Nebraska Extension prepares leaders and fosters cooperation between community partners. Exploring Beekeeping was presented by Butler County Extension, Center for Rural Affairs (CFRA) and UNL Bee Lab.

Kirstin Bailey is a member of the Extension Board and graduate of Leading Locally, a Rural Prosperity Nebraska (RPN) leadership program. In a collaborative effort, Kirstin, senior project associate for CFRA and local Cropping and RPN educators, developed and facilitated a multi-state, multi-lingual beekeeping webinar. “Partnering with Extension has increased my networking tool kit. Through this relationship we inspired beekeepers, farmers and market managers, providing resources for aspiring farmers to solidify their dreams. Extension is where I turn for reliable, research-based support.”

Programs At-A-Glance

• 4-H Robotics focuses on engineering technology. Participants gain coding abilities, develop skills in teambuilding, the design process, research and the scientific method.

• NE Extension, Purdue University and UN Social Media Lab provide grants and collaboration with county businesses, to increase local product marketing and attract new residents.

1 in 4 Leading Locally graduates assume leadership roles in Butler County or at a statewide level.

579 Butler County youth engage in 4-H youth development programs: 4-H, afterschool or school enrichment.

90% of Poultry Litter workshop attendees indicate increasing knowledge of manure management best practices.