

## **Samantha Mies and Bryston Warren Receive 2022-2023 David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarships**

November 14, 2022 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Samantha Mies of Loami, Illinois, a senior in agricultural economics and global food systems leadership and Bryston Warren of Odell, Nebraska, a senior in agricultural economics, have been awarded the David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Samantha Mies is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and has held several leadership roles. She helped with the creation of and is part of the Food Security Scholars program. She also served as a Kansas State University Student Ambassador for the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. Samantha was an intern for Prairieland FS and completed a semester internship with the Kansas Cooperative Council where she participated in many activities, including lobbying on behalf of cooperatives. She maintains high academic standards while pursuing her passion for agriculture. Upon her graduation in May 2024, Samantha hopes to have a career as an economist, grain merchandiser or non-profit director. The Mies family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Apple Creek Water Cooperative, Bradfordton Cooperative, Farm Credit Illinois and Prairieland FS.

Bryston Warren is actively involved in campus life while maintaining high academic standards in the classroom. He has held several leadership roles in Alpha Gamma Rho including president, vice president and recruitment chair. He is also co-director of recruitment for the Interfraternity Council. Bryston serves as a K-State College of Agriculture Ambassador and as a K-State College of Agriculture Senator. He completed an internship with Land O'Lakes, is a member of the K-State Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness club and is part of the Blue Key Honor Society. Bryston will graduate in May 2023 and plans to pursue a career as a market analyst or in international trade. The Warren family is affiliated with Farmers Cooperative (Dorchester).

The David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship has awarded over \$139,855 in scholarships since its establishment in 2014. David and Susan Barton came to Kansas State University in 1976 and have been contributing to cooperative education for many years. They are now encouraging the next generation to develop into strong educated leaders.

“The purpose of the David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship is to encourage the development of leaders in the agribusiness community,” states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. “It’s also to provide significant financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in educational programs emphasizing these areas of study.”

To be eligible for the David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State’s College of Agriculture at the time the scholarship is received and be pursuing a degree in Agribusiness or Agricultural Economics. The recipient must also have strong academic performance and be affiliated as a member or as a child or dependent of a member or employee of a company operating on a cooperative basis in the United States (including agricultural, farm credit, credit union, rural electric or rural telephone cooperatives). Continuing K-State students are encouraged to fill out the K-State scholarship application to be included in the university scholarship process for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship was established by donations from cooperative leaders as a thank you to the Bartons for their years of service to cooperatives. Family and friends added to the fund upon David’s retirement from the university. David and Susan Barton matched more than twice the amount of each contribution made to the fund to further benefit outstanding students at Kansas State University. “Additional contributions by those who want to honor David and Susan Barton and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome,” Dr. Briggeman said. They should be made payable to “KSU Foundation/Barton” and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, 342 Waters Hall, 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](mailto:bbrigg@ksu.edu) or visiting the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center website at <http://acc.k-state.edu/>.

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