

Katie Cummings, James DeRouchey, Cara DeTar, Ashley Hartman, Kagan Keeten, Piper Schlatter, Caleb Stout, Liberty Thompson, Gillian Villa and Baylee Wulfkuhle Receive 2022-23 CHS Foundation Scholarship Awards

November 14, 2022 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Cara DeTar of Coffeyville, Kansas, a senior in agricultural education; Ashley Hartman of Waterloo, Illinois, a senior in agricultural economics; Kagan Keeten of Glade, Kansas, a junior in agribusiness; Piper Schlatter of Hutchinson, Kansas, a junior in agribusiness; Caleb Stout of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, a junior in agricultural economics and global food systems leadership; Liberty Thompson of Elkton, South Dakota, a senior in agricultural economics and global food systems leadership; and Baylee Wulfkuhle of Lawrence, Kansas, a junior in agricultural economics and global food systems leadership; 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: Katie Cummings of Spencer, West Virginia, a freshman in agribusiness; James DeRouchey of Wamego, Kansas, a freshman in agribusiness; and Gillian Villa of Santa Maria, California, a freshman in agribusiness.

Cara DeTar is an engaged student who is involved in multiple organizations while maintaining high academic standards and working part-time. She has been involved in National FFA, earned an FFA American Degree and traveled the state working with FFA clubs and students. Cara has served as treasurer for Ag Ed Club and is involved with the Teach Ag Students in Kansas (TASK) Force. She completed an internship with Bartlett Co-op as a Feed Mill Intern. Upon graduation in May 2023, she plans to pursue a career as an Agricultural Education Teacher and FFA Advisor. The DeTar family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Bartlett Co-op and Frontier Farm Credit.

Ashley Hartman is involved in several organizations on campus. She has served in leadership roles in Kansas State Sigma Alpha Professional Ag Sorority and in the K-State Dairy Science Club where she most recently served as president. She is an ambassador for K-State's College of Agriculture and a member of K-State Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club and NAMA. She has been involved with FFA and earned an FFA American Degree. 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 Services of Illinois, Gateway FS and Monroe County Electric Cooperative.

Kagan Keeten grew up working long hours on the family farm. He has taken that work ethic to school maintaining a high academic standard while being involved in clubs and activities. Kagan is a member of the K-State Cattleman's Club and K-State Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club. Upon graduation in May 2024,

he hopes to work as a banker or farmer/rancher. The Keeten family is affiliated with Farm Credit Services of America and Trinity Ag, LLC.

Piper Schlatter developed her passion for ag through 4-H and FFA. She is actively involved in several organizations on campus and is currently serving as President for the K-State College of Agriculture's Ag Ambassadors. She is also a member of the K-State Collegiate Farm Bureau, National FFA and K-State Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club. Piper works for the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC) as a student assistant while going to school. She completed an internship with American AgCredit during the summer of 2022 and has an upcoming internship with Corteva. Upon graduation in December 2023, Piper is interested in working in ag lending or grain origination. The Schlatter family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: High Plains Farm Credit and Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative.

Caleb Stout serves as a College of Agriculture Student Senator and is a member of FarmHouse Fraternity where he serves as the New Member Educator. He also serves on the Student Alumni Board and the Privilege Fee Committee. Caleb had the honor of serving as a United State Senate Page and upon graduation in May 2024, he hopes to work in public service either through the military or in Washington D.C. The Stout family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative and Frontier Farm Credit.

Liberty Thompson is actively involved on campus and serves as a K-State College of Ag Ambassador. She is a member of multiple organizations, including the Kansas State Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, Agriculture Future of America and K-State Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club. Liberty completed an internship with Frontier Farm Credit and hopes to find work in the cooperative system upon graduation in December 2023. The Thompson family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: AgFirst Farmers Cooperative, CHS Elkton, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union, Farm Credit Services of America, GENEX, Hendricks Elevator, ITC, River's Edge Cooperative, Sinai Co-op Elevator Co., Sioux Valley Electric Cooperative, Tyler Lumber Company and Valley Central Co-op.

Baylee Wulfkuhle is a KSU Food Security Scholar and is a member of the K-State Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club. She is also a member of and has held leadership positions for the Kansas Junior Angus Association and National Junior Angus Association. Baylee completed an internship with Landmark National Bank during the summer of 2022. Upon graduation in December 2023, she plans to pursue a career in ag lending. The Wulfkuhle family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Farm Credit Services of America, Free State Electric Cooperative 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 CHS Foundation, funded by gifts from CHS Inc., the nation’s leading farmer-owned cooperative, has awarded \$205,300 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 to be included in the university scholarship process for the 2023-2024 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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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, Kagan Keeten, Baylee Wulfkuhle, Liberty Thompson and Ashley Hartman at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 30, 2022. Not pictured: Katie Cummings, James DeRouchey, Cara DeTar, Piper Schlatter, Caleb Stout and Gillian Villa