

Compeer Financial 2018 High School Scholarship Recipients

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Wisconsin Recipients						
Adam Riley	6994 US Hwy 18	Mount Hope	WI	53816	Grant	Riley became involved in agriculture on his family's farm, where they currently raise and sell dairy heifers and beef calves. He is a graduate of Fennimore High School. Upon graduation he will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and will double major in Community and Nonprofit Leadership and Political Science. He plans to pursue a career at a nonprofit organization that will improve the quality of life in Grant County.
Alexis Kwak	N13015 270th Street	Ridgeland	WI	54763	Dunn	Kwak found her passion for agriculture while going up in a small farming village in northwestern Wisconsin. She is a graduate of Prairie Farm High School. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she will be majoring in Animal Science. After college, she plans to attend Veterinary School, with hopes of returning to her equine business and offering specialized equine care.
Alexis Luedtke	W9552 Zimmerman Drive	Beaver Dam	WI	53916	Dodge	Luedtke found her role in agriculture through her parents involvement in the industry, and through her involvement in the FFA. She is a graduate of Beaver Dam High School. This fall, she will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she will be majoring in Agricultural Business Management. She plans to pursue a career in agricultural sales.
Amanda Guenther	N4518 Oak Grove Road	Brandon	WI	53919	Fond du Lac	Guenther's interest in agriculture began on her family's horse farm, where they train horses. She is a graduate of Laconia High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and will pursue a degree in Animal Science with an Equine Emphasis. Upon graduation she intends to become a farm manager.
Anna Evenson	N2680 Evenson Road	Cambridge	WI	53523	Jefferson	Evenson found her role in agriculture by working on her grandparent's farm, showing livestock at the Jefferson and Stoughton Fair and by working on a dairy farm. She is a graduate of Cambridge High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where she plans to pursue a Dairy Science major with an Agricultural Business minor. Upon graduation, she plans to return to the dairy that she is currently working on as a herd manager.
Anne Runde	3823 Curry Lane	Janesville	WI	53546	Rock	Runde found her place in agriculture by spending time on her grandparents' dairy farm. She recently purchased her own heifer and has expanded her herd to four animals. She is a graduate of Janesville Craig High School. This fall, she will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and pursue a degree in Dairy Science. After completing her undergraduate degree, she plans to become a large animal veterinarian or a reproductive specialist.

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Ashley Hagenow	N2938 Hagen Road	Poynette	WI	53955	Columbia	Hagenow became involved in agriculture through her family's involvement in the dairy industry. Additionally, she credits FFA as helping her become active in the agriculture industry. She is a graduate of Rio High School. She will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and pursue degrees in Agricultural Communications and Marketing and Animal Science. Upon graduation, she anticipates having a career as an agriculture journalist or as a public relations specialist for an agriculture company.
Benjamin Kronberg	5303 E Kentwood Drive	Milton	WI	53563	Rock	Kronberg found his place in the agriculture industry by spending time on his grandma's farm. Currently, he owns and cares for dairy heifers, pigs and has a cow/calf beef operation. He is a graduate of Milton High School. Upon graduation he will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Dairy Science and Agricultural Business Management. After college, he plans to pursue a career within agricultural sales, as well as return to his role on his family's farm.
Benji Schaefer	N47899 Karlstad Road	Osseo	WI	54758	Trempealeau	Schaefer became involved in agriculture from an early age on his family's cash grain farm. He is a graduate of Eleva-Strum High School. He will attend Chippewa Valley Technical College and pursue a degree in Agronomy Management. After college, he plans to return home to purchase his family's operation.
Brady Butzler	5499 Malamute Avenue	Rockland	WI	54643	Monroe	Butzler began his career in agriculture on from a young age, growing up on his family's dairy farm. He is a graduate of Cashton High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in Agricultural Business Management. After college, he intends to return to the Coulee region and work as a financial officer at an agricultural lending agency.
Brady Madigan	N6622 Center Road	Rosendale	WI	54974	Fond du Lac	Madigan's first experience in agriculture began on his grandparent's farm, and has since expanded to working on his uncle's farm. He is a graduate of Laconia High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Fall 2018, pursuing a degree in Agricultural Business Management. He aspires to have a career in an agriculture related field, in an area where he can help make farm processes easier, and more economical and efficient for farmers.
Brandon Gilbertson	E9901 560th Avenue	Elk Mound	WI	54739	Dunn	Gilbertson began his agriculture career by working on his family's dairy farm, as well as by working for their custom harvesting business. He is a graduate of Elk Mound High School. He will attend Northeast Iowa Community College this fall, majoring in Dairy Science Technology. He plans to take the hands-on experience involving cow comfort, dairy health and robotic milking that he will experience in college back to his family's farm to expand the quality and efficiency of the total farm.

