2024

There are multiple ways to engage with Honor Club and SERVE North Carolina 4-H!

- Judging Project Record Books & Portfolios
- Judging Presentations at District Activity Days and 4-H Congress
- Volunteering at the Honor Club Reception, State Officer Elections, and Candlelight Clover Ceremony at 4-H Congress

You can stay up-to-date on all Honor Club involvement opportunities by joining our member Facebook group or visiting our website. See the links at the bottom of the page!

### New Contact: Allyson Farmer

Allyson (Wilson 2010) is our contact on the NC 4-H Fund Development Board. If you ever need her assistance, here is her contact info:

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