

Jarek Meyer Receives 2023-2024 Matthew Kent Stamper Memorial Scholarship

October 31, 2023 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Jarek Meyer of Athol, Kansas, a senior 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.

Jarek is a member of Wheat State Agronomy Club and Christian Challenge. He was a member of the K-State's Collegiate Crops Judging Team which split the national championship and placed 4th individually. He is also a member of K-State's Bowling Club and is a student worker in the Derby Dining Center. Jarek works on the family farm and has skills as an advanced welder and woodworker. Upon graduation in May 2024, he plans to return to the farm to work with his father and brother as well as work off the farm at the co-op or in banking. He hopes to serve as a director on the local co-op board in the future. The Meyer family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: AgMark LLC, High Plains Farm Credit, Midway Cooperative, Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative and Trinity Ag, LLC.

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 \$92,300 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 to be included in the university scholarship process for the 2023-2024 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

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