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Brett Mullikin	N2560 Mill Road	Waldo	WI	53093	Sheboygan	Mullikin grew up on his family's dairy farm and has taken an active role within the last four years, starting his own herd of cattle and working in their custom baling operation. He is a graduate of Oostburg High School. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course this coming fall, majoring in Farm and Equipment Operations. Additionally, he is currently taking Dairy Cattle Management classes at Lakeshore Technical College through the Youth Apprenticeship program. Upon graduation he will return to the family farm and become the third generation to own and operate it.
Carter Freymiller	11790 Roger's Road	Fennimore	WI	53809	Grant	Freymiller has become involved in agriculture through his experience living on a hobby farm, and his heavy involvement in FFA. He is a graduate of Fennimore High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Fall 2018, majoring in Wildlife Ecology. After receiving his degree, he plans to start his own business to help rural farmers develop rotation and biodiversity that will their local economy.
Cassandra Berg	S2237 County Road C	Arcadia	WI	54612	Buffalo	Berg grew up on her family's dairy farm, where she assisted in feeding calves and milking cows. She is a graduate of Arcadia High School. This fall, she will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she will be studying Atmospheric and Oceanic Science. She plans to use her degree to begin a career with a professional weather program, and create stronger forecasting and testing technology.
Cole Berra	S5099 B&B Lane	Genoa	WI	54632	Vernon	Berra grew up on a farm in Vernon county where they raise Angus beef cattle and market hogs. He is a graduate of Aquinas High School. In the Fall of 2018 he will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he will major in Agricultural Engineering. Post graduation, he looks forward to having a career making advances in the agricultural field, especially in efficiency, effectiveness and affordability of agricultural machinery and building designs.
Colton Klecker	W5792 County Road B	Jefferson	WI	53549	Jefferson	Klecker began his adventure in agriculture at a young age on his family's cash crop farm. He is a graduate of Lake Mills High School. This fall, he will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he will study Mechanical Engineering. After college, he will pursue a career working for an agricultural machine corporation, with hopes to design equipment that will decrease input costs and make machines run more efficiently.
Crystal Cafferty	W8105 Frohmader Road	Elroy	WI	53929	Juneau	Cafferty was raised on her family's dairy farm, where she now milks full time. She is a graduate of Mauston High School. She will attend Madison Area Technical College in Fall 2018, where she will become a certified Veterinary Technician. Upon graduation, she aspires to return to her rural roots and serve as a Veterinary Technical within agriculture.

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Dane Trustem	16911 W Finneran Road	Evansville	WI	53536	Rock	Trustem has held many positions on his family's dairy farm, with jobs ranging from calf feeding to field work. He is a graduate of Evansville High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course where he will major in Foundations of Farm Management. Upon graduation, he looks forward to returning as the sixth generation on his family farm, and becoming the crops and maintenance manager.
Dylan Herbrand	8190 Ballweg Road	Dane	WI	53529	Dane	Herbrand's agricultural experience stems from his family's 75 cow/calf beef and crop operation. He is a graduate of Sauk Prairie High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, majoring in Agricultural Engineering. Upon graduation, he aspires to have an active role in developing new innovations and mechanical inventions that will make working on a farm safer and more economical.
Ethan Heelein	926 Ann Street	Genoa City	WI	53128	Walworth	Heelein states that his favorite classroom is his grandparent's farm, where he has learned about maple syrup, honeybees, market hogs and gardening. He is a graduate of Burlington High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he will major in Agricultural Education and Biology. After he graduates college, he aspires to be an agricultural educator and FFA Advisor.
Grace Link	2987 Bosben Road	Deerfield	WI	53531	Dane	Link grew up on her family's 150 head commercial cow/calf operation. She is a graduate of Stoughton High School. She will attend Iowa State University in Fall 2018, majoring in Agricultural Business. Upon graduation, she would like to have a role raising and selling cattle for livestock show youth, working for an industry publication and working for shows at the national level.
Grady Rielly	16770 Reilly Road	Darlington	WI	53530	Lafayette	Grady is the fourth generation on his family's dairy farm. He is a graduate of Darlington High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he will major in Dairy Science. After college, he will return to his family's farm and work alongside his brother to become the next generation to own and operate the farm.
Jessica Jurcek	N2437 Brattset Lane	Jefferson	WI	53549	Jefferson	Jurcek has been involved in her family's grass-fed beef farm for 13 years. She is a graduate of Jefferson High School. She will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and major in Biology. After college, she will begin her career as a biomedical researcher, with hopes to make health care more accessible to farmers.
Jessica Sikora	30507 185th Avenue	Cornell	WI	54732	Chippewa	Sikora grew up on her family's dairy farm, where she now manages milking shifts and raises goats and rabbits. She is a graduate of Cornell High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where she will major in Agricultural Education. She plans to have a career inspiring students to reach their fullest potential.

