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**4-H MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN EXPRESSIVE ARTS 4-H SHOWCASE AT RUTGERS DAY**

Ten 4-H members representing three counties (Camden, Passaic and Somerset) took part in the Expressive Arts 4-H Imagination in Action Showcase at Voorhees Mall on the College Avenue Campus during Rutgers Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Hands-on visual arts activities and performances by 4-H members, ranging in age from 9 to 15, provided an enjoyable day for Rutgers alumni, family and friends. The Somerset County 4-H Clover Ensemble club, under the direction of 4-H volunteer leaders, Patti Verbanas, Ellen Parker and Julia Meier provided entertainment during the day. Members of the 4-H Clover Ensemble include: Ashka, Madeline, Selina, Jiya, Krishna, Natasha, Evan and Dale.

Art work by Passaic County 4-H Junior Council member Isabella Sardina was on display throughout the day. Evan Brochinsky, a member of Somerset County 4-H Magic Club and 4-H Teen Council entertained the audience with magic. A variety show performance by Kenikki Thompson of the Camden County 4-H Adventure Club was enjoyed by all.

Ellen Williams, State Expressive Arts 4-H Agent coordinated the Expressive Arts 4-H Imagination in Action Showcase. Rutgers University student interns, Tiffany Cortese and Shehara Yoosuf assisted by engaging the Rutgers Day public in the Expressive Arts 4-H activities.

Expressive Arts 4-H also featured a performance by the Capoeira Cultural Center, which includes current Rutgers students and alumni.

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