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## Gaston County

**County/Worksite Location:** Gaston County Cooperative Extension

**Proposal/Program Area:** 4-H and FCS

**Project Title:** Local Foods Programming

**Immediate/ Site Supervisor:** Rich Chuvala

**Other mentors/supervisors:**

1	Linda Minges
2	David Fogarty

### **Project summary and intended outcomes:**

The Gaston County Extension Center has a strong focus on local foods programming in order to address our community's higher than average rates of obesity and poverty. This internship will work with our 4-H program to plan and deliver summer camp and club gardening and healthy cooking workshops. In addition, the intern will work with our FCS agent to help implement a new Master Food Volunteer program and develop strategies for utilizing the Extension Lucile Tatum Center as a catalyst for local food entrepreneurship.

### **What qualifications and previous coursework does the student need in order to be prepared for this internship, if any?**

The intern should be a graduate student or upper-class undergraduate with coursework or experience in youth development, publichealth, or community development. Creativity and familiarity with social media marketing are also desired.

### **What benefits/skills will the student gain through this internship?**

The intern will gain hands-on experience in planning, delivering, and evaluating community educational programs. They will have an opportunity to lead youth workshops, conduct planning with community partners, and develop strategic programming and marketing plans in partnership with Extension staff.

