Thomas Hawes

Florida 4-H State Officer and Highschool Honors Student

Personal & Career Goals:

I plan to work as a productive member of society and grow in my faith. When I enter the workforce, I plan on doing work that will make the world a better place and benefit others. Additionally, I plan on making an impact in whichever community I reside in with my community service efforts.

Education:

Florida Virtual School

9th Grade - Present

Academic Honor Role

Workforce Experience:

March 2021 – Present: **Mayhem Ranch – Ranch Hand**

Owner: Mr. Jimmy Wickett – Davie, FL & Morriston, FL

Livestock and Exotic Animal Care

Festival Assistance (Management, Transport, etc.)

Property Management

March 2024 – Present: **Miami Airsoft**

Owner: Mr. Daniel Baez – Miami, FL & Palm Beach, FL

Educational Seminar Leader

Promotional Activity Assistance

Volunteer Service:

Feeding South Florida: *Packing meals to feed underserved communities throughout South Florida.*
Pier and Beach Clean-ups: *Collecting waste and debris from marine ecosystems to protect wildlife.*
Bio Blitz: *Documenting plant and wildlife populations for researchers to view as part of a Citizen Science Project .*
Project ROC: *Planting dunes, mangroves, and other plant species to protect the beaches and coastlines of Florida from erosion.*
One Beautiful World: *Visiting nursing home residents and providing flowers, games, and companionship.*
Project Stable: *Caring for and feeding livestock, completing farm maintenance, and educating youth on agriculture.*
4-H SERVES Hurricane Helene Relief Drive: *Distributing donated supplies to residents of the Big Bend Region of Florida.*
Operation Christmas Child: *Packing boxes of toys and amenities to send to children all around the world for Christmas.*
Wreaths Across America: *Laying wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers.*
Archery Range Cleanup: *Cleaning and maintaining a 501(c)3 archery range.*
1 Million Meals Packing: *Packing one million meals for those in need in underserved communities facing malnutrition.*

2024-2026 - 4-H Leadership Experience & Qualifications:

2025-2026 Florida 4-H State Council: *Vice President*
2024-2025 Florida 4-H State Council: *Secretary*
2024-2025 Florida 4-H Executive Board: *Ambassador Committee Chairman*
2025-2026 Florida 4-H Executive Board: *4-H University Committee Co-Chair*
2025-2026 Florida 4-H Executive Board: *Youth Leadership Committee Co-Chair*
2024-2025 Florida 4-H Executive Board: *4-H University Committee Member*
Work Ready Florida 4-H Club: *Ambassador*
Florida Farm Bureau Convention: *Representative*
Florida 4-H Southeast District Board: *Delegate*
Broward 4-H County Council: *President*

Recent 4-H Experiences, Responsibilities, & Awards

National 4-H Shooting Sports Competitor for Team Florida**—***Compound Archery*
Florida 4-H Regional Tailgate Competition/Beef Division—*Regional Champion*
4-H State Tailgate Competition/Beef Division—*State Champion*
President of the United States' Volunteer Service Gold Award—*500 Hours*
Florida 4-H State Archery Match—*State Champion*
Florida 4-H State Air Rifle Match—*Second Place*
Florida 4-H State Rifle Match—*Second Place*

Life Skills:

Leadership: Over the past two years, serving on the Florida 4-H State Council, I have learned and strengthened my leadership skills to a level that I had never thought I would reach. Having the opportunity to travel the nation, attend conferences, advocate for our state, and lead teams, has helped me become more steadfast in my leadership capabilities than ever before. Throughout this time served on the State Council, I have also learned what leadership truly is. Yes, it is the ability to lead a team; however, it goes deeper than that. Leadership is also the capability to train others to become leaders and help them succeed just as you have. Some of my recent and notable leadership positions and experiences include: Florida 4-H State Council Vice President (07/30/25-Present), Florida 4-H State Council Secretary (07/29/24-07/30/25), National 4-H Conference Delegate (04/10/26-4/15/26), Ignite by National 4-H Delegate (03/25/26-3/29/26), Florida 4-H National Event Exchange Program Liaison (04/13/26-Present), Current Broward 4-H County Council President, and Florida 4-H Southeast District Board Member.

Organization & Goal Setting: These are essential skills for effective leaders. Throughout my time as the State Council Secretary and the State Council Vice President, I have been thoroughly trained by State and National leadership to effectively stay organized and set ideal S.M.A.R.T goals. (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound.) Serving as Co-Chair of the Florida 4-H University Committee on the Executive Board, Co-Chair of the Youth Leadership Committee, former Chair of the Ambassador Committee, President of the Broward County Council, and President of several local clubs, I have vast experience in goal setting and organization. Additionally, I have the capability to lead conversations amongst a team, such as the Ambassador Committee, helping teams evaluate ideas and narrow them into meaningful, achievable, and impactful goals.

Public Speaking & Communication: Public speaking is widely regarded as one of the greatest fears worldwide. However, just like any fear, this can be overcome. Growing up, I was terrified of public speaking. I once struggled even to speak in group conversations; however, that quickly came to an end when I began my State 4-H Journey. Starting by speaking to a club of 30 and now speaking to crowds of 2000+, public speaking is not only a skill I possess; it is one of my biggest strengths. I am able to quickly memorize and follow scripts, as well as skillfully present impromptu speeches on little to no notice. Recent notable public speaking opportunities I have been afforded include The Bulls, Broncs, and BBQ Rodeo (04/18/26-4/19/26), where I spoke in front of crowds of more than 2000, discussing our program and how to support it. To continue, I spoke at Florida 4-H Day at the Capitol, where over 700 4-H'ers were present (01/28/26). Additionally, I gave a presentation to the USDA Forest Service, where Deputy Chief John Crockett and his staff listened. Furthermore, during the Lead To Change Gallery at Ignite by National 4-H (03/25/26-3/29/26), I spoke to hundreds of attendees about an idea developed with five fellow delegates, which gained strong support and led to an invitation from the National 4-H Council to apply officially.

Conclusion: I would like to sincerely thank you for reviewing my resume. I am honored to have to opportunity to run for State Council President. If you have any questions regarding my campaign, promises, or more, please do not hesitate to reach out. 4-H is about making the best better, and that is exactly what I plan to do as President.