



## THE 2 BIG IDEAS:



One of my goals is to create more state level opportunities for our intermediate and junior members. Examples include a marine science, livestock animals, or a 4-H judging event weekend or leadership training put on by the state officers. As I got older, I realized that 4-H loses a lot of members when they transition from the junior to intermediate age group. I would like to work with our members to keep them involved by providing them with more opportunities to do what they love and make friends.



My second goal is to better recognize our state winners for all 4–H competitive events. Our members spend numerouse hours working to perform their best in the contests of their choosing. From judging events to quiz bowls and demonstrations to Share the Fun, our members put the work in and deserve to be recognized and publicized.



Dear County Delegates,

My name is Regan Varnes and I want to be your 2022-23 State 4-H Council President. When I was a young 4-H member, a State Council officer spoke with me about the opportunities that 4-H had to offer. He encouraged me to attend Intermediate State and share my experiences with him. This opened my eyes to all the experiences available in 4-H. This state officer saw what I could become, and by doing so he ignited a passion within me. This past year it has been my honor to serve as your State Council Reporter, which has given me a chance to ignite a passion within other 4-H members and help them find the place they can fit in or stand out. I would cherish the opportunity to continue helping inspire.

In my local area, we lose many young 4-H members to other organizations as they get older and most never get to experience 4-H activities above the local level or county fair. As your state president, I would like to offer more programs for juniors and intermediates so we can keep members involved at all levels. Additionally, I would like to continue to improve how we recognize the champions of all 4-H competitive events at the state level. Our members put in time and effort on judging events, quiz bowls, and even demonstrations and speeches. They deserve to be recognized on a larger stage, so all Florida 4-Hers can celebrate their accomplishments. As part of Florida's State 4-H Council, I would like to work alongside other officers to open the eyes of young 4-H members to the possibilities that await them in 4-H, make parents aware of the benefits remaining involved beyond their junior years, and ensure that the best of our best are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.

Florida 4-H, let's continue making our best better. If you have any questions for me, please reach out to me by email at rmvarnes@gmail.com or call or text me at (352) 507-3034! Thank you for your time and consideration.

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## WHO IS REGAN VARNES?

