

## County Awards Day - By Nikki Yunker, L.A County 4-H Reporter

The Los Angeles County Awards Day was held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Quartz Hill Library in the city of Quartz Hill. This afternoon was perfectly sunny and warm, but the indoors meeting room was a bit chilly. The L.A County 4-H All-Star Ambassadors Katherine Shannon, Shelby Silman and 4-H alumna Holly Whipple were the Masters of Ceremonies and presenters of County project awards; officer book awards; and Teen and Jr. Leadership Merit awards. Mark and Rebekah Kasperson of the Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club presented the colors. 4-H Program Coordinator of AV Charlene Moore was present to introduce the event.

I&R Committee Chair Noel Keller provided an explanation of the awards presented and made current announcements concerning record-books. 45 in-total record-books from various local 4-H clubs were submitted for county judging; there were 14 junior, 18 intermediate, and 13 senior record-books.

I&R Representative Judylynn Pelling presented the 2018 Senior Awards of Excellence of Leadership, Community Service, and Project Work to Shelby Silman, Katherine Shannon and Isobel Cook, respectively. Each senior youth awarded received their own personal plaque, and their name added to a plaque of previous youth that received a Sr. Award in their respective subject area. All senior books are considered for a Senior Award of Excellence. Youth from around Los Angeles County were in attendance at this event to be recognized for their work and to receive their well-earned awards in-person.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the time spent by volunteer record-book judges, 4-H district leaders and I&R Representatives and Chairs, youth leaders, and 4-H youth participating in record-keeping.

Thank you to the L.A County 4-H Districts for this event: Antelope Valley for delicious refreshments, North San Gabriel for the day's great program, South San Gabriel for the publicity, and to San Fernando Valley for beautiful decorations.

