

**Justin Brown, John Garrett, Jenna Goetzmann, Mary Klausmeyer, Calder McCollum, Sophia New, Eli Ohlde, Noah Scrimsher, Colton Sutterby and Bryn Swearingen Receive 2019 CHS Foundation Scholarship Awards**

October 29, 2019 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Justin Brown of Caldwell, Kansas, a sophomore in agribusiness; John Garrett of Wakarusa, Kansas, a senior in agribusiness; Jenna Goetzmann of Gardner, Kansas, a senior in agricultural business and global food systems leadership; Eli Ohlde of Clyde, Kansas, a junior in agricultural economics; Noah Scrimsher of Oskaloosa, Kansas, a senior in agribusiness; Colton Sutterby of Savonburg, Kansas, a junior in agribusiness; and Bryn Swearingen of Hiawatha, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics; have each been awarded a CHS Foundation Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. Three freshmen were also awarded CHS Foundation Scholarships through the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. Those recipients are Mary Klausmeyer of Wichita, Kansas, a freshman in agribusiness; Calder McCollum of Dodge City, Kansas, a freshman in agribusiness; and Sophia New of Overland Park, Kansas, a freshman in agricultural economics.

Justin Brown is a member of the KSU Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club, Alpha Zeta and was a trombonist for the brass ensemble. He is also a Kansas State High Schools Activities Association registered official for football and basketball. Justin participated in an international study abroad experience to Europe. Upon graduation in May 2022, he plans to pursue a career in cooperatives hoping to one day be a farm cooperative manager. The Brown family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Farm Credit of Enid, Kan-Okla Telephone Association, MKC, Sumner-Cowley Electric Co-op Inc. and Wheatland Electric Co-op Inc.

John Garrett is a member of the KSU Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club and the Wheat State Agronomy Club. He is also part of the National Society of Leadership and Success and the Pi Theta Kappa Honor Society. John has interned with MKC, MKC's Career Development Program and Corteva Agriscience. Upon graduation in May 2020, he plans to work in agricultural sales and farm with his brother. The Garrett family is affiliated with the following cooperative: MKC.

Jenna Goetzmann is a student fellow in the Center for Risk Management Education and Research and also is involved with the Cargill Fellows Program. She has been active in Quest Honorary, Silver Key Honorary and Blue Key Honorary. Jenna was a participant in Catalyst and the Agriculture Future of America Conference further developing leadership and networking skills. She completed an internship with John Deere and works as a part-time manager of Fink Farms Show Pig. Upon graduation in May 2020, Jenna plans to work in agricultural sales or marketing. The Goetzmann family is affiliated with the following cooperative: Frontier Farm Credit.

Eli Ohlde is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and serves as the Finance Chair. He had the honor of serving a year as the Kansas State FFA President and had the opportunity to travel around the state and to South Africa to learn about agriculture in that region. Eli is a member of the Collegiate Cattlemen's Club, the K-State Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club and the Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy. He completed an internship with Agrigold Hybrids and continues to work as a farm hand for several farmers. Eli plans to graduate in December 2020 and hopes to work in agricultural sales. The Ohlde family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Bluestem Electric Co-op and Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Noah Scrimsher is active in the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) club and served as the Vice President of Outreach. He is a student fellow in the Center for Risk Management Education and Research, is involved with the Cargill Fellows Program and completed an undergraduate research project. Noah is a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, a leadership and honors organization, and serves on the Perry United Methodist finance committee. Noah completed an internship with Kansas Soybean and has continued working with them. He operates his own business, Scrimsher Capital, and helps with the family farm. Upon graduation in May 2020, Noah hopes to open a cooperative grocery store in his home town.

Colton Sutterby is an active member of Wheat State Agronomy Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau, serving in leadership roles. He is also a member of the K-State Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Colton completed an internship with MFA Incorporated and works as a ranch assistant at the KSU Range Management Research Ranch. Upon graduation in May 2021, he would like to work as an agronomist for an agricultural cooperative. The Sutterby family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative and MFA Incorporated.

Bryn Swearingen is a member of Women in Business and Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Society, holding leadership roles in both organizations. She works as a student office assistant in the agronomy department and as an academic mentor for student athletic services. Bryn also completed an internship with CVA. Upon graduation in December 2019, she will be attending graduate school to get a masters in agricultural economics. The Swearingen family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc., Ag Processing, Inc (AGP), Brown – Atchison Elec. Coop. and Frontier Farm Credit.

“The CHS Foundation Scholarships are one way the CHS Foundation is giving back to future agricultural leaders at Kansas State University,” states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. The scholarship has awarded over \$165,000 in scholarships through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University since 2006.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the students must be U.S. citizens or legal residents properly enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior during the current academic year majoring in an agriculture-focused or ag-related STEM undergraduate program. Recipients must demonstrate academic ability and exhibit leadership qualities through the university, community or ag industry involvement. Priority is given to students demonstrating an interest in agriculture-based cooperatives.

The awarding of the CHS Foundation Scholarships 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, Kansas. 66506.

#### **About CHS Foundation**

The CHS Foundation, funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., was established in 1946. The CHS Foundation is focused on developing a new generation of agriculture leaders. We are achieving our goals through these strategic initiatives: advancing innovation in cooperative education, cultivating opportunity through university partnerships, growing high-impact ag youth leadership programs and accelerating potential for careers in ag. Together with our signature partners, we develop ag leaders for life. For more information on our programs, visit [chsfoundation.org](http://chsfoundation.org).

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

The ACCC 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 contacting Brian Briggeman at the same address or e-mailing, [bbrigg@ksu.edu](mailto:bbrigg@ksu.edu).

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Photo caption is as follows (back row, left to right): Colton Sutterby, Eli Ohlde, Bryn Swearingen and Justin Brown. (front row, left to right): Calder McCollum, Sophia New, Jenna Goetzmann and Dr. Brian Briggeman, Director, Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and Professor, K-State Department of Agricultural Economics at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, October 4, 2019. Not pictured: John Garrett, Mary Klausmeyer and Noah Scrimsher