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The Agriculture Program is not just about plants and animals. This program helps students develop public speaking skills, leadership qualities, etc. When I first applied to the program as an 8th grader, I was very nervous. It felt like I was filling out a college application. When I was accepted to the program I was filled with excitement. And that excitement was carried with me all four years in the agriculture program. I originally wanted to become a veterinarian technician, but as the years went on and I took on the opportunities that the program offered, I found that my new interest and passion was floral design.

That is the great thing about this program is that there are so many opportunities that you are able to take hold of. You are able to experience close to all fields of agriculture.

The program helped me the most with my people, public speaking skills, and leadership qualities. I came in as the "quiet freshman" and ended up being the chapter president representing our chapter at Stamford Board of Education meetings etc.

When I applied to UConn I got an email back saying how Amazing it was that I had so many ECE (Early College Experience) classes and credits as well as Agricultural events that I took place in. All of this was because of the agriculture program and the opportunities that they offer to the students.

The agriculture Program has helped me become a leader and has helped me discover the career pathway that I am enduring, becoming a floral designer.

In all the agriculture program is not something to just be overlooked. This program strives to individually help each student to maximize his or her education and opportunities. Being in the Agriculture program was the best thing that could have happened to me. Without it I honestly cannot tell you where I would be.

Thanks Stamford Agriculture, you the Best!!!