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## **IFAA MISSION**

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA) is a non-profit organization of agriculture enthusiasts dedicated to providing scholarships, financial awards and incentives for college-bound Iowa (4-H and FFA) youth seeking a post-secondary education in the areas of agriculture.

A key means of providing this support has been through partnerships with FFA and 4-H. Each year, thousands of Iowa students participate in 4-H and FFA beef, swine, sheep, poultry and other agricultural projects. IFAA's role is to provide scholarships and other financial awards to college-bound Iowa youth with agricultural interests.

IFAA's primary programs are the *Sale of Champions*, which is done in conjunction with the annual Iowa State Fair, and the *Winner's Circle Scholarship and Awards* programs. The *Sale of Champions* program gives 16 FFA and 4-H exhibitors the privilege to sell their champion livestock and poultry projects. The *Winner's Circle Scholarship and Awards* program was established in 1990 to provide incentives for college-bound Iowa youth seeking a post-secondary education in the area of agriculture.

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**Facts about IFAA - since 1988 farm families, businesses and individuals have invested:**

- More than **400** agricultural industry leaders have volunteered more than **300,000** hours participating on the IFAA Board of Directors and as Associates.
- Over **2,856** Winner's Circle Scholarships have been awarded to Iowa young people totaling more than **\$3,682,225**.
- 516 Sale of Champions exhibitors have sold their livestock totaling **\$7,487,200**.
- 1,921 Performance and Carcass Awards have been handed out totaling **\$473,65**.
- More than **5,500** individuals and companies have sponsored Iowa's 4-H and FFA youth through contributions to IFAA.
- That's **\$11,643,075** raised to support the future of Iowa's 4-H and FFA youth and continues to grow!

# *THANK YOU!*

Interested in supporting IFAA programs? Learn more at [ifaa.org](http://ifaa.org)

## 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

SCHOLARSHIP	RECIPIENT
\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS (4 UNDERGRADUATES)	Roy Carter, Washington Emily Meyer, Anamosa Eliza Patchin, Mitchellville Emily Plagman, Cumberland
\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS (4 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Tucker Rohrig, Orient Jacie Hoeg, Wapello Skylar Coffey, Garden Grove Jarrett McClain, Bayard
\$8,000 BRUCE RASTETTER AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURIAL SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Carley Kintzle, Epworth
\$8,000 BRUCE RASTETTER BIORENEWABLE RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Ella Hommel, Eldora
\$5,000 STEPHEN & LINDA WELDON HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP	Nicole Wardenburg, Williamsburg
\$5,000 SINCLAIR TRACTOR AG BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Lauren Zaabel, Kellogg
\$5,000 MARK PEARSON ENTREPRENEURIAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Kesley Holdgrafer, Bryant
\$5,000 CARGILL/PROVIMI AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Holly Schmitt, Waucoma
\$5,000 ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Cody Messer, New London
\$3,000 DON AND CHERYL TIMMINS SCHOLARSHIPS (2 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Olivia Prunty, Runnels Sophie Meekma, Grimes
\$3,000 BART NELSON MEMORIAL SHEEP SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Sawyer Morrival, Clarion
\$3,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS (3 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Madalyn Gibson, Nevada Isabelle Netolicky, Fairfax Anna Egan, Westgate
\$2,500 CATTLEMEN'S BEEF QUARTERS SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Abby Tlach, Prole
\$2,500 THE ANDERSONS AGRONOMY SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Reid Louwagie, Algona
\$2,500 AARON BOYSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BY KENT NUTRITION GROUP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Laurin Goecke, State Center
\$2,500 IOWA AGRIBUSINESS RADIO NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Malea Moore, Randolph

