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CHS Cooperative Scholarship
Ag Scholarships Awarded

MANHATTAN, Kan. – CHS Foundation University Scholarships are one way the CHS regional cooperative is giving back to future agricultural leaders. Casey Cook, Bryson Haverkamp, Curtis Haverkamp, Nathan Keep, Kim Kerschen, Sarah Martin, Aaron Sylvester and Kayley Zimmerman were selected to be the recipients of the 2009-2010 CHS Foundation University Cooperative Scholarship.

Casey Cook of Johnson, KS, is a senior at K-State, majoring in Agricultural Economics and Finance. He works as the Office Manager in the Office of Local Government and as a Financial Advisor Assistant with Western Kansas Consulting. In addition, he works as a high school basketball official. Casey is serving as the President of K-State Roteract and participated on an agricultural study abroad program to Australia/New Zealand. Casey grew up in western Kansas where his parents own a cow/calf operation. After graduation, he hopes to pursue a career as an economist, accountant, or banker. The family is affiliated with Johnson Co-op Grain Co. in Johnson, KS and Pioneer Electric Cooperative in Ulysses, KS.

Bryson Haverkamp of Bern, KS, is a sophomore at Kansas State University majoring in agronomy. He works as a farmhand for Nemaha Valley Angus. Bryson holds the 2009 Speech Committee Chair for the Students of Agronomy, Soils and Environmental Science and is a member of the Wheat State Agronomy Club. Upon graduation, Bryson hopes to work as an agronomist and eventually take over the family farm. The Haverkamp family is affiliated with Frontier Farm Credit and Nemaha County Cooperative Association.

Curtis Haverkamp of Bern, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. He works as a farmhand for Haverkamp Bros. Inc. Curtis participates in AgEcon/AgBus Club and as a math tutor at Anthony Middle School. He also served as a Hurricane Katrina Volunteer Project Leader. Upon graduation, Curtis hopes to work in an agriculturally based firm and eventually take over the family farm. The Haverkamp family is affiliated with Frontier Farm Credit, Nemaha-Marshall Rural Electric Cooperative, Nemaha County Cooperative Association, Bluestem Rural Electric Co-op.

Nathan Keep of Elm Creek, NE, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agronomy with a minor in agribusiness. He works on the family farm and has completed internships with Abengoa Bioenergy of Nebraska and Helena Chemical Company. He is involved in the Wheat State Agronomy Club and Ag Student Council and serves as the 2009 SASES Regional Meeting Fundraising Chair. Nathan hopes to work in an agricultural company in the midwest. The Keep family is affiliated with the CHS Agri Service Center in Holdrege, NE.

Kim Kerschen of Garden Plain, KS, is a sophomore at Kansas State University, majoring in agronomy. She has a student worker position at Kansas State University and also works as a farm hand for D & D farms. She is a member of the Wheat State Agronomy Club and serves as an Agronomy Ambassador. She is a member of the 2009 Kansas State University National Championship Soil Judging Team and achieved a 12th place ranking in the competition. After graduation, she hopes to work as an agronomist. The Kerschen family is affiliated with several

local co-ops: Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company (Garden Plain), Andale Farmers Cooperative Co., Dairy Farmers of America, Farm Credit, McPherson Co-op Credit Union, Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Association and Farmers Cooperative Grain Association (Conway Springs).

Sarah Martin of Scammon, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural economics with a specialty in animal science. She is a member of AgEcon/AgBus club, KSU Collegiate Agri-Woman and Alpha Zeta, serving as Treasurer. Sarah works as a student worker in the Department of Agricultural Economics and participated in an internship with Faulkner Grain. She also participated in the Central American Ag Economics study abroad tour. After graduation, Sarah hopes to work in the agriculture industry. The Martin family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Heartland Rural Electric Co-op, Farmers Cooperative Association of Columbus and McCune Farmers Union Co-op Association.

Aaron Sylvester of Wamego, KS, is a December graduate of Kansas State University where he majored in agribusiness. He is married and has a family. In addition to his school and family responsibilities, Aaron works on the family farm and co-operating Sylvester Precision Ag LLC. He has participated on the KSU Frontier Farm Credit Student Board of Directors and served on a pastoral search committee. Upon completion of his undergraduate work, he would like to pursue a career as an analytical economist or a farmer. Aaron and his family are affiliated with the following cooperatives: Frontier Farm Credit, Bluestem Cooperative, Farmers Union Co-op Business Assn. of St. Marys, Farmers Cooperative Association (Manhattan) and Alida-Pearl Co-op Elevator Co.

Kayley Zimmerman of Belle Plaine, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness with a minor in leadership studies. She is a member of the KSU Collegiate Agri-Woman Club and volunteers with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Camp media staff. Kayley works as student office assistant in the KSU Office of Student Life. After graduation, she hopes to work in Kansas in an agricultural field. Kayley and her family are affiliated with the following cooperatives: Sumner-Cowley Rural Electric Cooperative, Farmers Cooperative Grain Association of Belle Plaine, Farmers Cooperative Grain Association of Wellington and America AgCredit.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the students must be properly enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior during the current academic year working towards an agricultural-related degree to pursue careers in production agriculture or agribusiness. Students can reapply annually. Preference is given to those students who have shown an interest in cooperatives through coursework, internships, international study tours, professional development, job shadowing, conferences, co-op membership and other educational experiences. Co-op membership includes being a member of a cooperative or a spouse, child or dependent of a member or being an employee of a cooperative or a spouse, child or dependent of an employee of any cooperative in the United States.

The awarding of the CHS scholarships is coordinated through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC), directed by Professor David Barton, and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. 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.

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“Additional contributions by those who want to support the purposes of cooperative scholarships are welcome,” Barton 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, Kan. 66506.

Further information can be obtained about this scholarship or about establishing additional scholarships by contacting David Barton at the same address or e-mailing, dbarton@ksu.edu.

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back row - left to right: Bryson Haverkamp, Aaron Sylvester, Casey Cook, Nathan Keep and Curtis Haverkamp

front row – left to right: Kim Kerschen, Sarah Martin, Dr. David Barton – Arthur Capper Cooperative Center Director, and Kayley Zimmerman at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 25, 2009