

Hannah Ballard, Sage Collins, Grant Holle, Ashley Hartman, Rhett Larson, Caleb Stout, Joseph Stout, Shymel Townes, Kaitlyn Urban and Paige Vulgamore Receive 2021-2022 CHS Foundation Scholarship Awards

November 8, 2021 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Hannah Ballard of Madison, Kansas, a junior in agribusiness; Sage Collins of Chanute, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics and global food systems leadership; Ashley Hartman of Waterloo, Illinois, a junior in agricultural economics; Caleb Stout of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, a sophomore in agricultural economics and global food systems leadership; Joseph Stout of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics; Shymel Townes of Wichita, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics; and Kaitlyn Urban of Louisburg, Kansas, a senior in agribusiness and spanish; 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: Grant Holle of Bremen, Kansas, a freshman in agribusiness; Rhett Larson of Diagonal, Iowa, a freshman in agribusiness; and Paige Vulgamore of Scott City, Kansas, a freshman in agricultural economics.

Hannah Ballard serves as President of Alpha of Clovia, a 4-H cooperative leadership house. She previously served as the appointed secretary and house manager. Hannah is a member of the Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club and participated in the Agriculture Futures of America Conference last fall. She completed a crop insurance internship with Frontier Farm Credit this summer and works on campus as a student assistant and a teaching assistant. She also judges 4-H Oral Interpretations. Upon graduation in May 2023, she plans to pursue a career in agriculture and give back to rural America.

Sage Collins is actively involved on campus. She serves as a leadership ambassador for the Staley School of Leadership, is a Snyder Leadership Legacy Fellow, chair of the administrative committee and class leader for Leadership 212. She was selected to be part of the Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy, Mortar Board and the Risk Management Fellows Program. Sage works as a program assistant for the Great Plains Fire Science and has completed internships with the Kansas Soybean Association and the Southwind Extension District. Upon graduation in May 2022, she plans to pursue a career in ag policy. The Collins family is affiliated with Producers Cooperative Association.

Ashley Hartman serves as an ambassador for K-State's College of Agriculture and helps recruit new students. She is involved with the Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority and has served as treasurer. Ashley is also involved with the Dairy Science Club and has served as secretary. She grew up working on her family farm and upon graduation in May 2023, hopes to work in the agriculture industry in an area that allows her to continue to

help on the family farm. The Hartman family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Farm Credit Illinois, Gateway FS and Monroe County Electric Cooperative.

Caleb Stout serves as a College of Agriculture Student Senator and is a member of FarmHouse Fraternity. He also serves on the Student Alumni Board and the Privilege Fee and Travel Allocation Committees. Caleb had the honor of serving as a United State Senate Page and was part of the Quest Freshman Honorary. Upon graduation in May 2024, he hopes to work in ag policy. The Stout family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative and Frontier Farm Credit.

Joseph Stout is a member of the K-State Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternity. He transferred to Kansas State University from Emporia State University where he maintained high academic standards while also participating as a collegiate athlete in the football program. He is passionate about agriculture and is actively working as a ranch hand for Wildcat Ranch and as a farm hand for Rock Creek farms while attending school. Upon graduation in December 2022, Joseph plans to work towards his dream of running his own beef production enterprise. The Stout family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative and Frontier Farm Credit.

Shymel Townes is actively involved on campus and has served in leadership positions in Black Student Union, MANRRS, and Chimes Junior Honorary. In addition, he served on the student advisory board for Powercat Financial Counseling Services. Shymel completed an internship in finance in the supply chain team for Land O'Lakes. He volunteers in the community and works part-time for the K-State Division of Financial Services while going to school. Upon graduation in 2022, Shymel plans to pursue a career in farm credit as a loan officer.

Kaitlyn Urban serves as a K-State College of Agriculture Ambassador and has held several leadership roles, currently serving as Activities Coordinator. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega and the K-State Agricultural Economics-Agribusiness Club. Kaitlyn also serves as a Fraternity and Sorority Life Ambassador. Upon graduation in May 2022, she plans to go to graduate school and then hopes to work in marketing/sales, commodity trading or agricultural law. The Urban family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Central Prairie Co-op and Skyland Co-op.

“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 CHS Foundation, funded by gifts from CHS Inc., the nation’s leading farmer-owned cooperative, has

awarded \$192,000 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 freshman, 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. 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 2022-2023 academic year.

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.

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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.

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Photo caption is as follows (back row, left to right): Dr. Brian Briggeman, ACCC Director and KSU AGEC Professor, Ashley Hartman, Kaitlyn Urban and Caleb Stout. (front row, left to right): Hannah Ballard, Paige Vulgamore, Sage Collins and Joseph Stout at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 17, 2021. Not pictured: Grant Holle, Rhett Larson and Shymel Townes