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2024 Foundation Summer Intern



Hello everyone! My name is Clara Kuelper and I am the Knox County Farm Bureau Intern this summer. I am the 19 year old daughter of John and Jessica Kuelper. I am currently attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, majoring in Public Policy and Law on the Pre-Law track. I am hoping to attend law school at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and become an agricultural or environmental lawyer. At UIUC I am involved in many clubs and organizations including Collegiate Farm Bureau, Collegiate 4-H, Hoof n' Horn Club, and 4-H House Cooperative Sorority.

Before my time spent at UIUC, I was raised on a small farm located outside of Rio, IL, where I enjoyed showing cattle and swine. I attended ROWVA High School where I was heavily involved in FFA. I held officer positions at the chapter and the section levels. I participated in golf and cheerleading whilst upholding a 4.0 GPA. I also was a member of the Rio Livestock 4-H Club for 10 years.

Outside of academics and extracurriculars, I choose to spend my free time reading and writing, working as a barista at Orange Cup Java Station, crocheting, and seeing friends and family. Also, last summer I competed in the Miss Knox County Fair Queen Pageant, where I earned the title of the 2023 Miss Knox County Fair Queen. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as an agricultural advocate this past year, and represent our county at the state pageant last January.

This summer as the Knox County Farm Bureau Intern, I plan to be a helpful member of the agriculture community. I am beyond excited to develop new skills and gain new knowledge about agriculture in Knox County and Illinois.

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KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION
So they may grow

8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

07.26.24 | OAK RUN GOLF COURSE
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Scholarship Winners Announced

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the 2024 Scholarship Winners. 6 Knox County students were awarded scholarships to continue their education in agriculture. Freshmen in college are eligible for the Thomas Lincoln and one of the O'Connor Family Scholarships. Current college students are eligible for the second O'Connor Family Scholarship and the KCFB Foundation Scholarship. A second KCFB Foundation Scholarship and a third O'Connor Family Scholarship are awarded at the discretion of the Foundation Board of Directors. The O'Connor Family Scholarship is given by siblings Thomas, Marty, Teri, Ang, Michael, and Brian.

College Freshmen Scholarship Award Winners



Thomas Lincoln Scholarship

Sidney Stiers is the daughter of Jeff and Joanie Stiers of Williamsfield.

She is a 2024 graduate of Williamsfield High School. Sidney is an active member of FFA, competing in contests and serving as the Williamsfield FFA Chapter President and the Section 4 FFA President for 2023-24. Sidney plans to further her education at Iowa State University, where she will double major in Agronomy and Horticulture.



O'Connor Family Scholarship

Emily West is the daughter of Jay and Janelle West of Victoria. She is a graduate of ROWVA High School, Class of 2024. Emily participated in sports, FFA, 4-H, Student Council, National Honor Society, and volunteered most of her time in various classrooms teaching about agriculture. She will be attending Black Hawk East in the fall to gain her Agriculture Transfer degree to then attend Iowa State for Agriculture Education!



O'Connor Family Scholarship

Allison Hopkins is the daughter of Frank and Dot Hopkins of Gilson. She is a 2024 graduate of Knoxville High School. She will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and living at the 4-H House Cooperative Sorority. She is majoring in Agriculture Communications.

Current College Students Scholarship Award Winners



KCFB Foundation Scholarship

Emma Seiboldt is the daughter of Pat and Susan Seiboldt of Victoria. She is the seventh generation to be raised on her family's grain and cow/calf operation. She is a sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Studies, with focus areas in Animal Science, Agronomy, and Agriculture Business. At Iowa State, she is the Leadership Development Co-Chair for the Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority, Blood Drive Co-Chair for the Block & Bridle Club, and a Fall 2024 Leader for the Honors Program.