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\$2,500 ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS SCHOLARSHIPS (2 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Jeremiah Rediske, Decorah Brady Allan, Le Mars
\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS (2 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Erin Driscoll, Williamsburg Kolbey Bailey, Creston
\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY FMH (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Kaylynn Murty, Tama
\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS (3 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Julie Damman, Melbourne Lillian Bru, Gladbrook Savannah Meinert, Durant
\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS (8 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Kierra Dodd, Ackley Abigail Krogmann, Dundee Chloe Zittergruen, Keswick Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center Elizabeth Blackford, Weldon Haley Ronnebaum, Earlville Olivia Hanson, La Porte City Kysa Klein, Waverly
\$2,500 ELANCO SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Olivia Marti, Waukon
\$2,000 DIXIE AND HAROLD HODSON SWINE SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Olivia Stodghill, Oskaloosa
\$2,000 BROCK GRAIN SYSTEMS SCHOLARSHIP (FRESHMAN)	Callee Pellett, Atlantic
\$2,000 AGRICULTURE COMMUNICATIONS (UNDERGRADUATE)	Megan Clark, Grand Mound
\$2,000 SCHLUTZ FAMILY BEEF BREEDING SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Lindsey Jennett, Blockton
\$2,000 SCHLUTZ FAMILY BEEF BREEDING SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Lauren Phillips, Centerville
\$2,000 BRICE LEONARD MEMORIAL SHEEP SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Everlee Harvey, Argyle
\$2,000 IFAA CHRISTIAN BROTHERS EXCELLENCE IN SWINE PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Halle Evans, Creston
\$2,000 IFAA DON GREIMAN EXCELLENCE IN BEEF PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Austin Evans, Creston



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\$2,000 IFAA EARL AND MARILYN FREEL MEMORIAL EXCELLENCE IN SHEEP PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Molly Hulshof, Ireton
\$2,000 EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL LIVESTOCK PROJECT PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIPS (4 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Alyssa Kleinlein, Strawberry Point Cecilia Rowe, Minburn Trell Amoss, Albia Caleb Terry, Onawa
\$2,000 MARK PEARSON MEMORIAL 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Lane Sommerfelt, Walker
\$2,000 HY-VEE/4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS (2 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Caleb Cook, Knoxville Collier Rockow, Stockton
\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY AGRISOMPO (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Marin Gaul, Strawberry Point
\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY AGRISERV (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Gensley Ball, Greenville
\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY KWIK STAR (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Caden Meyer, Wilton
\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY HOG SLAT (2 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Rylee Libe, Washington Tanner Twedt, Polk City
\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Haley Lampe, Fort Madison
\$2,000 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Zoey Dennler, Crawfordsville
\$1,500 IOWA PUREBRED SWINE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Reagan Gibson, Panora
\$1,500 IOWA PUREBRED SWINE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Ashlyn Schultz, North English
\$1,500 RUSS BRANNEN/KENT NUTRITION GROUP MEMORIAL BEEF SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Spencer Suchan, Gowrie
\$1,500 ALLIANT ENERGY SCHOLARSHIPS (2 INCOMING FRESHMEN)	Isabella Buesing, Stockton Mckinley Kash, Clarence
\$1,500 THE MASCHHOFFS PORK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Riley Stuecker, West Point
\$1,500 CAROLYN SMITH TRUST SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Cole Nelson, Perry
\$1,500 FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Autumn Erdman, Spencer

