

## **Katelyn Reiff Receives 2022-2023 Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship**

November 14, 2022 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Katelyn Reiff of Hope, Kansas, a senior majoring in agribusiness at Kansas State University, has been awarded the Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Katelyn serves as a K-State College of Agriculture Ambassador and was social chairwoman for Sigma Kappa sorority. She worked at Agri-Trails Cooperative for two summers and due to her exposure to the opportunities provided by cooperatives, she plans to pursue a career in the cooperative system. Katelyn maintains a high academic standard while working and going to school and will graduate in May 2023. The Reiff family is connected to the following cooperatives: Agri-Trails Cooperative, where her dad serves on the board of directors, and Frontier Farm Credit.

The Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship has awarded \$110,000 in scholarships since its establishment in 2005. Otis and Mary Lee Molz have been contributing to cooperative organizations, education and development for many years and are respected leaders in the co-op community.

“The scholarship was established to honor and perpetuate the memory of the contribution of Otis and Mary Lee Molz and to encourage an interest in the formation, operation, management, leadership and economics of and participation in all types of cooperatives, including agricultural, financial, electric, telephone, housing and consumer cooperatives,” 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 Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative 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 affiliated as a member or as a child or dependent of a member of a Kansas agricultural marketing, supply or service cooperative that is a member of the Kansas Cooperative Council. 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 Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship is funded by contributions made to the KSU Foundation. Contributions have been made by Otis and Mary Lee Molz, their family and friends in the cooperative community. “Additional contributions by those who want to honor Otis and Mary Lee Molz and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome,” Dr. Briggeman said. They should be made payable to “KSU Foundation/Molz” and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, 305 Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

### **About the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center**

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