

*Kansas 4-H Youth Development is excited to introduce three new professionals to the team.*



Anissa Jepsen, 4-H Youth Development Specialist

Chris Mullins, 4-H Program Coordinator

Taylor Flowers, 4-H Health and Food Science Learning Pathways Coordinator

**Anissa Jepsen** will provide statewide leadership and programmatic direction for STEM and Natural Resources Areas. She will lead programmatic guidance for the 4-H Shooting Sports Education, 4-H Military Partnerships, Agricultural Science with emphasis on development of after-school and school enrichment formats. Anissa has proven success as Associate Director – Youth Programming with Iowa State University Extension in Clay County and most recently Manager, Training and Volunteer Support with Girl Scouts of NE Kansas and NW Missouri.

Jepsen said, “I am excited at the opportunity to work alongside fellow youth development professionals throughout the state. I hope we can continue to build upon the strong tradition within Kansas 4-H programming, as well as grow new programming opportunities, specifically in STEM and Natural Resources.”

**Christopher Mullins** will provide leadership to the coordination of statewide programmatic volunteer screening and development plans, logistics for 4-H Shooting Sports Education Events, and Program Capacity Building (STEM with Ag and Natural Resources). Mullins recent work includes Assistant Director CHYC at Fort Riley.

“I am excited to join a department which will allow me to grow my passions and share these passions with our K-State family. One of these passions is my love of shooting sports. The

Kansas 4-H shooting sports community has done great things for the youth that have participated in their program. The program allows our youth to experience a skill set that isn't commonly found within our communities. I am hoping to expand this project and use it as a conduit to reach underserved youth within our communities and throughout the state.” Mullins stated.

**Taylor Flowers** will be serving as the 4-H Health and Food Science Learning Pathways Coordinator. She graduated in May 2018 with a degree in food science and is starting her first year as a master’s student in food science. Flowers is also a member of the K-State Women’s Rowing Team. Flowers recently spend the summer as an intern in Birmingham, Alabama where she learned about food safety and food quality in a flour mill.

Flowers said, “I look forward to being able to apply the knowledge gained in my classes to create better learning pathways within the Health and Food Science content areas.” She grew up in Pratt County and was involved in both the local and state 4-H program. “I am excited to be a part of this program and I look forward to helping this program grow,” said Flowers.

“I am delighted to welcome these three professionals to the Kansas 4-H family. They come with proven human and organizational development skills and expertise to move the mission of Kansas 4-H forward, helping enrich the learning within 4-H experiences.” Wade Weber, State 4-H Program Leader