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\$1,500 FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Grayce McClintock, Shellsburg
\$1,500 LONGNECKER FERTILIZER AGRONOMY SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	William Licht, Roland
\$1,500 BOB AND RACHEL HOLST AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Alexis Steffens, Clermont
\$1,250 RAIN & HAIL INSURANCE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Jayce Reed, Albia
\$1,250 RAIN & HAIL INSURANCE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Emma Wedeking, Greene
\$1,100 STORY COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Ellie Moser, Nevada
\$1,000 IOWA CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Cody Felt, Adel
\$1,000 IOWA CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Ethan Thimmes, Mechanicsville
\$1,000 IOWA PORK PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Mia Brecht, Belle Plaine
\$1,000 IOWA PORK PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Jenna Schlieman, Madrid
\$1,000 JAMES LETTOW & FAMILY SWINE SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Emma Fleshner, Reinbeck
\$1,000 THEISEN HOME •FARM • AUTO SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Mycah Weaver, Dougherty
\$1,000 KEY COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP (2 UNDERGRADUATE)	Dalton Shanks, Colfax Jackson Sterle, Roland
\$1,000 CUSTOM BUILDERS INC./EPS BUILDINGS SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Kaylee Cavanh, North Liberty
\$1,000 TALL CORN MEAT GOAT WETHER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE)	Lauren Beyer, Independence
\$1,000 IOWA POULTRY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Ethan Hosek, Springville
\$1,000 STOCKMAN'S INN SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURE BUSINESS (UNDERGRADUATE)	Lainey DeVries, Red Oak
\$1,000 IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE & GOLD GILT SALE SCHOLARSHIPS (UNDERGRADUATE)	Blake Moeller, West Point
\$1,000 IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE & GOLD GILT SALE SCHOLARSHIPS (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Jordyn Carpenter, Garner
\$1,000 GLENN & BEV ROWE AG SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Piper Soma, Story City
\$1,000 WESTERN EDGE SCHOLARSHIP (INCOMING FRESHMAN)	Cash Voegelé, Lennox, SD

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\$4,000 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC/LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIPS (7)	<u>Livestock Judging Team</u> Will Taylor (Coach) Nick Deppe Reagan Gibson Ashlyn Huff Billy McCoy Blake Moeller Ben Moffitt Judd Swanton
\$4,000 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC/MEATS TEAMS SCHOLARSHIPS (11)	<u>Meats Judging Team</u> Morgan Yahr Jacob Willson Noah Murray Breanna Edwards Shelbi Ritter Stephanie Beary Megan Dekkers Kristina Leonard Iris Peterson Avery Crooks Avari Schroeder

The IFAA is honored to award the Iowa State University Livestock Judging Team and the Iowa State University Meats Judging Teams each a \$4,000 scholarship to divide between team members. These students will represent the state of Iowa as they compete in judging competitions throughout the upcoming year.

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## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Roy Carter - Washington**

**Parents: John & Kim Carter**

Roy grew up on a family farm in Washington County, Iowa, where he developed a background and an appreciation for agriculture. He currently attends Iowa State University, double majoring in Agricultural Business and Economics, with minors in Finance and Psychology. During his time at Iowa State, Roy has been involved in multiple student organizations, including Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Alpha Zeta, University Honors Program, CALS Ambassadors, and CyBIZ Lab. Following graduation, Roy plans to work in the area of corporate finance for an agricultural business.

## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Emily Meyer - Anamosa**

**Parents: Sally & James Meyer**

Emily grew up on a Red Angus cattle farm in Anamosa Iowa. She was very involved in high school and graduated as Valedictorian of her graduating class. She just completed her first year at Iowa State majoring in Agricultural and Rural Policy Studies. This past year at Iowa State she served as a legislative ambassador, as well as the treasurer of the Ag Policy Club, and the Alumni Committee co-chair for the Sigma Alpha Delta chapter. She plans to go to law school after receiving her undergraduate degree to become a lawyer that specializes in agricultural issues and to be involved in policy making that affects the agricultural industry.

## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Eliza Patchin - Mitchellville**

**Parents: Jeffrey & Kristen Patchin**

Eliza and her family raise Angus cattle and Boer goats. From her time around livestock and on the farm, she gained a deep appreciation for how agriculture impacts all of us on a daily basis. As a member of FFA, 4-H, the Junior Angus Association and Boer Goat Association she has served in leadership positions and exhibited livestock. Eliza participated in the Ag Voices of the Future program through the American Soybean Association. Eliza enjoys volunteering within many organizations, such as the Chrysalis Foundation and the ISU Ag Business Club. She attends Iowa State University and is majoring in Agricultural Business and International Agribusiness. After graduation, Eliza plans to obtain her law degree where she can focus on agricultural law as an advocate for the ag industry.

## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Emily Plagman - Cumberland**

**Parents: Mike & Kristi Plagman**

Emily grew up on a farm in rural Southwest Iowa, where she developed her love for the agriculture and beef industries. From a young age, she has always been around livestock and the show environment. She had the opportunity to exhibit livestock at the local, state, and national levels. Emily is a Senior at Iowa State University, majoring in Agricultural Studies and International Agriculture, with minors in Agronomy and Leadership Studies. Beyond the classroom, has had the opportunity to study abroad in India, Costa Rica, Italy, and Greece. After graduation, Emily plans to work toward her master's in Agriculture Education.



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## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Tucker Rohing - Orient**

**Parents: Matt & Heidi Rohrig**

Tucker is the son of Matt and Heidi Rohrig and the older brother to Taylor and Treva. Tucker grew up in Orient, Iowa, one mile south of his family's swine operation. Growing up, he was very involved in showing pigs, competing in livestock quiz bowls and skill-a-thons, and livestock judging competitions. Tucker attended Creston High School and participated in football, track & field, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, all-school play, 4-H, IJBBA, and FFA. Throughout high school, Tucker found his passion for agriculture and the FFA Organization, and it is his goal to share that passion with others while serving as a 2024-2025 Iowa FFA State Officer. This fall, he plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Animal Science.

## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jacie Hoeg - Wapello**

**Parents: Chris & Kelli Hoeg**

Jacie grew up on a family owned row crop and livestock farm in Southeast Iowa. She attended Wapello High School where she was involved in volleyball, basketball, track & field, FFA, 4-H, student council, National Honor Society, and band. Her love for agriculture flourished in high school through her involvement in 4-H and FFA. These programs taught her agriculture goes past the farm; It connects people across the world through production, business, and science. Jacie will attend Iowa State University this fall to major in Human Resource Management and minor in Agricultural Studies. She hopes to utilize the skills and values agriculture has taught her over the years to help her build a promising future.

## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Skylar Coffey - Garden Grove**

**Parents: Scott & Leigh Ann Coffey**

Skylar grew up in South Central Iowa on a cattle farm where she and her family raised commercial and purebred cattle. She has been a part of her local 4-H and FFA chapters, and was her FFA chapter President. Skylar started showing cattle at a young age and quickly gained a passion for the industry and helping out younger kids. She and her family spend most of the year traveling to local, state, and national livestock shows. Skylar will continue to pursue her passion for the livestock industry as a freshman at Iowa State and will major in Animal Science this fall.

## **\$5,000 BRANSTAD – REYNOLDS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jarrett McClain - Bayard**

**Parents: Dennis and Donna McClain**

Jarrett is a 2024 graduate of ACGC in Guthrie Center, IA. Jarrett has been involved in the sheep industry since 2013 and actively shows club lambs at the county, state, and national level. Jarrett, and his brother Benjamin, own McClain Acres Club Lambs. He has been very active in 4-H and FFA. Jarrett won the FFA state proficiency award for sheep entrepreneurship as a Sophomore and this past spring won the state proficiency award in agriscience. When he is not working in the barn, Jarrett enjoys welding. He is the owner of McClain Metal, LLC. Jarrett will be attending Iowa State University as an Ag Studies Major and is excited to join the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity this fall. His career plans currently include becoming a small ruminant embryologist and expanding his welding business.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$8,000 BRUCE RASTETTER AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Carley Kintzle - Epworth**

**Parents: Jeff & Sarah Kintzle**

Carley grew up on her family farm in northeast Iowa, where her love for the agriculture industry began at a young age. Over the years, she exhibited cattle and horses at local, state, and national levels. Carley is entering her junior year at Iowa State University, majoring in Agricultural Communication and Public Relations. She stays involved on campus through clubs and currently serves on the executive team for the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and the National Agri-Marketing Association. She is also actively involved in Sigma Alpha, Block and Bridle, and the Change Maker Academy. At the age of 16, Carley started two businesses: a jewelry business and MagnaWaving livestock. After graduation, Carley plans to pursue a career in agriculture marketing and communications.