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Jillian Boles	N5229 1220th Street	Prescott	WI	54021	Pierce	Boles agriculture story began on her family's hobby farm and has expanded to also have a role on her family's beef and crop farm. She is a graduate of Prescott High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, majoring in Marketing Communications. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, she would like to become a communication specialist.
Jodie Weyland	8653 Center Road	Neenah	WI	54956	Winnebago	Weyland grew up on her family's organic farm, where she now handles animal and equipment care. She is a graduate of Winneconne High School. She will attend Fox Valley Technical College and pursue a degree in Agricultural Business. Upon graduation, she will return to her family's farm as the next generation, and diversify the operation to include vegetable production.
Karly Ready	N9057 County Road O	New Glarus	WI	53574	Green	Ready became involved in agriculture through her family's ownership of cows and horses. She is a graduate of Monticello High School. She will attend Black Hawk Technical College and major in Agribusiness. Upon graduation, she plans to have a role in selling and marketing agricultural products and services.
Katherine Novak	W939 Northey Road	Sullivan	WI	53178	Jefferson	Novak grew up on her family's corn, soybean and produce farm, where she plays roles in planting, weeding, harvesting, washing and packaging produce. She graduated from Palmyra-Eagle High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and major in Agricultural Education. After graduating from college, she will have a career as an agricultural educator, with plans to inspire her students to try new things and learn something new every day.
Kauy Fargo	413 Ruste Road	Barneveld	WI	53507	Iowa	Fargo became involved in agriculture on his family's commercial beef operation. He graduated from Barneveld High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and major in Biology. After completing his degree, he plans to have a career working within livestock genetics.
Kortney Woldt	N9594 County Road PP	Brillion	WI	54110	Calumet	Woldt has known agriculture her entire life, as she has grown up on her family's dairy farm. She graduated from Brillion High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and major in Business Management. She hopes to one day return to her family's dairy farm and play an active role in the operation alongside her siblings.
Megan Van Ruiswyk	N3475 Savage Road	Waupun	WI	53963	Fond du Lac	Van Ruiswyk credits her start in agriculture to her parents involvement on their family's dairy farm and cash-crop farm. She is a graduate of Waupun High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, majoring in Agricultural Business. Upon graduation, she plans to have a career in agricultural lending or sales.

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Naomi Fogel	W980 Lower Oak Valley Road	Fountain City	WI	54629	Buffalo	Fogel became immersed in agriculture on her family's buffalo farm her entire life. She is a graduate of Cochrane-Fountain City High School. She will attend Saint Mary's College and major in Elementary Education. She plans to one day return to their farm and manage all aspects of the operation.
Paris Lindner	274 Glen Court	Wisconsin Dells	WI	53965	Adams	Lindner credits her family's extensive history of being involved in agriculture as her inspiration to become involved herself. She is a graduate of Wisconsin Dells High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in Fall 2018 and major in Animal Science and Agricultural Business. Upon graduation, she hopes to become a veterinarian, while finding a way to lower the cost of surgical and medical procedures.
Rachel Moseley	W11387 Hwy 10	Osseo	WI	54758	Trempealeau	Mosely became involved in agriculture due to her family's beef operation, her mother's occupation as a veterinarian and her current job on a dairy farm. She graduated from Osseo-Fairchild High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and major in Animal Science with an emphasis in meat animals. She plans to become a large animal veterinarian, with an emphasis on bovine reproduction.
Minnesota Recipients						
Alexander Love	13748 201st Avenue	Preston	MN	55965	Fillmore	Love has farming in his blood, as his family has been farming for 150 years. He is a graduate of Fillmore Central High School. He will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and is undecided on his major. He hopes to one day return to his family's farm as the fifth generation to own and operate it.
Ashley Keck	80672 600th Avenue	Alpha	MN	56111	Jackson	Keck became involved in agriculture through her upbringing on her family's farm. She is a graduate of Jackson County Central High School. She will attend Augustana University where she will major in Nursing. She intends to have a career as a nurse.
Ashley Wagner	88370 380th Avenue	Heron Lake	MN	56137	Jackson	Wagner is the fourth generation on her family's farm, and also has her own projects of raising ducks, rabbits and showing cows. She is a graduate of Heron Lake-Okabena High School. She will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College and then either South Dakota State University or Iowa State University, in hopes of becoming a veterinarian. She plans to return to a local veterinarian practice, as well as looks to continue on the tradition of her family's farm.

