

Hello my name is Will Warner, I am a student of El Capitan High school. I have been involved in the Global Leadership program for 3 years. I have attended a Spanish immersion program in elementary and middle school and continued in the language program up through high school. I will graduate with a biliteracy seal on my diploma. I am fluent in English and Spanish. I am an active member in the FFA and 4-H programs. I grew up on a family ranch in Lakeside where we raise cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and chickens for egg production. I plan to go to Grossmont college to major in their culinary arts program.

I have been an active member in the 4-H program since I was five years old. I have been Treasurer of the Manzanita 4-H club for three years, and I was a Reporter for one year. I have also been a Teen Counselor at Junior Leadership Camp, a Teen Project Leader and Junior Project Leader. I have had the honor to be a 4-H Ambassador to Western Region Leaders Forum. I have medaled several times in the County Record Books competition. I have earned the highest Star award the Platinum Star: Star ranking is judged on increasing requirements including; Community service, project skills, and presentations.

Some of the benefits of 4-H that I have learned is having responsibility for my actions; Learning that I get out what I put in, and that trying your best is important. As a junior 4-H member you are instructed to approach senior members when you have a question, this has come full circle as I am now helping younger kids and that is helping me become a better role model. Exhibiting through 4-H at the San Diego County Fair has taught me the importance of public education, most people are naive to agricultural practices and raising of livestock by being an exhibitor at the San Diego County Fair i have learned to expel false beliefs and connotations, I feel this is especially important in today's society.

My future plans are to attend Grossmont College's Culinary Academy, earn my Associates Degree and get a job as a Chef with the ultimate goal of becoming a Personal Chef or Sous Chef. I feel that my experience 4-H and my agricultural background will give me a better opportunity for advancement in my professional field. Also with my education in biliteracy it will give me greater opportunity to get better jobs.