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### DIRECTOR'S NOTES

by James Grieshop, Ph.D.

#### AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE, MORE IS SAID THAN DONE!

(Source: Unknown)

While the above quote all too often reflects the truth, sometimes "more is done than said." And that is the point of the announcements that follow.

A lot is done in terms of research and inquiry by the 4-H Youth Development Advisors in California. But, all too often they don't have the opportunities, as do campus faculty, to say or talk about their research and creative work on those same campuses. We in the 4-H Center for Youth Development located in the Department of Human and Community Development are proposing such a time and place for Advisors to present their research on the UCD campus. We are now organizing a seminar/speaker series to be offered for credit during the Spring Quarter, 2006 at which Advisors will be invited to present their work. This once-a-week series will be sponsored by both the Human Development (HD) and Community and Regional Development (CRD) Departments and will be open to

undergraduate and graduate students on campus.

Now, in case I haven't said enough, we are also organizing a one-day Symposium (to be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006) with the theme of "Youth in Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." This Symposium will feature national speakers, campus/department speakers, and County Advisors. They will be invited to speak about youth development research and application issues around the themes of, "youth and culture," "youth and health," and "youth and civic engagement." An organized poster session will also be included. The aim is not only to talk about the past work, but to set the stage for future research and creative work related to the ever growing youth development issues in California.

That is our goal: to not only "say more," but also to set ourselves in positions to "do more" in the future.

### CYD welcomes Amy Van Scoik and Kate Wright

Two graduate students have recently joined the CYD: *Amy Van Scoik* joined the 4-H Center for Youth Development as a Graduate Student Research Assistant in September. She grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida, and studied Plant Science at the University of Florida until 2004. Amy spent the past year in Gainesville, working as a grower and operating a community-supported agriculture program, and working with other organic growers and handler-processors in the southeastern U.S. As a student, she enjoyed working with

Cooperative Extension, community garden projects, agronomy research and fieldwork. Amy is interested in garden-based education, sustainable agriculture and linking improved nutrition with knowledge of food production. Amy says, "As I begin my graduate studies in Community Development, working with the Center is a wonderful opportunity for me to expand my knowledge base and contribute to the work that the Center is doing. I look forward to working and learning with the Center this year."

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Kate Wright received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology at Sonoma State University. She worked for the University of California, Cooperative Extension for eight years as a lab assistant helping with research trials and working with volunteers at a community garden. She also worked as a counselor at a group home with Social Advocates for Youth. Kate is

currently working as a Graduate Student Research Assistant for the 4-H Center for Youth Development on projects involving life skills development and digital storytelling. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Community Development. Her interests include garden-based learning and international development.

## Web site changes!

—By Ramona Carlos

If you have been on the 4-H CYD web site lately, you may have noticed a few changes. We are in the process of updating information, and trying to make it easier for visitors to access what is on the site. Over the next few weeks we will be adding new links, updating all of the CYD publications and including other information that we hope will be relevant for your work. If you visit the site and cannot locate what you need, please don't hesitate to contact Carrie Matthews ([cmatthews@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmatthews@ucdavis.edu)) and she will make every effort to assist you. Thank you!

## Update on adolescent driving research project

—By Katherine Heck

4-H Youth Development Advisors in Fresno, Kern, Madera, and Tulare counties are participating in the research project on adolescent driving. In late November, Carla Sousa, with help from Dave Snell and John Borba, held focus groups with adolescent boys and girls in Tulare county. These focus groups ask about the youths' experiences with learning to drive, graduated driver licensing laws, rules and responsibilities parents may set, and dangerous driving experiences in which they may have found

themselves as either a driver or a passenger. A focus group with parents focused on their adolescents' driving experiences is scheduled for December. Focus groups with adolescents and parents are planned for Kern county in December, and for Madera county in January. The focus groups will be transcribed shortly and will be analyzed this winter.

A poster based on this project will be presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence conference in March in San Francisco.

## Introducing *Fountain of Youth Facts*

*Fountain of Youth Facts* is a bi-monthly online list of statistics that provides a different and hopefully thought provoking profile of today's youth. It is being produced by the 4-H Center for Youth Development and the California Communities Program. The first edition was recently sent to everyone on our

mailing list. You are invited to submit facts, but please be sure to include your source for further reference. You may email any youth facts to Carrie Matthews at [cmatthews@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmatthews@ucdavis.edu) or to Jeff Woled at [jlwoled@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jlwoled@ucdavis.edu). We encourage your comments about this new publication.

## 4-H Center for Youth Development

"The 4-H Center for Youth Development fosters collaborations in research and evaluation among UC Cooperative Extension professionals and UC campus-based scientists that deepen our understanding of youth development in the contexts of family and community."

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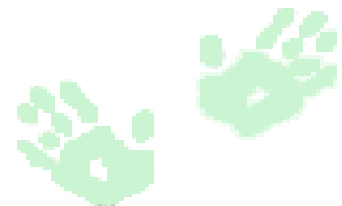
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# Upcoming Conferences

## Ecological Farming Conference 2006

Savoring Connections From Seed to Table  
January 25-28, 2006  
Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA  
[www.eco-farm.org](http://www.eco-farm.org)

## Youth Service Provider Network Convening

Community-Based Learning: Service learning and other community-based strategies  
Saturday, February 4, 2006 in Sacramento, CA.  
Contact: Andy Paul at LEED, (916) 231-5333 or email: [apaul@leed.org](mailto:apaul@leed.org)

## 17th Annual National Service Learning Conference

March 22-25, 2006  
Pennsylvania Convention Center  
Philadelphia, PA  
[www.nylc.org](http://www.nylc.org)

## Society for Research on Adolescence

March 23-26, 2006  
San Francisco, CA  
[www.s-r-a.org](http://www.s-r-a.org)

## Youth in Development in the 21st Century

May 4, 2006  
UC Davis, Alumni Center  
Davis, CA  
More details to follow or contact Carrie Matthews at [cmatthews@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmatthews@ucdavis.edu)

## The Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Conference 2006

May 16-19, 2006  
Hyatt Regency  
Atlanta, GA  
[www.csrees.gov/nea/family/cyfar/announcement.html](http://www.csrees.gov/nea/family/cyfar/announcement.html)



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