Petersburg 4-H’er Photos Goes National

Petersburg 4-H’er, Kandace Kimber is being featured in the National 4-H Council advertisement for 4-H National Youth Science Day. **4-H National Youth Science Day** (NYSD) is the premier national rallying event for year-round 4-H Science programming, bringing together youth, volunteers and educators from the nation’s 111 land-grant colleges and universities to simultaneously complete the National Science Experiment.

“Kandace was selected during our trip in June to Washington D.C. for the Citizens Washington Focus, where she was 1 of 2 teens from Petersburg who served as a Delegate”, stated Sharon Mallory, Petersburg 4-H Agent. Citizen Washington Focus is where students learn essential civic leadership skills and leave with the tools that will allow them to bring about real change in their communities. J.C. Penny CARES who is a sponsor for Citizen Washington Focus, needed teens who was participating in this event to pose for their promotional campaign. The National 4-H Council will be one of two featured charity partners in August 2012, who will receive money from the J.C. Penney CARES Foundation, making it possible for more children to participate in life-enriching afterschool programs in communities across the country.

Throughout JC Penney's history, 4-H has been an important part of its charitable focus. Mr. James Cash Penney was a long-time supporter of 4-H through active involvement for almost 50 years. From 1928 until his death in 1971, Mr. Penney generously gave his time, leadership and financial support to advance the mission of 4-H and help it grow into one of the world’s most recognized and highly respected youth organizations. Each month JC Penney teams up with causes to help make a difference in communities.

Kandace is the daughter of Kevin and Eulica Kimber, and the sister of former 4-H’er and teen leader, Kiana Kimber. “I have noticed a greater level of character and leadership ability in Kiana and Kandace as they have participated in 4-H clubs and programs over the years. Neither is afraid to take on new challenges. Kiana recently told me that she was confident in her new job as a residence assistant at her college because she gained leadership exposure as a 4-H teen leader and member. As a 4-H Adult Volunteer, I enjoy working with 4-H because I have seen the members break though mental barriers and excelling to their full potential. It does not matter your family history or where you are from. As students learn the character principles of 4-H, limitations and fears are diminished”, stated Eulica Kimber.

Kandace has been involved with the Petersburg 4-H programs for nearly 5 years. While a member, she helped to form the Petersburg 4-H Expressive Arts Club, served as a member of the 4-H Operation Military Speak Out Kid, served as a Delegate for 4-H Day at the Capitol and Citizenship Washington Focus, a teen leader and teen volunteer. Kandace has been given the Outstanding Junior 4-H Award for her contributions to the Petersburg 4-H programs. “I am truly honored to be a representative for 4-H. It means a lot to me to represent a program that has been a part of me since I was in grade school. 4-H has been a main component of my life and it feels wonder to be able to represent a program that accepts a person for who they are. I also enjoy the many educational programs that 4-H has to offer. They are not only beneficial to me, but also to the surrounding communities and organizations we help. I just love 4-H and I would not be able to picture myself without it in my life”, stated Kandace Kimber.
If you are someone who wants to give back or assist youth in gaining additional knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that will further their development, or would like more information about this or any other activities that the Petersburg 4-H has to offer, please contact Sharon Mallory, Extension Agent, specializing in 4-H Youth Development with the Petersburg Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension at 804/733-1880 or email her at smallory@vt.edu.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Petersburg Extension Office at (804-733-1880/TDD*) during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

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Standing in this photo is Petersburg 4-H’er, Kandace Kimber.