

## **Bryn Swearingen Receives 2018 Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship**

October 23, 2018 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Bryn Swearingen of Hiawatha, Kansas, a junior majoring in agribusiness at Kansas State University, has been awarded the Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Bryn is involved in Women in Business and Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority holding leadership roles in both. She was in Silver Key Sophomore Honorary and volunteered in several community projects. She was also a member of The Pride of Wildcat Land, the K-State Marching Band, and participated in a study abroad experience to India in 2018. Bryn grew up on a sixth-generation family farm in Hiawatha and would like to work with farmers when she graduates in May 2020. Bryn works as a student assistant in the Agronomy Department while going to school. The Swearingen family is affiliated with Ag Partners Cooperative, AGP, Brown-Atchison Rural Electrical Co-op and Frontier Farm Credit.

The Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship, established in tribute to the late Joe Lieber and his enthusiasm for cooperative education, has awarded over \$68,000 in scholarships since its establishment in 2005. Lieber contributed to cooperative education and development for many years while serving as president of the Kansas Cooperative Council and was a respected leader in the co-op community.

“This scholarship was established by Joseph Lieber’s family and the Kansas Cooperative Council to perpetuate the memory and contribution of Joe Lieber to the development and leadership of cooperative businesses,” states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. “It also provides significant financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in educational programs emphasizing these areas of study.”

To be eligible for Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State’s College of Agriculture at the time the scholarship is received. The recipient must also be affiliated as a member or as a child or dependent of a member of a Kansas agricultural marketing, supply, or service cooperative that is a member of the Kansas Cooperative Council.

The Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship was funded by contributions made to the Center's endowment fund with the K-State Foundation. Contributions have been made by the Kansas Cooperative Council and the Lieber family and friends in the cooperative community. "Additional contributions by those who want to honor the memory of Joseph Lieber and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome," Dr. Briggeman said. They should be made payable to "KSU Foundation/ACCC/ Lieber" and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Department of Agricultural Economics, 305 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

### **About the Kansas Cooperative Council**

Kansas Cooperative Council is a voluntary trade association representing all forms of cooperatively structured business in Kansas. The mission of the Kansas Cooperative Council is to promote, support and advance the interests, business success and understanding of agricultural, utility, credit and consumer cooperatives and their members through legislation and regulatory efforts, education, and public relations.

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

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center provides research-based information, education, and assistance to people with an interest 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 [bbrigg@ksu.edu](mailto:bbrigg@ksu.edu) or visiting the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center website at <http://acc.k-state.edu/>.

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Photo caption is as follows: (left to right) Brandi Miller, Kansas Cooperative Council President/CEO and Bryn Swearingen at the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, October 12, 2018.