

## **4-H Specialist granted 'Friend of ISA' Award**

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This year, at the Indiana Sheep Association's (ISA) Annual meeting, the Friend of ISA Award was granted to Tony Carrell, an Extension 4-H Specialist who was integral in helping with this year's Indiana Make it with Wool Competition

Carrell, a Purdue graduate in Ag Education, joined the state 4-H staff in 2009 and has been touching the lives of tens of thousands of Indiana's youth through his Extension work ever since. Prior to this position, he worked as a high school ag teacher and Extension Educator for Boone County. In his current seat, he supports professional 4-H Extension Educators in Indiana as they become acclimated to their roles and oversees countless competitive events. He also coordinates the 4-H Scholarship selection which ensures outstanding 4-Hers are recognized even after their ten years in the program.

One of his favorite events on the job every year is during the Indiana State Fair, when he provides leadership for 27 days in the 4-H complex leading a team of 60 youth staff members. He enjoys working with these young people as he shows them the importance of leadership and working together. He also conducts the recognition and reflection program for 10,000 projects each year.

His 4-H impact is felt not only in Indiana, but across the nation. He co-chaired the 4-H Professionals Conference when Indiana hosted the nation in 2017, and is currently completing a three-year commitment leading the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals. NAE4-HYDP is the country's largest youth development professional association with over 4,000 members. His servant leadership extends beyond 4-H, out to the people of Indiana, particularly those in his home county, where he has served as a volunteer firefighter for approximately 30 years.

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