

Tony Morgan
CANDIDATE FOR MCB YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD
2014

Tony Morgan is the Lamar Community Betterment nominee for the Youth Leadership Award. Tony is a senior at Lamar High School. Tony is the son of Rick and Melinda Morgan where they reside on the family farm in Lamar, Mo.

Leadership in Civic and Community Organization

Tony is a 5-year member of the Barton County 4-H Teen Leaders where he serves as the Youth Representative to the University of Missouri Extension Council. As a 4-H and CB representative he has exhibited leadership skills through projects organized and completed. Tony leads by example with leadership skills that motivate others to be responsible, cooperate and get projects accomplished. He is a 10 year member of the Learn a Do 4-H Club where he is currently the President. Tony is also involved in Lamar FFA, where he serves as president. He serves as Ambassador for the Lamar Career and Technology Center and Missouri Agra Business Academy. As a member of the Oakton United Methodist Church he has worked with the Teen Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Oakton Living Nativity Scene and other special congregational activities.

Participation in Civic and Community Activities

Tony takes great pride in his community where service is a priority. Tony was a key leader on the 2012 Historic Lamar Constitution Square Sidewalk project. A sidewalk was constructed to enhance the Lamar Historical Signage. The project was completed with grants and local donations of \$3278.14 fueled by in-kind matches of materials and labor of \$976.00. Tony met with county commissioners,

worked with local construction crews to get concrete poured and make sure the project was kept on schedule. All labor purchased from this projects was secured locally to keep community dollars at home. The site was then dedicated to a well know leaders in our community. Tony is a core team member on the Missouri 4-H Home Grown Community Leaders Projects to help impoverished families in Lamar. The group working 5 years together started with food drives but Tony was instrumental in motivating the group a step further by identifying the need to install community gardens for the Lamar Shelter Workshop Employees and Barton County Hospital. These projects assisted families not only have fresh vegetables but stretch their food dollars. The entire MOHOCOLA team received a Mo House of Representative Resolution for outstanding service. Tony has volunteered with various organizations that have impacted the community Meals on Wheels, Lamar FFA Food for America, Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Moore Pavilion in obtaining "Building Our American Community" Grants, the Lamar Chamber of Commerce. Oak Grove Cemetery projects and hanging American Flags on National holidays. Tony is willing to extend his hand where ever needed.

Leadership with Youth

Tony rolled out on the INVEST AN ACRE Project sponsored by Monsanto in efforts to help the community. Using his knowledge of agriculture Tony visited grain buying stations, hay schools and local meetings providing farmers with information on how an acre of crop would benefits local families. Local farmers responded by investing in community needs. For every dollar donated the food harvest provided \$10.00 worth of food. Monsanto matched the donations which resulted in over \$6,020.00 to local families. His ability to speak out on issues brought awareness to agriculture and impacted the lives of many families. Tony, an avid sportsman secured a conservation grant to work on a community forestry project .He worked with conservation staff identifying trees that needed to be cleared and

selecting replacement seedlings to enhance the environment. . Tony was awarded the United Sportsman League Conservation Award. For his hard work, and dedication through Community service.

Leadership at Region and State levels.

Tony Morgan continues to share leadership skills as he participates in Regional, State, and National activities. Tony as a participant of the Missouri Community Betterment Conference has shared in youth presentations and workshops. The life skills obtained throughout 4-H project work, community development and Lamar FFA have prepared him for goals he may have only envisioned. Tony is a quiet person but is a visionary for the community. His views have been heard by many through, 4-H Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Pork Institute and Missouri Agribusiness Academy, Tony was selected youth representative to Washington D.C. by the Barton County Electric Cooperative. He has also attended Citizenship Washington Focus, Civic Youth Leadership Summit, State 4-H Congress, State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging, and National FFA Convention.

Awards and Recognition

Tony has received many outstanding awards because of his dedication to community projects and the example he sets toward leadership. Tony was selected to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga. where he continued community service by working with 3rd grade students in the inner school system. He is the as the recipient of the "I Dare You" Youth Leadership Award. And the State 4-H Key Award and the Mo. State FFA Degree Tony is an Honor Roll Student, and a member of Area 9 FFA Leadership team. He is very talented but recognizes the need for skills of others that form a partnership toward community, region and state projects. . He cooperates with others to make sure goals are accomplished. Tony finds by using positive examples, empowering others, and planning ahead those goals will be met. Tony has set goals he has set for himself which include graduation from

Lamar High School, selecting a career possibly in the field of agriculture or conservation. In planning for the future Tony will most certainly be involved in Community Betterment no matter where his life takes him. Tony is an outstanding role model and a friend to those entire he comes into contact with not matter what the age.

The Lamar Community Betterment Council believes that Tony Morgan is an excellent example of the leadership, dedication and hard work that continues to motivate community growth set forth by MCB.