21st Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet

Our 21st Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held on April 20th 2006. The 4-H Office was proud to hand out several awards that night including Outstanding 4-H Teen Leader, Outstanding Adult Leader, the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Award and the Friend of Extension Elected Official Award.

Here is a short blurb about each of our winners;

**Mayor’s Youth Leadership Award Anna Van Buskirk**
Anna Van Buskirk is a 4-H alumna with over ten years invested as a youth member of Duval County 4H. As a 4-H member, Anna organized and participated in annual community service projects, including the River Clean up, holiday stocking stuffer project, and a vegetable garden at Sunny Acres Park. Anna is working toward her Associate Arts Degree and wants to attend UNF to study Nutrition. She also has plans to study in Germany this summer as part of an Exchange Program.

**4-H Adult Leader Melody Holt**
Melody Holt started the Acting Out in 2002 and has served as a wonderful leader, helping 4-H live up to it’s goal of helping to “Make the Best Better. Melody’s club is one of the most active in Duval County and they are a prime example of how 4-H is shedding the image of “Cows Plows and Sows” through the wonderful work they do with the 4-H Theater Arts project. The Acting Out Club was also able to show off their skills for all of Duval County when they participated in the Gator Bowl Parade and received a wonderful write-up in the Florida Times Union.

**4-H Teen Leader Jordan Dominguez Kinard**
Jordan Domiguez-Kinard has been a 4-H member for as long as he can remember. He has been a positive influence on many kids his own age as well as a leader for those younger than himself. He always pitches in to help and does not wait to be asked. He encourages others in activities, whether games, cleanup or participating in County Events. His current county level duties include County Council Sergeant at Arms, District Representative, and in the past Jordan has served as Treasurer, Community Service Chairman, and Historian on the County Council Executive Board.

**Friend of Extension- Elected Official Councilwoman Glorious Johnson**
Glorious Johnson is a native of Jacksonville and has always called it home. Her many years as a teacher here in Duval County provided her an opportunity to help the children of our community learn and grow. Glorious is an active member of the Duval County 4-H Youth Development Advisory Committee and is always willing to judge and volunteer wherever assistance is needed. She is also a powerful advocate for 4-H Extension programs in Jacksonville.