## **\$8,000 BRUCE RASTETTER AGRICULTURAL BIORENEWABLE RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP**

**Ella Hommel - Eldora**

**Parents: Dave & Laura Hommel**

Ella Hommel is a senior at Iowa State University, studying Agricultural Business and Political Science. She grew up on a diversified row crop and farrow to finish hog farm in Grundy Center, Iowa. Growing up, she found her passion for agriculture through serving on two terms of State 4-H Council and as a 2021-2022 Iowa FFA State Officer. At Iowa State, she serves on the leadership team for Collegiate Cattlemen and is involved in the Agricultural Business Club, Sigma Alpha Sorority and previously served on the College of Ag and Life Sciences Student Council. After graduation, she plans to attend law school and pursue a career in agricultural law to advocate for America's farmers and ranchers.

## **\$5,000 STEPHEN & LINDA WELDON HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Nicole Wardenburg - Williamsburg**

**Parents: Brian & Margaret Wardenburg**

Growing up on a diversified crop and livestock operation just outside Williamsburg, IA, Nicole developed a deep-rooted passion for agriculture early on. Her enthusiasm for the field was further fueled by showing swine and sheep, which became a significant part of her life. This fall she will be a senior at Iowa State University, majoring in Animal Science and Agricultural Communications. During her time at Iowa State, Nicole has been actively involved in various organizations, including Block & Bridle Club, Sigma Alpha, Swine Production Advocates Club, CALS Council, AnCy Guide, and she serves as an Animal Science Peer Mentor. After graduation, she plans to dive straight into the industry with a role in sales, where she can continue to cultivate and share her passion for animal agriculture.

## **\$5,000 SINCLAIR TRACTOR AG BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Lauren Zaabel - Kellogg**

**Parents: Roger & Pam Zaabel**

Lauren Zaabel cultivated a passion for agriculture while growing up on a diversified crop and livestock operation in central Iowa. Her unwavering commitment to the field led her to Iowa State University, where she is currently a senior double majoring in Agricultural Business and Economics. Lauren's leadership roles within The College of Agriculture and Life Science Ambassadors, The Agricultural Business Club, Sigma Alpha, and the Cardinal Key Honor Society exemplify her dedication. During her time at Iowa State University, she expanded her experiences through multiple internships, serving as an Economic Test Review Assistant and Student Associate for Campus Visits. Post-graduation, Lauren aims for a position that synergizes her interests in finance and agriculture.

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## **\$5,000 MARK PEARSON ENTREPRENEURIAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Kesley Holdgrafer - Bryant**

**Parents: Lisa & Gary Holdgrafer**

Kesley Holdgrafer always had an immense passion for agriculture, as she was raised alongside generations of production agriculturalists on a diversified grain and livestock operation in Bryant, Iowa. Set to graduate with a degree in Agricultural Communications and Public Relations in the Spring, Kesley has demonstrated exceptional leadership during her time as a Cyclone. She has actively participated and held officer positions in numerous student organizations, including Collegiate Cattlemen, Swine Production Advocates, Ag Communicators of Tomorrow, CALS Council, CALS Study Abroad, and the Iowa FFA Association, where she served as an Iowa FFA State Officer. Additionally, she has been involved with the National Agri-Marketing Association, CALS Connections, Cardinal Key, Iowa Corn and Iowa Soybean Collegiate Advisory Teams. Driven by her passion for PR and marketing within the agricultural industry, Kesley aims to specialize in these areas in her future endeavors, bringing her love for agriculture to new heights.

## **\$5,000 CARGILL/PROVIMI SCHOLARSHIP**

**Holly Schmitt - Waucoma**

**Parents: Greg & Sara Schmitt**

Holly grew up on a dairy farm near St. Lucas, Iowa. Growing up, she was very involved in 4-H and FFA, showing dairy, horses, and poultry. Through these organizations, Holly found her passion for agriculture and bringing people together. She served 2 terms on both the State 4-H Council (20-21, 21-22) and the Iowa FFA State Officer Team, serving as Secretary (22-23) and President (23-24). As an Agricultural Education and Event Management double major at Iowa State University, Holly is active in Sigma Alpha, Dairy Science Club, and the founding of The Country Swing Club. As an incoming junior, Holly will serve as an Ag Ed Peer Mentor, President of The Country Swing Club, and Co-Director of Events for Student Government. After graduation, Holly intends to pursue a career planning conferences for agricultural companies while remaining involved in production ag.

