

RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS  
E. ITEM 2.



AGENDA REPORT  
May 21, 2019

**Presentation, Re: 2019 4-H Youth Tropicana Public Speaking Contest  
Winners**

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**SUBJECT:**

2019 UF/Extension Services 4-H Youth Tropicana Public Speaking Contest winners.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

Ag Extension Services

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the winners of the 2019 Tropicana Public Speaking Contest.

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

The 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking program is offered, annually, to 4th through 6th grade students throughout the county. Students write and present a 2 to 3 minute speech on any given topic and compete at the classroom, school, and county levels, advancing with each win. Public speaking is an important life skill that improves student's writing, reading, and listening skills, while providing them with a valuable tool they can utilize throughout their educational and professional careers.

Andrea Lazzari, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Gus Koerner, 4-H Youth Program Assistant, and Elizabeth Shephard, UF/Extension Services Director will be introducing the two county level winners who will be presenting at the Board meeting.

The 4-H / Tropicana Public Speaking Contest winners were determined on May 7th and include:

4th/5th Grade Competition: Aaron Gordon, R.L. Stevenson Elementary, "The Weather"

6th Grade Competition: Zaul Cespedes, Palm Bay Elementary, "Technology"

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

No Attachments Available



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May 22, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Beth Shephard, UF/Brevard County Service Director

**RE:** Item E.2., Presentation of UF/Brevard County Extension Services 2019 4-H Youth Tropicana Speech Contest Winners

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 21, 2019, acknowledged the winners of the 2019 4-H Youth Tropicana Speech Contest, and listened to their winning speeches.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Rowe*

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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## The 4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service,  
and my health to better living,  
for my club, my community, my coun-  
try, and my world.



*In recognition of the teachers who supported and taught these valuable skills to youth, the families who encouraged their children, and the judges who lent their time, we would like to thank them for making 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking a wonderful experience.*

*We would also like to thank our volunteer judges who help support our youth.*

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2019 4-H/TROPICANA  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
COUNTY FINALS

**UF | IFAS Extension**  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



Tuesday, May 7, 2019  
6:00pm

UF/IFAS Extension  
Brevard County  
3695 Lake Drive  
Cocoa, FL 32926

4-H is a life skills development program where youth learn leadership, citizenship, and teamwork skills through hands-on learning opportunities, events, and activities. Sponsored by the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Extension Brevard County, 4-H maintains community clubs, after-school clubs, summer camps, and school enrichment activities... all to benefit youth.

The 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Program is sponsored by 4-H and Tropicana, and is considered school enrichment. 4-H and Tropicana both maintain public speaking, especially when learned at an early age, is an invaluable skill that will benefit youth throughout their lives. When youth learn to speak in public, they improve their listening and writing skills, and build their self-confidence. Success stories of youth who participate in the program include shy students excelling in front of an audience, youth asked to speak at city council meetings and space rallies, and young adults continuing into professional fields where public speaking is essential.

We congratulate all the students who participated this year and hope they'll take this experience with them into the future.



Past 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking school winners.



The 2010 6<sup>th</sup> grade County and District winner presenting at the Palm Bay City Council meeting. Ms. Tabitha also received a personal invitation by Commissioner Fisher to speak at the Space Rally.

## Awards to follow speeches

### 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Competition

- ◆ Junior Cook, Cambridge Elementary, "Roblox"
- ◆ Scarlett Hurlburt, Indian Harbour Montessori, "Creating a Dramatic Stage Production"
- ◆ Corvin Warner, Palm Bay Elementary, "Pennies"
- ◆ Aaron Gordon, R.L. Stevenson Elementary, "The Weather"
- ◆ Julia Rozycki, Surfside Elementary, "American Sign Language"
- ◆ Allie Pedone, University Park Elementary, "My Experience at Sea World"

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Competition

- ◆ Matthew Carr, Audubon Elementary, "Procrastination Is Not a Curse"
- ◆ Lelu Taylor, Cambridge Elementary, "My Tea Obsession"
- ◆ Ved Chary, Indian Harbour Montessori, "Automobiles: Hybrid-Minded"
- ◆ Zaul Cespedes, Palm Bay Elementary, "Technology"
- ◆ Kaci Price, Sherwood Elementary, "Softball"
- ◆ Dale Thosteson, Surfside Elementary, "Gopher Tortoises"