

## **AgriLife Extension honors Branham with Superior Service Award**

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The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service recognized outstanding agents and staff earlier this month in College Station during the annual Texas A&M AgriLife Conference.

Garry Branham, AgriLife Extension program specialist for 4-H in San Angelo, was recognized with the Superior Service Award.

“Garry is an outstanding specialist who is well deserving of his Superior Service Award recognition,” said Marty Gibbs, District 7 AgriLife Extension administrator, San Angelo. “We are very fortunate to have Garry in Extension District 7.”

Branham said he actually wrote a letter for a school project as a kid that stated his career choice would be working as a 4-H specialist.

“Obviously as a kid, I really didn’t have any idea what the job entailed but I knew working with 4-H kids was the job for me,” said Branham. “Adult leadership and mentoring in the 4-H program made a huge impact on me as a youth; I knew I wanted to have that impact on youth as well.”



Branham said he was very humbled that both his peers within District 7, as well as those in the 4-H faculty unit, felt he was worthy of a nomination for a Superior Service Award program specialist.

“I obviously do this work for positive youth development, not for awards, but this is a great honor and very much appreciated,” Branham said.

Branham was one of two program specialists statewide to receive the award.

“Whether it’s individuals, teams or partners, Superior Service is the hallmark of an organization in being recognized for continued exemplary work,” said Jeff Hyde, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service director, College Station. “The personnel receiving awards this year represent exactly what Extension is and does. They do their jobs with servitude and heart and go above and beyond providing superior service to Texas.”