## **\$5,000 ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Cody Messer- New London**

**Parents: Dan & Crissi Messer**

Cody grew up on his family's farm in Southeast Iowa. Growing up on the farm and having 2 older siblings be involved with FFA and 4-H, naturally led him into being involved with agriculture at a young age. He showed cattle, swine, and static projects at the Des Moines county and Iowa State Fair. Looking for more ways to become involved, Cody served as his 4-H club President, Mediapolis FFA Chapter President, and currently serving on the 2024-2025 Iowa FFA State Officer Team as the Southeast State Vice President. Cody will be going to Iowa State University Majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business. After graduation, Cody plans to further his education and pursue a career within agriculture, while utilizing his passion to advocate for the future of the agriculture industry and its youth.

## **\$3,000 DON & CHERYL TIMMINS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Olivia Prunty - Runnels**

**Parents: Brent Prunty & Tammy Burkybile**

Olivia began showing Salers cattle at the age of 9 when she attended her first Junior National, and was captivated by the beef and agriculture industries. Since then, she has continued to show at the local, state, and national levels. She was an active member of the Southeast Polk FFA Chapter, serving as an officer for 3 years and Chapter President her senior year. Olivia was a member of the National Honor Society, and a 4 time state qualifier on the Rams Varsity Golf Team. She is serving on the American Salers Junior Association Board of Directors for the past 2 years as both Treasurer and President. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University this fall studying Animal Science with a minor in Agribusiness. Olivia hopes to pursue a career in marketing or sales in the livestock industry.

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## **\$3,000 DON & CHERYL TIMMINS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Sophie Meekma - Grimes**

**Parents: Jess & Lisa Meekma**

Sophie has always had a love for animals. From a young age she always loved going out to her grandparents farm and seeing all of their animals. Then, in high school, she was able to have her own animals and run a poultry business which really helped her to continue to fall in love with agriculture. Sophie recently graduated from Dallas Center Grimes High School where she was involved in several activities including cross country and track, as well as her school's local FFA chapter. Sophie plans to create a career out of her love for agriculture and has a goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian. This fall, Sophie will be attending Dordt University and majoring in Animal Science on the path of pre-vet with plans of continuing on to vet school.

## **\$3,000 BART NELSON MEMORIAL SHEEP SCHOLARSHIP**

**Sawyer Morrival - Clarion**

**Parents: Joe & Erin Morrival**

Sawyer grew up raising and showing sheep in North Central Iowa. This is where her love for animals originally stemmed from. Sawyer will be a freshman at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine. She has been active in FFA and 4-H serving as her club's president for 3 years. After graduation, Sawyer plans to practice Veterinary Medicine in the state of Iowa, and continue raising show sheep with her family's operation "Morrival Show Lambs".

## **\$3,000 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Madalyn Gibson - Nevada**

**Parents: Adam & Michelle Gibson**

Madalyn is the daughter of Adam and Michelle Gibson of Nevada. She graduated from Nevada High School and was involved in FFA, Key Club, Rotary, Large Group Speech, Choir, National Honor Society, Volleyball, Track, and Soccer. In her free time she enjoys reading, gardening, and showing pigs. Madalyn plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science/Pre-Vet.

## **\$3,000 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Isabelle Netolicky - Fairfax**

**Parents: Suzie & Mike Netolicky**

Isabelle grew up on her family's cow-calf operation in eastern Iowa. Some of Belle's earliest memories were riding in the tractor with her dad in her car seat baling hay. At the age of 6 years old she began showing Simmental cattle at her favorite place, the Iowa State Fair. Her passion for the agriculture industry has led to her holding numerous youth leadership roles within the industry in organizations such as, FFA, 4-H, Iowa Junior Simmental Association and Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association. Belle will be attending Iowa State University this fall where she will study Agriculture Communications with a minor in Animal Science to further her knowledge on the Ag Industry. Belle's plans for post-graduation are undecided at this time, but she knows she will continue to be involved in Ag.



# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$3,000 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Anna Egan - Westgate**

**Parents: David & Kelly Egan**

Anna was raised on her family row crop operation in Northeast Iowa with deep roots in production agriculture. Her community involvement began with 4-H as well as her local church. Anna has grown to serve as the Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA Chapter President, the Fayette County Youth Council President, the Fayette County Beef Queen, the Fayette County Fair Queen, as a member of the Iowa 4-H Youth Council, and as a Northeast Iowa FFA District Officer. This fall, Anna will begin studying Agricultural and Rural Policy Studies at Iowa State University with plans of attending law school at Drake University following her undergraduate degree. Her passion includes connecting consumers to producers while advocating for all those within production agriculture.

## **\$2,500 CATTLEMEN'S BEEF QUARTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Abby Tlach - Prole**

**Parents: Barry & Amy Tlach**

Abby grew up on a cattle operation located in Central Iowa. She gained a strong passion for the livestock industry and learned to love agriculture. Alongside her family's cattle operation, her parents own and operate a Pioneer seed dealership and ag inputs business. Abby showed strong leadership throughout high school and various breed associations, where she learned many skills to put to use in her future. Abby plans on attending Iowa State University and majoring in Ag Studies and continue being involved in the ag and livestock industries and her family's business.

## **\$2,500 THE ANDERSONS AGRONOMY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Reid Louwagie - Algona**

**Parents: Todd & Shelley Louwagie**

Reid grew up on a small acreage just north of Algona, Iowa. On his family's acreage, Reid has raised many species of livestock including meat goats, broiler chickens, miniature donkeys, as well as market steers to show at the Kossuth County Fair. He has been very involved in both his 4-H Club and FFA Chapters. He was a 4 H Club officer and a Kossuth County 4 H Council member for multiple years. Reid served as the Algona FFA Chapter Secretary during his junior year of high school and was the Chapter President during his senior year. He has also competed in many FFA contests and competitions at the local, district, state, and national levels. This fall, Reid plans to attend Iowa State University with a major in Agronomy.

## **\$2,500 AARON BOYSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BY KENT NUTRITION GROUP**

**Laurin Goecke - State Center**

**Parents: Brett & Tara Goecke**

Laurin grew up on a farm in Central Iowa where her family runs a row crop and livestock operation. She has competitively shown cattle at the county, state, and national levels. This is where she developed a passion for the agriculture and livestock industries. This fall, Laurin will be a junior at Iowa State double majoring in Agricultural Business and Agriculture and Rural Policy Studies. At Iowa State, Laurin has actively stayed involved within the agriculture and livestock industries by joining the Agricultural Business Club, the Agriculture and Rural Policy Club, and the Block and Bridle Club. After graduation, Laurin plans to further her education by attending grad school and continue her passion for agriculture.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$2,500 IOWA AGRIBUSINESS RADIO NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP**

**Malea Moore - Randolph**

**Parents: Trent & Amanda Moore**

Malea grew up in a small town but developed a deep passion for agriculture on her family's 5th generation farm, focusing particularly on beef breeding. Following in her family's footsteps, she chose to attend Iowa State University, where she is currently pursuing dual majors in Agricultural Business and Accounting. She actively serves as Treasurer of the Sigma Alpha Sorority, contributes to the Agricultural Business Club Banquet Committee, and is a member of the Collegiate Cattlemen. Post-graduation, Malea plans to integrate her agricultural background with accounting expertise to support rural farmers and ranchers, ensuring the financial sustainability of agricultural communities while honoring her family's farming legacy. She also intends to continue her family's breeding beef operation.

