

Jalen Tucker Receives 2021-2022 Matthew Kent Stamper Memorial Scholarship

November 8, 2021 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Jalen Tucker of Johnson, Kansas, a junior in agricultural economics at Kansas State University, has been awarded the Matthew Kent Stamper Memorial Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Jalen is an active member of Student Mobilization, a group ministry organization. He is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and is the videographer for his church. Jalen maintains high academic standards while also working several part-time jobs to fund his education. He works on the family farm, at BC Welding and at JP's Sports Bar and Grill. Jalen has a deep connection to the cooperative system. His father is the board chair for Skyland Grain and Skyland Co-op and many family members have also worked at the cooperative. Jalen plans to return to the family farm upon graduation in May 2023. He is planning to become a member of the local cooperative this year and hopes to serve on the board in the future. The Tucker family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Golden Plains Credit Union, Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc., Pioneer Communications and Skyland Co-op Inc.

The Matthew Kent Stamper Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Matt Stamper who passed away in an automobile accident on May 23, 1999 just before his 22nd birthday. "The scholarship was established to honor and perpetuate the memory of Matt Stamper and to encourage an interest in the operation, management, and economics of agricultural cooperatives, beef production and grain production enterprises," states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. Over \$82,000 in scholarships have been awarded from the fund since 2000.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State's College of Agriculture and be affiliated with a Kansas agricultural marketing, supply or service cooperative as a member or as a child or dependent of a member. Preference is given to a student from Rooks, or a surrounding county, interested in pursuing a career in production agriculture and who is enrolled in one of the following departments: Agricultural Economics; Animal Sciences and Industry; or Agronomy. 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 Matthew Kent Stamper Memorial Scholarship is funded by contributions made to the Center's endowment fund with the KSU Foundation. "Additional contributions by those who want to honor Matthew and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome," Dr. Briggeman said. They should be made payable to "KSU Foundation/Stamper" 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 bbrigg@ksu.edu or visiting the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center website at <http://acc.k-state.edu>.

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Photo caption: Dr. Brian Briggeman, ACCC Director and KSU AGECE Professor, and Jalen Tucker at the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 17, 2021.