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Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship
Ag Scholarship Awarded

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Joe Lieber contributed to cooperative organization, education and development for many years and was a respected leader in the co-op community and served as Executive Vice-President then President and CEO of the Kansas Cooperative Council from 1986 - 2003. Sadly, Joe passed away in January 2003 and the loss was felt through-out the co-op community. As a tribute to his enthusiasm for cooperative education, the Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship was established by his family and the Kansas Cooperative Council and awarded for the first time in 2005-2006.

Kyla Clawson of Satanta, Kansas, was selected to be the 2010-2011 recipient of the scholarship through a screening of applicants to select finalists who were then interviewed by a selection committee.

Kyla is a junior at K-State, majoring in Agricultural Economics and Animal Sciences and Industry. She works as a Youth Program Assistant in the KSU Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. In addition, Kyla serves as a College of Agriculture Ambassador. She is also a member of Collegiate Cattlewomen, Block and Bridle, American International Junior Charolais Association, Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and Collegiate Farm Bureau. She also participated on the 2010 Kansas State Meats Judging Team and was the 2009 Kansas State Fair Ag Challenge of Champions Winner. The Clawson family is affiliated with Sublette Cooperative, Inc., United Prairie Ag, Plains Equity Exchange and Cooperative Union, Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Pioneer Communications, Northwest Cotton Growers Cooperative, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association and Oklahoma Farm Credit Union.

“The scholarship was established to perpetuate the memory of the contribution of Joseph Lieber to the development and leadership of cooperative businesses, to encourage an interest in the formation, operation, management, leadership, economics of, and participation in all types of cooperatives, including agricultural, financial, electric, telephone, housing and consumer cooperatives,” said Professor David Barton, 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 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.

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center provides research-based information, education, and assistance to people with an interest 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.

Previous scholarship recipients include: Wyatt Rundel, Colby, KS; Dustin Oswald, Effingham, KS; Tina Krafft, Phillipsburg, KS; and Casey Cook of Johnson, KS.

The Lieber scholarship was funded by contributions made to the Center's endowment fund with the KSU Foundation. Contributions have been made by the Kansas Cooperative Council and the Lieber family and friends in the cooperative community.

“Additional contributions by those who want to honor the memory of Joseph Lieber and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome,” Barton said. They should be made payable to “KSU Foundation/ACCC/ Lieber” and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Department of Agricultural Economics, 305 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 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: Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council Executive Director and Kyla Clawson at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 24, 2010