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Austin Weckwerth	42303 286th Street	Arlington	MN	55307	Sibley	Weckworth grew up on his family's beef cattle, swine and crop operation. He is a graduate of Sibley East High School. He will attend South Dakota State University where he will major in Animal Science and minor in Agricultural Business and Marketing. Upon graduation he intends to return to his family's farm, as well as find a full time job at an agricultural related company.
Bennett Gathje	9207 County Road 116 SE	Stewartville	MN	55976	Olmsted	Gathje says that farming is not only a career, but a way of life, which is what inspired him to stay involved in agriculture. He is a graduate of Chatfield High School. He will attend South Dakota State University where he will major in Agricultural Science. His family runs a diversified dairy, beef and crop farm, of which he plans to return to. He wants to use to most effective and efficient ways to produce milk, beef and crops for the world to consume.
Beth Stevermer	16388 490th Avenue	Easton	MN	56025	Faribault	Stevermer began his agricultural story on his family's farm, where they grow corn and soybeans and finish 5000 hogs a year. He is a graduate of United South Central High School. He will attend Iowa State University this upcoming fall, majoring in Food Science. He will pursue a career developing new foods and ways to prepare food, and one day hopes to open his own restaurant.
Bradley Miller	26747 Rush Creek Road	Lewiston	MN	55952	Winona	Miller has farming in his DNA, and has grown up on his family's dairy operation. He is a graduate of Lewiston Alutura High School. He will Attend South Dakota State University, majoring in Agriculture Business Management and Precision Agronomy. He intends to bring his education back to his family's farm and contribute to its' success.
Brett Neel	63873 170th Street	Alden	MN	56009	Freeborn	Neel grew up on his family's crop and cattle farm, where he works year round. He is a graduate of Alden-Conger High School. He will attend Minnesota State University, where he will major in Social Studies Education with an emphasis on Political Science. He plans to become involved in local and state politics in order to lobby for agriculture, while maintaining an active role on his family's farm.
Caroline Mayer	35800 300th Street	Peterson	MN	55962	Fillmore	Mayer is heavily involved in her family's purebred registered beef cow calf operation. She is a graduate of Lanesboro High School. She will attend Kansas State University this upcoming fall, majoring in Agricultural Business and Marketing and minoring in Animal Science. She plans to develop a career that that will allow her to promote production agriculture and help producers improve their operations.

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Dakota Scott	1208 6th Avenue North	Windom	MN	56101	Cottonwood	Scott has been involved in agriculture his entire life, but didn't find his true passion until he became involved in the National FFA Food Science Career Development Event. He is a graduate of Windom Area High School. He will be attending South Dakota State University, majoring in Food Science and Technology. He plans to have a career finding new and innovative ways to create food so that it is readily available and within the financial means for people to purchase.
David Keck	5372 SW 82nd Avenue	Owatonna	MN	55060	Steele	Keck has been involved in his family's swine and crop operation for his entire life. He is a graduate of Owatonna High School. He will attend Riverland Community College and major in Diesel Technology. He plans to return as the third generation on his family's farm, with roles involved in equipment maintenance, transportation of products, harvesting and animal health.
Ellen Harth	38765 Black Willow Road	Hinckley	MN	55037	Pine	Harth's involvement in agriculture stems from her family's dairy farm, where she currently has her own herd of 50 Jerseys. She is a graduate of Hinckley Finlayson High School. She will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, where she will major in Agricultural Communication and Marketing and Animal Science. Her goals include serving as a spokesperson for the dairy industry, serving as an agricultural based salesperson and purchasing her own dairy operation.
Emelia Melson	568 220th Street	Trimont	MN	56176	Martin	Melson credits growing up on her family's swine and grain farm for her love of agriculture. She is a graduate of Martin County West High School. She will attend the University of Minnesota, where she will major in Animal Science. After completing her undergraduate she intends to receive her Doctorate in Swine Nutrition. She wants to promote agriculture and the swine industry, as well as find new ways to effectively and efficiently raise pork.
Emily Benrud	26889 County 9 Blvd	Goodhue	MN	55027	Goodhue	Benrud has lived on her family's dairy farm her entire life, and holds active roles milking cows, feeding calves and vaccinating animals. She is a graduate of Goodhue Public High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where she will major in Biology Education. She intends to work as a teacher, and make connections with students to inspire them to enjoy science.
Ethan Arett	71444 130th Avenue	Blooming Prairie	MN	55917	Dodge	Arett has lived on a hobby farm his entire life, where they raise beef cattle primarily used for show animals. He is a graduate of Blooming Prairie High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he will major in Animal Science and minor in Agricultural Business. He hopes to return to his beef cattle roots and raise cattle with high genetics, as well as open his own embryo transfer facility.

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Ethan Johnson	38392 County Road 13	Heron Lake	MN	56137	Cottonwood	Johnson has held roles milking cows, cleaning barns, assisting with feeding and driving machinery on his family's farm his entire life. He is a graduate of Windom Area High School. He will attend South Dakota State University this upcoming fall, majoring in Dairy Manufacturing and Agriculture Education. He plans to pursue a career developing new products made from raw milk, or teaching students and consumers about their food.
Grace Luhmann	32076 Hwy 43	Rushford	MN	55971	Winona	Luhmann has been heavily involved in agriculture on her family's farm, where they finish 30,000 pigs a year, have cropland and raise beef cows. She is a graduate of Rushford-Peterson High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where she will major in Agricultural Business. After receiving her undergraduate degree, she intends to gain experience elsewhere, before transitioning into her father's role on their operation.
Hannah Neil	27536 Chippendale Avenue	Northfield	MN	55057	Dakota	Neil's love of agriculture stems from her upbringing on her family's farm where they raise Hereford cattle and crops to be used in feed. She is a graduate of Randolph High School. She will attend South Dakota State University, where she will major in Agriculture Education and Leadership. She plans to use what she learns in college to share the story of agriculture with various audiences.
Jacob Tesch	33922 State Hwy 19	Henderson	MN	56044	Sibley	Tesch has been involved in his family's farm since he was a young child. He is a graduate of Le Sueur-Henderson High School. He will attend Southwest Minnesota State University where he will major in Agricultural Finance and Banking. He aspires to work in the agricultural finance field once he completes college.
Jessica Christoffer	78259 360th Avenue	Round Lake	MN	56167	Jackson	Christoffer credits growing up in a small farming community and her upbringing on her family's cash crop operation for her love of agriculture. She is a graduate of Jackson County Central High School. She will attend South Dakota State University where she will major in Food Science and Technology. She aspires to make a difference in the food industry, through developing new products or improving current products to further benefit consumers.
Johanna Welter	11303 55th Avenue SW	Stewartville	MN	55976	Olmsted	Welter grew up on her family's farrow to finish hog and crop farm, and has always held active roles on the operation. She is a graduate of Stewartville High School. She will attend South Dakota State University this upcoming fall, where she will major in Agricultural Business. She aspires to have a career helping farmers make the best financial decisions for their farm.

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Julie Anderson	29259 State Hwy 38	Grand Rapids	MN	55744	Itasca	Anderson became involved in agriculture through her upbringing on her family's hobby farm. She is a graduate of Grand Rapids High School. She will attend Iowa State University, where she will major in Agricultural Business. She would like to pursue a degree in agricultural policy to solve world hunger and increase agricultural proficiency.
Kendra Schultz	58258 180th Street	Wells	MN	56097	Faribault	Schultz has been involved in her family's crop and livestock farm for as long as she can remember. She is a graduate of United South Central High School. She will attend Iowa State University where she will major in Agricultural Business. She hopes to one day hold a management position for an agricultural company.
Kendrick Bickett	29278 240th Street	Worthington	MN	56187	Nobles	Bickett may not have grown up on a farm, but he has always been heavily involved agriculture through various roles on his grandparent's and uncle's farms. He is a graduate of Worthington High School. He will attend South Dakota State University, majoring in Agricultural Business. He plans to have a role sharing the positive story of agriculture with consumers.
Kylee Sherod	PO Box 302; 325 10th Street	Howard Lake	MN	55439	Wright	Sherod's roots in agriculture stem from her involvement on her grandfather's hobby beef farm and uncle's dairy operation. She is a graduate of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High School. She will attend Iowa State University where she will major in Agriculture Education and Agricultural Business. She plans to become an agricultural educator in a small rural school, and open up an agricultural business.
Lincoln Bryan	6380 Leeson lane	Red Wing	MN	55066	Goodhue	Bryan is the fifth generation on his family's purebred Shorthorn cattle and crop operation. He is a graduate of Red Wing High School. He will attend South Dakota State University where he will major in Agricultural Science or Precision Agriculture. He plans to pursue a career away from the family farm to broaden his horizons and learn new ideas and methods, before eventually returning to take over the operation.
Logan Tesch	34558 State Hwy 19	Henderson	MN	56044	Sibley	Tesch's agricultural experience began on his family's farm, where they raise pigs and dairy steers, as well as grow corn and soybeans. He is a graduate of Sibley East High School. He will attend South Dakota State University, where he will major in Agricultural Business and Animal Science. After working off of the farm for a couple of years, Tesch plans to return to his family's farm and transition the farm to his ownership.
Mandy Moliter	15234 150th Street	Watkins	MN	55389	Stearns	Moliter became involved in agriculture from an early age on her family's dairy farm. She is a graduate of Eden Valley-Watkins High School. She will attend North Dakota State University, majoring in Animal Science. She aspires to have a role as a feed consultant, as well as advocate for agriculture.

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Mitchell Oswald	62420 240th Street	Brownsdale	MN	55918	Mower	Oswald credits time spent riding in the tractor and baling hay with his grandpa as a young child as his inspiration to become involved in agriculture. He is a graduate of Blooming Prairie High School. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he will major in Crop and Soil Sciences. He plans to work as an agronomist, working to educate farmers on how they can equip their farms and land resources to boost yields while maintaining soil health.
Nicholas Seitzer	43145 County Road 13	St Peter	MN	56082	Nicollet	Seitzer has spent her entire life on her family's dairy farm. She is a graduate of Saint Peter High School. She will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities where she will major in Animal Science. She plans to take the knowledge she gains in college to return to her family's farm to make it as profitable as possible.
Rachel Meany	19131 610th Avenue	Rose Creek	MN	55970	Mower	Meany's love of agriculture stems from her family's century old farm, where they raise corn, soybeans, sweet corn and peas. She is a graduate of Southland High School. She will be attending the University of Minnesota-Crookston, where she will major in Animal Science. Her ultimate career goal is to educate others about agriculture in a non-formal setting.
Rachel Middendorf	20102 County 36	Long Prairie	MN	56347	Todd	Middendorf has a strong agricultural background due to growing up on her family's dairy farm. She is a graduate of Long Prairie Grey Eagle High School. She will attend Minnesota State University where she will major in Accounting. She plans to pursue a career assisting farmers and agriculture related businesses with their financial needs.
Sarah Holmberg	47089 710th Street	Lakefield	MN	56150	Jackson	Holmberg credits her upbringing on a diversified livestock operation for her involvement in agriculture. She is a graduate of Jackson County Central High School. She plans to attend Dordt College, where she will major in Agriculture Missions and Horticulture. One of her career goals includes going to unreached areas and teaching people how to farm sustainably.
Shelby Kuechle	14464 County Road 9	Eden Valley	MN	55329	Stearns	Kuechle recalls spending time on her family's dairy from as young as when she would spend time in a Pack n' Play in their milking parlor. She is a graduate of Eden Valley Watkins High School. She will attend South Dakota State University, where she will major in Dairy Production. She hopes to have a career working as a dairy geneticist.
Zachary Uter	1835 County Road 8 SW	Waverly	MN	55390	Wright	Uter was born and raised on his family's dairy farm. He is a graduate of Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High School. He will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, where he will major in Agricultural and Food Business Management. Upon graduation he intends to return as the fourth generation on his family's farm, or find a career at an agricultural based company.

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Abigail Martin	33534 ECR 930 N	Mason City	IL	62664	Mason	Martin grew up on her family's beef, corn and soybean operation. She is a graduate of Illini Central High School. She will attend the University of Illinois, majoring in Agribusiness Markets and Management. Upon graduation, she plans to contribute new ideas and concepts to the agricultural community.
Andrew Gould	1388 Blackberry Creek Drive	Elburn	IL	60119	Kane	Gould became involved in agriculture on his family's farm, where he plays active roles in planting and harvesting crops and caring for swine. He is a graduate of Kaneland High School. He will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and study Technical Systems Management. Upon graduation he will be a commissioned officer in the US Navy. Upon completion of his service, he plans to return to his family's operation, or work for an agricultural equipment company.
Brooklyn Hollis	5667 West Montague Road	German Valley	IL	61039	Ogle	Hollis plays an active role on her family's dairy farm, which sparked her interest in agriculture. She is a graduate of Forreston High School. She will attend Highland Community College, majoring in Agribusiness and Dairy Science. She aspires to be the sixth generation to own and operate her family's farm, while also working as an embryologist for cattle.
Chad Lawyer	21254 N 825 East Road	Carlock	IL	61725	McLean	Lawyer developed his passion for agriculture by raising show quality sheep and showing at the local, state and national level/ He is a graduate of Normal Community West High School. He will attend the University of Illinois, majoring in Animal Science. He aspires to have a career involved in livestock genetics, reproduction or nutrition.
Claire Plapp	23565 Goelitz Road	Malta	IL	60150	DeKalb	Plapp is the sixth generation on her family's farm, which includes a small dairy herd. She is a graduate of Rochelle Township High School. She will attend South Dakota State University and major in Dairy Science with an emphasis in Production and Dairy Products Manufacturing. She aspires to return to her family's farm and give good care to her animals while producing high quality dairy products.
Clay Sundberg	22307 3150 East Street	Arlington	IL	61312	Bureau	Sundberg became involved in agriculture by spending time on his family's farm. He is a graduate of LaMoille High School. He will attend Lake Land College and major in Agricultural Business. After completing college, he plans to work for an agricultural company as a field or sales representative.
Duncan Bradshaw	37808 County Hwy 2	New Salem	IL	62357	Pike	Bradshaw was first exposed to agriculture on his family's corn, soybean, cattle and swine operation. He is a graduate of Griggsville-Perry High School. He is undecided on which college he will attend, but he intends to major in Agricultural Business. Upon graduation, he intends to join the military. After completing his service, he plans to pursue an agricultural business career.

