

Javon Gaston receives \$500 scholarship for work with 4-H

Javon Gaston is a 2001 State 4-H Project Book winner.

Gaston received a \$500 educational scholarship in recognition of outstanding accomplishment in the 4-H Horticulture and Gardening Program.

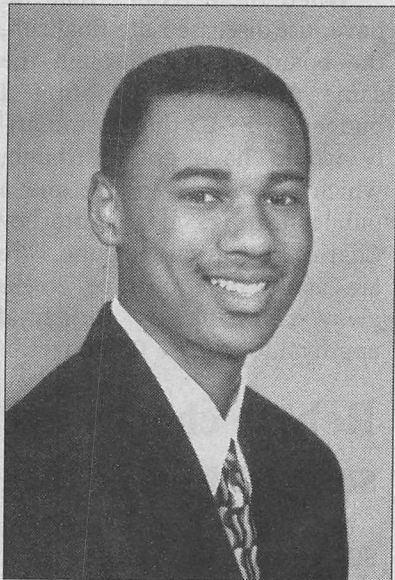
Gaston has been active in Horticulture, Food and Nutrition, Automotive and Consumer Judging projects for more than seven years.

Gaston was joined by Jason Brown, Terry Yarborough, and adult volunteer Vermette Brown whoe also represented Fairfield County at this year's State 4-H Congress.

South Carolina 4-H'ers met at Clemson University July 15-18 for the 39th annual Congress.

They participated in workshops dealing with drug abuse prevention, teenage sexual responsibility, patriotism, ethics, gun safety and the basics of the food and fiber industry. They also took part in service learning projects.

Some pounded nails, painted and did yard work to help a new



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4-H club get off the ground at a child care center, while others read to children at the child care center and showed them how to plant seeds.

Recreational activities ranged from volleyball and boating to skeet shooting.

A recent graduate of Fairfield Central High School, Gaston plans to become an elementary school teacher.