University of the Virgin Islands
Cooperative Extension Service Collegiate 4-H

"To stimulate interest in the advancement of 4-H, to develop qualities of character, citizenship and leadership and to provide educational and social opportunities for students of the University of the Virgin Islands."

4-H doesn't stop when students go to college. Collegiate 4-H clubs have been in existence since the 1920’s with the first known club started at Oklahoma State University in 1916. As with the 4-H organization, Collegiate 4-H began as primarily for students at agricultural universities to continue their 4-H experience while attending college. However, today the Collegiate 4-H organization has expanded with members that come from very diverse backgrounds and who are into all academic departments within a university and is no longer affiliated with any specific department. Many members have never had prior experience in 4-H, nor does Collegiate 4-H require that experience to participate in the organization. You have the opportunity to go to conferences, travel, and meet new people. Overall, it is a great way to get involved on campus and in the community.

The Collegiate 4-H program does not complete individual projects as the 4-H program does. Instead, we are concerned with community service, service learning, and leadership training. Our goal is to help youth to become the best that they can be and to “Make the best better,” by encouraging youth to become stronger leaders, speakers, and to uphold the standards of the National 4-H Organization. Collegiate 4-H members lead through example, and participate in a wide range of youth and community events as well as supporting our local campus community.

Possible Activities:

Some activities include volunteering to help with local 4-H clubs like those centered around Digital Photography, Media and Technology; Local Home-Schoolers Newsletter; Carnival Troupe; or participating in CES Agriculture and Food Fairs, and various other activities that change from year to year. Members also have opportunities for local training or to travel to Region and National Collegiate 4-H Conferences which take place in various locations around the country.
What is UVI Collegiate 4-H?

UVI Collegiate 4-H is a student-run organization that serves the local community, promotes leadership development, and assists the UVI-CES 4-H program. We also give students the opportunity to socialize with people of similar backgrounds and upbringings. We are the 4-H members you grew up with. It is basically all the fun of traditional 4-H without the projects.

Who Can Join?

Anyone enrolled at the University of the Virgin Islands!

2010-2011 Officer Team and Activities (Example)

All club officers would be students unless otherwise filled by staff.

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Technology:
Public Relations Officer:
Service:
Historian/Ag Council:
Social:
Regional Communications Coordinator:
Advisor: DaraMonifah Cooper

FOCUS: The club mentors students at Gladys A. Abraham Elementary at lunch time 4-H program or on campus monthly Homeschoolers Newsletter 4-H Youth club.

Program times: Tuesday, 12 noon - 1 p.m. Rides will leave campus from the bookstore at 11:45 a.m. Interested in helping? E-mail dcooper@uvi.edu for more information.

CONFERENCES: UVI Collegiate 4-H attends annual Collegiate 4-H conferences.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Bowling, beach parties, Holiday parties...yep, that too.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Campus clean-up, youth mentorship, etc.

Regional Collegiate 4-H Conference (Southern U.S.)
Details TBA

National Collegiate 4-H Conference
April 14-17, University of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia