



Hello Everyone,

Though many of you have become acquainted with me through email or over the phone, I wanted to properly introduce myself to the wonderful community that is B.C. 4-H. My name is Kirsten Hollstedt, and I am the new Program Administrator at the B.C. 4-H Provincial Office. I was excited and eager to take on this position back in December, as youth and agriculture in our beautiful province is something I value greatly.

My background introduced me to the joys and benefits of a rural lifestyle, and my passion for agriculture grew with the knowledge and exposure I gained. Born and raised in the Kamloops-Okanagan area, I moved to Alberta where I attended Olds College and earned a diploma in Agricultural Business. After college, I worked as an administrator for a large Southern Alberta feedlot where I learned a lot about the cattle industry and sustainable agriculture. However, there is no place like home, and I am delighted to be back in B.C., and even more excited to be part of such a vibrant and vital organization. Though I wasn't fortunate enough to be involved in 4-H as a member, I have seen through friends and family how rewarding the 4-H experience can be.

As you can guess, I have been busy learning about B.C. 4-H and my role within it. As we are well on our way into a new 4-H program year, I am busy preparing for the great opportunities that are coming up such as Provincial Club Week, Ambassador Training weekend and Provincial Communications Event. There is a lot to absorb, and I am recognizing the significance and value of B.C. 4-H more everyday. My goal is to become a knowledgeable resource for everyone involved in the organization, and add to its success and longevity. I look forward to meeting you all over time at different events and working with you throughout the year!

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