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Emily Shrimplin	2117 US Hwy 30	West Brooklyn	IL	61378	Lee	Shrimplin once dreamed about running the combine on her family's cash crop operation, and now she does, along with spending time raising livestock. She is a graduate of Ashton Franklin Center High School. She plans to attend Sauk Valley Community College where she will study to become a Dental Hygienist. Upon graduation, she intends to return to her hometown and work as a Dental Hygienist.
Emma Jacobs	9034 E 600 N Road	Graymont	IL	61743	Livingston	Jacobs became immersed in agriculture on her family's grain operation. She is a graduate of Pontiac Township High School. She will attend the University of Illinois, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies. She aspires to have a career helping others through rural community development.
Erin Stichter	124 Highland Avenue	Erie	IL	61250	Whiteside	Stichter may not have been raised on a farm, but found her love for agriculture by participating in 4H, spending time on her grandparent's farms and through agricultural education opportunities. She is a graduate of Erie High School. She will attend Iowa State University and major in Agronomy. She intends to have a career helping farmers and growers strengthen their operations through the relationship of certain chemicals and soils.
Faith Sandrock	8681 Hickory Hills Road	Rock Falls	IL	61071	Whiteside	Sandrock has always been involved in agriculture, due to her close proximity to her family's sixth-generation livestock and grain operation. She is a graduate of Rock Falls Township High School. She will attend Purdue University, where she will major in Agriculture Economics. After completing her undergraduate degree, she intends to attend law school, in order to become a lawyer who advocates for the agricultural industry.
Gwen Heimerdinger	15491 W Koeller Road	Pearl City	IL	61062	Stephenson	Heimerdinger quickly became involved in agriculture on her family's dairy, beef and crop farm. She is a graduate of Pearl City High School. She will attend Highland Community College, majoring in an agricultural related field. Her goal is to work for the United States Department of Agriculture or the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, and to eventually return to her family's farm.
Hannah Spangler	27425 N Manley Road	Fulton	IL	61415	Fulton	Spangler became immersed in agriculture her uncle and grandpa's farms, as well as through organizations such as 4H and FFA. She is a graduate of Bushnell-Prairie City High School. She will attend the University of Illinois and major in Agriculture Leadership Education. After completing her undergraduate degree, she intends to pursue a Master's Degree in Agricultural Education. She hopes to work as an Agriculture Literacy Coordinator for the Ag in the Classroom Program.

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Jazmin Wingert	15055 W Kent School Road	Kent	IL	61044	Stephenson	Wingert's passion for agriculture stems from time spent on her family's farm, as well as through organizations such as 4H and FFA. She is a graduate of Pearl City High School. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in fall 2018, majoring in Agricultural Business. Upon graduation, she hopes to have a career with an agricultural finance organization.
Jonathan Poole	9753 South Hoyne Avenue	Chicago	IL	60643	Cook	Poole's interest in agriculture began through his studies at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, of which he is a graduate of. He will attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he will major in Food Science and Human Nutrition. He hopes to use his education to fight malnutrition by developing food products which are high in nutritional value, affordable and taste good.
Katelyn Eathington	6707 East Hart Lane	Avon	IL	61415	Fulton	Eathington became involved in agriculture on her family's Angus cattle and crop farm. She is a graduate of Spoon River Valley High School. She will attend the University of Illinois, where she will major in Agricultural and Consumer Economics, with a concentration on Agribusiness. She intends to be employed by an agricultural company and to own a Wagyu feedlot and poultry production farm.
Katherine Dowling	14204 N 3900 E Road	Saybrook	IL	61770	McLean	Dowling became fascinated by agriculture due to her father's role at an agricultural company, and through role in raising chickens and goats. She is a graduate of Ridgeview High School. She will attend Parkland College and major in Agriculture Leadership. She intends to pursue a career working at a 4H Extension Office.
Katie McCauley	8624 Township Road 1055E	Wyoming	IL	61491	Stark	McCauley is the sixth generation on her family's cash crop farm. She is a graduate of Stark County High School. She will attend Black Hawk College, majoring in Agriculture Education and Renewable Energy. She plans to begin her career working as an Agricultural Educator and FFA Advisor while simultaneously pursuing both Master's and Doctorate degrees. She also aspires to take over her family's farm and expand it to include animal production.
Kayla Adams	221 Park Street	Chebanse	IL	60922	Kankakee	Adams family is rooted in agriculture, which as inspired her to become involved as well. She is a graduate of Central High School. She will attend the University of Illinois, majoring in Animal Sciences. She intends to become a veterinarian, focusing on farm livestock and wildlife.
Knute Larson	15254 N 200th Avenue	Altona	IL	61414	Henry	Larson became involved in agriculture due to his lifetime involvement on his family's cattle, chicken and grain operation. He is a graduate of Galva High School. He will attend Black Hawk College through the Agricultural Transfer Program. He is undecided as to which career he will pursue, but knows that he will stay rooted in agriculture.

