

## Neleah Lavoie

### 2021 4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Award of Distinction Recipient, Science & Technology

Neleah Lavoie grew up in Rustico, a small village on the North Shore of PEI, and has been a member of the Cavendish 4-H Club since she was eight years old.

During Neleah's years in 4-H, she has been very engaged and actively pursues new opportunities. Neleah is a three-time winner at the 4-H Canada Science Fair, has attended four Canada-Wide Science Fairs, as well as having the opportunity to represent Canada at the London International Youth Science Forum. Neleah credits her many 4-H communication projects to helping her achieve success in these opportunities.

Neleah's 4-H experience taught her the importance of community, and she enjoys helping out in her school and the local community. In the last year, Neleah has started a volunteer group that meets weekly to teach seniors how to use technology more effectively. In addition to her own endeavours, Neleah also volunteers her time with her student council and with the Occupational Health and Safety Leadership program.

Neleah's goal is to become a surgeon once she completes her Health Sciences degree at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

### L.E.A.D. Perspective

"This year, more than ever, we have seen the importance of scientific leaders in the world. Seeing this need only solidified my passion for science and leadership because I witnessed, first-hand, the impact these resilient people have on the world. Leaders in science and technology see problems as opportunities, not as obstacles. In my science projects, I have had to overcome many challenges, some of which seemed impossible. Through this, I learned that with great determination and resourcefulness, a solution can always be realized."

