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William S. May Cooperative Scholarship  
Ag Scholarships Awarded

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The William S. May Endowment enhances the educational pursuits of future agricultural leaders with an interest in a career in finance or banking. Casey Cook was selected to be a recipient of the 2010-2011 William S. May Scholarship for Ag Finance.

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 a member of K-State Roteract where he's served in several leadership roles. In addition, he's been involved with elite honorary clubs, including Sophomore Silver Key and Junior Chimes. Casey has completed two international study abroad experiences in New Zealand/Australia and South Africa. He grew up in western Kansas where his parents own a cow/calf operation. After graduation, he hopes to pursue a career as a financial analyst or manager of an agribusiness. The Cook family is affiliated with Johnson Co-op Grain Co. and Pioneer Electric Cooperative.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in high academic standing in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics at the time the scholarship is received and must have completed accounting or finance classes. The student must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in banking or finance. In addition, the student or their parents must belong to a farmer-owned cooperative.

The awarding of the William S. May Scholarship for Ag Finance is coordinated through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC), directed by Professor David Barton. 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.

William S. May was the third of nine children and was raised on a diversified family farm in Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1940 and started his long career in agribusiness. In addition, he served three years in the South Pacific as a Lieutenant in the Navy. He joined The Federal Land Bank of Wichita in 1956 and worked his way up from Assistant Vice President to President in 1976. He served five years until his retirement in 1981. Bill and his wife, Mary Catherine, were married for 61 years and raised two successful children. He was also involved in many community service organizations. His philanthropy included establishing scholarships at four universities: Oklahoma State University; Kansas State University; Colorado State University and New Mexico State University

and one through Farm House Foundation. As of 2002, scholarships had been awarded to over 185 students and that number grows each year.

“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, 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](mailto:dbarton@ksu.edu).

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left to right: Dr. David Barton - Arthur Capper Cooperative Center Director and Casey Cook at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, September 24, 2010