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Lane Weber	134 S Main Street PO Box 1076	Seneca	IL	61360	LaSalle	Weber's experience in agriculture stems from his father's career as an Agricultural Educator. He is a graduate of Seneca High School. He will be attending Joliet Junior College in the Agricultural Transfer Program. He intends to have a career involved in agricultural mechanics.
Lucas Roe	20454 E 2200 North Road	Odell	IL	60460	Livingston	Roe has lived on his family's farm his entire life, and his role now includes running all of the equipment found on the farm. He is a graduate of Pontiac Township High School. He will attend Iowa State University where he will major in Agricultural Engineering. He intends to work as an Agricultural Engineer, designing farm equipment and making farms more efficient and productive.
Makenzie Snyder	628 E Jefferson Street	Toulon	IL	61483	Stark	Snyder was born in to a family of farmers, and has spent her entire life working on tractors, riding in the combine and selling sweet corn. She is a graduate of Stark County High School. She will Attend Black Hawk College and major in Biotechnology and Agronomy. She intends to pursue a degree which involved genetically modified seed crops, and helping farmers deal with constantly changing soil, growth and yield issues.
Mason Kaiser	720 NW 4th Avenue	Galva	IL	61434	Henry	Kaiser became involved in agriculture due to his family's farm and his sweet corn business. He is a graduate of Galva High School. He will attend the University of Illinois where he will study Finance. He currently owns and operates his own food production business and intends to own his own company.
Matthew Webber	439 State Route 17	Sparland	IL	61565	Marshall	Webber has an extensive agricultural background, stemming from his family's crop and beef cattle operation. He is a graduate of Midland High School. He will attend Illinois Central College and major in Diesel Power Equipment Technology. He intends to work as a Diesel Technician and to return to his family's farm.
Milan Leman	1010 East Elm Lake	Fairbury	IL	61739	Livingston	Leman's interest in agriculture stems from his family's hobby farm, as well as his role on a neighboring farm. He is a graduate of Prairie Central High School. He will attend the University of Illinois, majoring in Technical Systems Management. He plans to have a career providing reliable, efficient and cost effective services to farmers in his community.
Mitch Wettstein	303 County Road 2150 East	Carlock	IL	61725	Woodford	Wettstein became involved in agriculture on his family's hobby farm. He is a graduate of Eureka High School. He will attend Illinois Central College and major in Agricultural Business. He is unsure of what career path he will take, but intends to expand his family's farm in the future.

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Nathan Flickinger	145 Woodland Drive	Andalusia	IL	61232	Rock Island	Flickinger has many responsibilities on his family's cash crop operation, including tillage, grain handling and equipment maintenance. He is a graduate of Rockridge High School. He will attend Iowa State University and major in Agriculture Systems Technology. He aspires to have a career involved precision agriculture, through research and development or sales, installation and troubleshooting.
Nathan Parchert	18601 266th Street West	Illinois City	IL	61259	Rock Island County	Parchert is rooted in agriculture through his role on his grandfather's cash crop and beef operation, as well as through his own show pig operation. He is a graduate of Rockridge High School. He will attend Iowa State University where he will major in Agricultural Business. His career goals are to contribute to the production of food to meet US needs and export demands.
Nicholas Brokaw	1934 Township Road 750 N	Media	IL	61460	Henderson	Brockaw grew up on his family's grain and livestock farm, which inspired his love for agriculture. He is a graduate of West Central High School. He will attend Western Illinois University this fall, majoring in Agricultural Business. After he completes his degree he intends to return to his family's farm.
Nicholas Torrance	329 Township Road 2100 E	Media	IL	61460	Henderson	Torrance became involved in agriculture on his family's grain and livestock farm, where he is involve in the day-to-day operations. He is a graduate of Macomb High School. He will attend the University of Illinois and major in Crop Sciences. He intends to return to his family's operation after completing his degree and transition into a managerial role.
Paige Sargeant	15190 IL Hwy 41	Macomb	IL	61455	McDonough	Sargeant was raised around livestock, which inspired her love of agriculture. She is a graduate of Bushnell-Prairie City High School. She will Attend Spoon River Community College where she will major in an agricultural related field. She is interested in a career that will allow her to communicate agriculture for an organization.
Rylie Jo Harrell	2096 North State Hwy 94	Carthage	IL	62321	Hancock	Harrell grew up on her family's grain and cattle operation. She is a graduate of Illini West High School. She will attend Iowa State University where she will major in Agricultural Business. She then intends to attend law school and leave a positive impact on agriculture and rural America.
Sam Clement	23545 E 1600 North Road	Normal	IL	61761	McLean	Clement stems from a family of farmers and was raised on his mother's family farm where they have a cash crop operation. He is a graduate of Normal Community High School. He will attend Iowa State University where he will major in History. His career aspirations include becoming a History professor and sharing the story of agriculture and its' history.

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Zachary Rankin	308 Hanna Street	Golden	IL	62339	Adams	Rankin's agriculture experience includes working as a breeding technician on a sow operation and by owning a herd of beef cattle. He attended Camp Point Central High School. He will attend Iowa State University in fall 2018, majoring in Animal Science. He intends to make a career out of his passions – swine and beef cattle production.
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