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Photo Caption 1: *Kent County 4-H members receiving Exploring 4-H first year awards are (l to r): Ashley Hurd, New Horizon 4-H Club, Mary Beth Robbins, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club, Brooklyn Maloney, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club, Danielle Dixon, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club, Erin Baker, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club, Tanner Brennan, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club, and Melanie Jackson, Friends of Felton 4-H Club.*

4-H Recognizes First Year Members

The Delaware 4-H Foundation recognizes the first year 4-H'ers that complete their Exploring 4-H Project Record Book. There were 14 first year 4-H'ers honored this year with a framed certificate. The recognition given by this presentation encourages the 4-H'ers to complete a task they begin. These 4-H'ers continue to grow with the 4-H program and later in their 4-H career become Junior Leaders, and, hopefully, some of them will return in their adult life to become volunteer adult leaders.

The top first year 4-H'ers are selected from this group and receive special recognition given by the Ralph and Ann Clendaniel family and the Woodside Emeralds 4-H Club in memory of Holly Bishop.

Honorable Mention winners were:

Erin Baker, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club

Jason Stypinski, New Beginnings 4-H Club

Third place winners were:

Melanie Jackson, Friends of Felton 4-H Club

Cody Davis, New Horizons 4-H Club

Second place winners were:

Danielle Dixon, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club

Brendan Patrick, New Beginnings 4-H Club

The winners of the Outstanding First Year 4-H Awards were:

Mary Beth Robbins, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club

Tanner Brennan, Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club

The recognition and awards program in the 4-H program encourages our young people to strive for excellence or, as our motto says, To Make The Best Better. If you would like to become part of this youth education program of the Delaware Cooperative Extension - University of Delaware as a member or volunteer 4-H leader, call the Kent Extension Office at 730-4000. The 4-H program is open to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, handicap, age or national origin.