Local 4-Her receives Youth Volunteer Award

By Barbara Taylor

Just mention the words “4-H Camp” and you can be sure to see the familiar face of 17-year-old Joshua Vincent of Laurel. He's been attending 4-H camps for nine years - first as a camper, then as a counselor at day camps in Bridgeville and Georgetown, and camping weekends for younger members at Cape Henlopen and Redden Forest, and StateJunior Scientist Camp at Camp Barnes. He also attends Jr. Leader Weekend Camp. He loves providing educational and recreational activities for the younger members as much as they look up to him as their role model.

He also serves as a cabin counselor and group leader.

His 4-H career has also included projects in Field Crops, Swine, Beef, Shooting Sports and Leadership. He has been actively involved in State Fair activities doing demonstrations, judging contests, exhibits, livestock shows, hosting and judges' assistant in the 4-H building for nine years, and has worked in the Farm Bureau booth. He sells ads every year to support the Sussex County 4-H Horse Show fundraiser.

He was selected to represent Delaware at the National 4-H Conference at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Md. in 2007, and to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., in 2007. Based on his dedication, commitment and educational volunteerism to the 4-H program, he was awarded a 2008 Governor's Youth Volunteer Award last month.

He is a member of the Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club where he has held several offices as well as the County Jr. Council.

He has also participated in interstate exchange trips visiting and hosting 4-Hers from other states. In addition to his hundreds of hours devoted to 4-H, he is a senior and Valedictorian at Delmar High School, where he has been on the wrestling team.

He has been in the Academic Challenge program and a member of the national Honor Society.

He's volunteered at Delmar High Spring Fair, the Good Samaritan Shop and the Delaware Livestock Expo.

He is the son of Raymond and Teresa Vincent of Laurel and Charity Phillips of Salisbury. He plans to attend Clemson University this fall, majoring in economics. He was nominated for the Governor's Award by a County 4-H leader, Barbara Taylor, who says the entire Vincent family have been dependable, dedicated 4-H members and volunteers for almost 40 years.

Joshua Vincent, Laurel, received the 2008 Governor's Youth Volunteer Award on April 16. Vincent was nominated by County 4-H leader Barbara Taylor, Seaford.