## **Connor Eilert Receives 2016 Triangle Insurance Scholarship**

October 11, 2016 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Connor Eilert of Beloit, Kansas, a junior in agribusiness at Kansas State University, has been awarded the Triangle Insurance Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Connor is an active member of the Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club and the Collegiate Cattleman's Club. He is involved in intramural activities as both a participant and official and has received honors from K-State for maintaining a high GPA each semester. In addition to school, Connor works with his father and grandfather on their family farm, Eilert Farm & Ranch, as a farm laborer and as part of the farming operations. After his May 2018 graduation, Connor plans to work in an agricultural related career, and perhaps, return to Beloit someday to manage the family farm. The Eilert family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative and Farmway Cooperative.

"The purpose of the Triangle Insurance Scholarship is to contribute to the education of future agricultural leaders," states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. This scholarship has awarded \$6,000 since 2007.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be either a junior or senior in high academic standing in K-State's College of Agriculture at the time the scholarship is received. The student or member of the student's family must be employed by or serving on the board of directors of a Triangle Insurance customer cooperative or the family must be engaged in production agriculture and be an active member of a Triangle Insurance customer cooperative.

The awarding of the Triangle Insurance Scholarship is coordinated through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. "Additional contributions by those who want to support the purposes of cooperative scholarships are welcome," Dr. Briggeman said. They should be made payable to "KSU Foundation/ACCC" and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Department of Agricultural Economics, 305 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

## **About the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center**

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center provides research-based information, education and assistance to people with and interested in cooperative businesses, including cooperative members, directors, managers and employees. The Center also works with students and faculty at educational institutions, the general public and public officials as well as owners, directors, managers and employees of agribusinesses. Further information can be obtained about this scholarship or about establishing additional scholarships by emailing Brian Briggeman at <a href="mailto:brigg@ksu.edu">bbrigg@ksu.edu</a> or visiting the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center website at <a href="mailto:http://accc.k-state.edu/">http://accc.k-state.edu/</a>.

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Photo caption is as follows: (left to right) Brian Briggeman, ACCC Director, professor and Kansas Cooperative Council board member, and Connor Eilert at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, October 7, 2016.