O'Connor Family Scholarship

Esther Gibb is the daughter of Josh and Stacy Gibb. She is entering her second year at Carl Sandburg College. Esther enjoys participating in 4-H, running her small business, Henderson Grove Honey, and showing cattle. After Sandburg she plans on transferring to a four-year institution to major in Elementary Education.



KCFB Foundation Scholarship

Tanner Klockenga is the son of Mickey Klockenga of Abingdon. He is a sophomore at the University of Illinois currently majoring in Agribusiness, Markets, and Management with a minor in Animal Science. Tanner is a member of the Collegiate Farm Bureau, Livestock Judging Team, Hoof-n-Horn, and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Once he completes his college journey, he anticipates finding an ag lending job and returning to the family farm.

Galesburg Public Library Donor Tour



On April 11, donors were invited to tour the Galesburg Public Library. KCFB Foundation President Rob Link (wife Joy) and Foundation Board Directors Josh Gibb and Pete Holmes (wife Diane) attended the event. The KCFB Foundation pledged \$10,000 to the Galesburg Public Library for agriculture furnishings and pieces throughout the library. We look forward to working with the library to highlight agriculture books and include Ag in the Classroom programming.

Agriculture in the Community Grant

The next round of Agriculture in the Community Grant applications are due August 1, 2024. Remember, these grants are available to teachers, FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs, and community groups wanting to signify the importance of agriculture in Knox County.

Teachers- planning for next school year and have a lesson plan outside of the normal Ag in the Classroom visit?

FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs- have a field trip idea that would improve groups members knowledge of agriculture?

Community Groups- have an idea that brings agriculture to the community?

Grant Guidelines:

- Grant proposals will be accepted 4 times throughout the year on the 1st of February, May, August, and November.
- Grant applications must be submitted on the application form.
- The audience of the project must include a majority of Knox County/Knox County residents.
- The recipients of the grants will be chosen based on the above criteria and guidelines along with the answers to the questions. Some applications may not be funded.
- One project may be submitted at a time per quarter.
- The grant funds may not cover all expenses related to the project.
- Projects that have a lasting impact will be favored over those with a short-term impact.
- A final report will have to be submitted within three months of completion of project.
- Publicity of the project will be coordinated with the Knox County Farm Bureau Executive Director.
- Additional information may be requested to verify the organization status.

Questions regarding the grant application should be sent to knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org

The application is available at www.knoxcfb.org under the Foundation tab.

End of the Year Knox County Ag in the Classroom Numbers



**17,172 Students
Impacted**



**186 Teachers
Impacted**

8th Annual KCFB Foundation Golf Outing

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation would like to invite you to participate in our 8th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, July 26th at Oak Run Golf Course. Tee time is 8:00 am and lunch will be served for all teams and sponsors following the tournament. Teams are \$260 or individuals are \$65. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit our Ag in the Classroom, scholarship, and Agriculture in the Community Grant programs here in Knox County.

Sponsorship Levels

BARN RAISER - \$500

Includes recognition in the Foundation newsletter, logo on display during registration and lunch, logo on display in each golf cart, a hole sponsorship placed at the tee, a book donated to a local school displaying your logo, and one team registration (includes green fees, cart rental, and lunch).

Harvester - \$250

Includes logo recognition on display during registration and lunch, logo on display in each golf cart, a hole sponsorship placed at the tee, and a book donated to a local school displaying your logo.

Cultivator - \$100

Includes name recognition in each golf cart, a hole sponsorship placed at the tee.

Seed Sower - \$75

Includes a hole sponsorship placed at the tee.



8th Annual Golf Outing

7: 00 AM Registration
8:00 AM Shotgun Start
12:30 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Awards

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available on our website at www.knoxcfb.org. Please feel free to contact us at 309-342-2036 or via email at kcfbintern@gmail.com if you have any questions.

If you are interested in donating to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau Office at 309-342-2036 or knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org. You may also donate safely online using the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation PayPal account on our website at www.knoxcfb.org/foundation or scan our QR Code:

