

Hannah Cryer, Piper Schlatter and Caleb Stout Receive 2023-2024 CoBank Outstanding Student Scholarships

October 31, 2023 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Hannah Cryer of Wichita, Kansas, a junior in agribusiness; Piper Schlatter of Hutchinson, Kansas, a senior in agribusiness; and Caleb Stout of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics, pre-law and global food systems leadership, have each been awarded the CoBank Outstanding Student Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Hannah Cryer is a member of the National Agribusiness Marketing Association (NAMA) and competed at the NAMA conference. She is also a member of Helping International Students (HIS) and Christian Challenge. Hannah was part of a cultural exchange program in Morocco helping a small agribusiness in the coffee industry. In addition, she works as a Community Assistant for K-State and is an owner of Red Doodle Ranch a Goldendoodle breeding business. She also works seasonally for Cracker Barrel. Hannah plans to pursue a master's degree in agricultural economics upon graduation in December 2024. The Cryer family is affiliated with the Butler Electric Cooperative.

Piper Schlatter is actively involved in several organizations on campus including K-State Collegiate Farm Bureau, National FFA and K-State Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club. She is a College of Agriculture Ag Ambassador and served as president last year. Piper is also a member of the Kansas Collegiate Corn Academy and works as a student assistant for the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC). She completed an internship with American AgCredit during the summer of 2022 and will be joining their team after her graduation in December 2023. She also completed an internship with Corteva. The Schlatter family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Heartland Credit Union, High Plains Farm Credit and Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative.

Caleb Stout serves as the elected Student Body President for Kansas State University. He holds additional leadership positions in FarmHouse Fraternity, Blue Key Honorary and Student Alumni Board. Caleb is an intern for Senator Jerry Moran and was part of the United States Senate Page program. He has also served as a College of Agriculture Student Senator. Upon graduation in May 2024, Caleb hopes to pursue a career as a banker or lawyer. The Stout family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative and Frontier Farm Credit.

“The CoBank Outstanding Student Scholarships are one way CoBank contributes to the education of future agricultural leaders, especially those with an interest in careers in finance or banking,” states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. This scholarship has awarded \$119,125 since 2006. To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be a sophomore, junior or senior in high academic standing in K-State’s Department of Agricultural Economics at the time the scholarship is received. Preference is given to students who are studying agricultural economics or agribusiness, who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in banking or finance, have taken accounting or finance classes and are residents in one of the following states: CA, CO, CT, IA, KS, KY, MO, MN, NE and TX. Continuing K-State students are encouraged to fill out the K-State scholarship application to be included in the university scholarship process for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The awarding of the CoBank Outstanding Student 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.

About CoBank

CoBank is a cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. The bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving more than 76,000 farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in 23 states around the country.

CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture, rural infrastructure and rural communities. Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore.

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 is as follows: (left to right) Tobias Carson – CoBank Senior Relationship Manager, Piper Schlatter, Hannah Cryer and Caleb Stout at the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 22, 2023.