

Kinsey Harlan, Brea Hostert and Maria Kimzey Receive 2020-2021 CoBank Outstanding Student Scholarships

February 26, 2021 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Kinsey Harlan of Madison, Kansas, a junior in agribusiness; Brea Hostert of Atkinson, Nebraska, a senior in agribusiness; and Maria Kimzey of Fredonia, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics and global food systems leadership have each been awarded the CoBank Outstanding Student Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Kinsey Harlan is a member of Alpha of Clovia and has served in several leadership roles, including secretary and new member trainer. She is a member of the K-State Agricultural Economics-Agribusiness Club and has served as a delegate to the Agriculture Future of America Leader's Conference. Kinsey works as a student assistant in the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC) in the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics. In 2019, she participated in a study-abroad program to the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. Upon graduation in 2022, Kinsey would like to work in the field of agricultural finance. The Harlan family is affiliated with 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative.

Brea Hostert is actively involved in several organizations including K-State College of Agriculture Ambassadors, K-State Cattlewomen, the K-State Agricultural Economics-Agribusiness Club and Phi Eta Sigma. She is also a member of the Saint Isidore Catholic Church. Brea has volunteered with the Flint Hills Breadbasket and works as a student assistant in the K-State Office of Institutional Equity. She also works as a ranch hand for J & D Feeders. Brea plans to graduate in May 2021 and hopes to work as an agriculture loan officer in the farm credit system. The Hostert family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Central Valley Ag Cooperative and Niobrara Valley Electric Cooperative.

Maria Kimzey is a College of Ag Ambassador and an active member of MANRRS, Minorities in Agriculture, National Resources and Related Sciences. She volunteers for International Buddies where she mentors international students and also participated on a panel for Cats of Culture. Maria was selected as a delegate to Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy and is a Youth Entrepreneurs Alumnus. In addition she participated in an international study abroad experience to Europe in 2019. Maria plans to graduate in December 2021 and would like to get a master's with an international agriculture focus looking at finance and credit in developing countries. The Kimzey family is affiliated with the 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative.

“The CoBank Outstanding Student Scholarships are one way CoBank contributes to the education of future agricultural leaders, especially those with an interest in careers in finance or banking,” states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. This scholarship has awarded more than \$96,000 since 2006. To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be a sophomore, junior or senior in high academic standing in K-State’s Department of Agricultural Economics at the time the scholarship is received. Preference is given to students who are studying agricultural economics or agribusiness, who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in banking or finance, have taken accounting or finance classes and are residents in one of the following states: CA, CO, CT, IA, KS, KY, MO, MN, NE and TX. Continuing K-State students are encouraged to fill out the K-State scholarship application by March 15th to be included in the university scholarship process for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The awarding of the CoBank Outstanding Student 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.

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CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture, rural infrastructure and rural communities. Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore.

For more information about CoBank, visit the bank's website at cobank.com.

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 bbrigg@ksu.edu or visiting the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center website at <http://acc.k-state.edu/>.

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