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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. Kassie Curran, Kyle Hannigan, Bryson Haverkamp, Curtis Haverkamp, Chad Huffman, Joseph Abram Mertz, Drew Schoendaler and Kayley Zimmerman were selected to be the recipients of the 2010-2011 CHS Foundation University Cooperative Scholarship.

Kassie Curran of Farlington, KS, is a sophomore at K-State, majoring in Food Science and Industry with a minor in Animal Sciences and Industry while also attaining a Meat Science Certificate. She works as a Recruitment Coordinator in the College of Agriculture Academic Programs Office while going to school. Kassie serves as the state FFA Vice President, a College of Ag Ambassador and is active in Collegiate Cattlewomen, Food Science Club and 4-H. She also serves as a lector at St. Isidore's. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a career as a Food Research and Development Scientist. The Curran family is affiliated with Producers Cooperative Association and Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative.

Kyle Hannigan of Strong City, KS, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural economics, farm management option. He has worked with LUCO Manufacturing as a welder and Hannigan Construction. Kyle is hoping to use concepts learned at K-State to improve the efficiency of the family farm. Kyle hopes to return to the family farm after graduation. The Hannigan family is affiliated with Frontier Farm Credit and Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative.

Bryson Haverkamp of Bern, KS, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agronomy. He works as a farmhand for the K-State Agronomy Farm and Nemaha Valley Angus. Bryson is an active member of the Wheat State Agronomy Club serving as the club's treasurer and was elected to a national treasurer's officer position for the Students of Agronomy, Soils and Environmental Sciences. In addition, Bryson was a member of the Kansas State Crops Judging Team that won both the Kansas City and Chicago national championships. Upon graduation, Bryson hopes to work as an agronomist, as a crop consultant, at a local cooperative 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 helped lead a clothes drive for the people of Haiti. Upon graduation, Curtis hopes to work in an agricultural based firm and eventually take over the family farm. The Haverkamp family is affiliated with Frontier Farm Credit, Nemaha County Cooperative Association, Nemaha-Marshall Rural Electric Cooperative and Bluestem Rural Electric Co-op.

Chad Huffman of Cunningham, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University, majoring in agribusiness, farm and ranch management option with a minor in agronomy and animal science and industry. He works as a farm hand on the family farms. He was a member of the Hutchinson Community College 2009 National Championship

Crop Judging Team and now is a member of the K-State NACTA Crop Judging Team. Chad is also a member of the AGEC/AGBUS club and does several volunteer activities. After graduation, he hopes to work at a local bank or ag lending company and slowly buy into the family farm. Chad and his family are affiliated with several local co-ops: Cairo Cooperative Exchange, Farmers Cooperative Equity Co., Kanza Cooperative Association, Hi-Plains Farm Credit, American Ag Credit, Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association and Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative. In addition, Chad's step father, John Steffen serves on the Cairo Cooperative Exchange board of directors.

Joseph Abram Mertz, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural economics with an emphasis in agribusiness. He was elected the inaugural president of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization and serves as the national chairman of the American Junior Simmental Association. Abram is also the youngest member ever appointed to the Riley County 4-H Fair Board. He had an internship with the American Simmental Association and also works as a farm hand on River Creek Farms. In addition, Abram is the owner/operator of Mertz Web Design. The Mertz family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Farmers Union Co-op Business Association, Farmers Cooperative Association, Frontier Farm Credit, Genex Cooperative and Bluestem Electric Cooperative.

Drew Schoendaler of Grinnell, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness with a minor in business. He is a member of the Alpha Zeta National Agriculture Honorary, AGEC/AGBUS club and Knights of Columbus. He works on the family farm as a farm hand. Upon completion of his undergraduate work, he would like to pursue a career with farm credit. The Schoendaler family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Frontier Ag, Inc., Farm Credit of Ness City, S&T Telephone Co-op Association and Midwest Energy, Inc.

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 as the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Camp Director of Media Staff. Kayley works as student office assistant in the KSU Office of Student Life. After graduation, she hopes to work in Kansas in finance, production or a local cooperative. Kayley and her family are affiliated with the following cooperatives: Farmers Cooperative Grain Association, Sumner-Cowley Rural Electric Cooperative and Farm Credit of the Heartland.

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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left to right: Kassie Curran, Chad Huffman, Drew Schoendaler, Dr. David Barton – Arthur Capper Cooperative Center Director, Curtis Haverkamp, Bryson Haverkamp and Kayley Zimmerman at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 24, 2010. Not pictured: Abram Mertz and Kyle Hannigan.