



# 4-H and College Preparation

## ISSUE

41%

of High School graduates are starting college without the skills required to be successful in higher education. (DE Department of Educ.)



Students do not possess the critical life skills required to be successful in collegiate life.



4-H youth programs can help address this gap:

- ◆ life skill development
- ◆ improved community engagement
- ◆ increased positive youth contributions to society
- ◆ less likely to engage in high risk behaviors

## RESPONSE

33,000

youth participate in Delaware 4-H statewide



Youth ages five to 19 participate in project activities based around Science, Healthy Living and Civic Engagement.

- ◆ Gain experiences to help prepare for college
- ◆ Help choose a career path
- ◆ Foster positive relationships
- ◆ Learn life skills: Leadership, Public Speaking, Community Service

## IMPACT

Current and former Delaware 4-H members were surveyed on how their 4-H membership assisted them in being prepared for their college experience.



The following 4-H experiences helped prepare them for college/life:

- 86% Public Speaking
- 77% Leadership/Officer Roles
- 75% Community Service
- 69% 4-H Club work



The following life skills assisted them in their college or career pathway:

- 93% Communication
- 91% Leadership
- 86% Teamwork
- 75% Time Management
- 73% Problem Solving

86%

of respondents indicated they had or would complete college degree levels of bachelors, masters and /or doctorate