## **\$2,500 ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jeremiah Rediske - Decorah**

**Parents: James & Amy Rediske**

Jeremiah grew up on a row crop and cow calf operation outside of Decorah in Northeast Iowa. At the age of 1 month he was gifted his first beef calf and has continued to grow his herd since. Today he owns a cow calf operation where he raises his own replacement heifers and finishes out others to market. Jeremiah is the 2024 Iowa FFA Star in Ag Production winner with his Beef Entrepreneurship SAE. Active in FFA, 4-H, County Council, and Youth Beef Team he has held many leadership positions. He has been recognized by the Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation at the ISF the past 6 years for his work in promoting the beef industry. Jeremiah will be a freshman at Buena Vista University this fall double majoring in Animal Science and Agriculture Business as well as playing on the men's soccer team.

## **\$2,500 ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Brady Allan - Le Mars**

**Parents: Mark & Alise Allan**

Brady grew up on a farrow to finish swine operations in northwest Iowa. This is where he gained his love for agriculture. This fall he plans on attending Iowa State University to major in Animal Science. He plans to continue his small herd of show pigs and cattle. As well as that, Brady plans on continuing advocating for agriculture and doing his part to provide safe and efficient agriculture products to the public.

## **\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS**

**Erin Driscoll - Williamsburg**

**Parents: Joe & Dawn Driscoll**

Erin grew up on a purebred Angus cow-calf and row crop farm operation in Williamsburg Iowa. Living and working on a farm helped develop Erin's passion for agriculture, specifically the beef industry. Through high school, she participated in various activities such as FFA, 4-H, National Honors Society, and the Iowa Junior Angus Association. She has been able to hold offices in these activities such as FFA Chapter Sentinel, 4-H Club Vice President, IJAA Secretary, the 2023 Miss Iowa Angus and served as the NW Vice President of the Southeast District in FFA. These leadership roles allowed Erin to branch out to meet new people, and even develop a passion for leadership and communications. In the fall, Erin will be attending Kansas State University, majoring in Agricultural Communications.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY ISF BEEF CHAMPION SUPPORTERS**

**Kolbey Bailey - Creston**

**Parents: Kelsey & Larry Bailey**

Kolbey was raised on a farm just outside of Creston, Iowa which consisted of a cow calf operation and row crops. This is where she gained a passion for the agriculture industry. Kolbey was involved in many leadership roles including Vice President of the Creston FFA chapter and Vice President of the Highland Highlights 4-H Club. She plans to continue her education in the agriculture industry by attending Northeast Community College at Norfolk, Nebraska where she will be studying Veterinary Technology.

## **\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY FMH**

**Kaylynn Murty - Tama**

**Parents: Ashley & Tim Murty**

Kaylynn grew up on a row crop and cattle operation where she developed her passion for agronomy along with the beef industry. She has held various leadership positions including president of her FFA chapter, the Mid-Iowa Youth Beef Team, her local 4-H group, and she also served as the 2022 Tama County Fair Queen and is the current 2024 Tama County Beef Queen. This fall Kaylynn plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Studies. Following graduation she plans to have a successful career in the agriculture industry and continue buying and selling Holstein feeder steers alongside her dad.

## **\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Julie Damman - Melbourne**

**Parents: John & Darci Damman**

Julie grew up on a crop and livestock farm in central Iowa. From an early age she knew that she wanted to be involved in the area of agriculture and more specifically, the beef cattle industry. Her background and experience in the agricultural industry inspired her to further her education at Iowa State University where she will be pursuing a major in Animal Science as well as a specialization certificate in Beef Cattle Production Management. After graduation Julie will seek out a career that encompasses both her love of agriculture and animals while continuing to be involved in the family commercial cow calf operation.

## **\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Lillian Bru - Gladbrook**

**Parents: Ryan and Laura Bru**

Lillian grew up on a row crop farm operation in rural Gladbrook Iowa as a future eighth generation farmer. She began showing 4-H swine and FFA lambs at a young age, which is where she began her passion for animal science. Lillian has been involved in various agricultural leadership positions including the GMG FFA Chapter President and the 2024 Iowa Pork Queen. Lillian will be attending DMACC this fall to pursue an agribusiness degree to continue her agricultural interests. After graduating from DMACC, Lillian plans to continue her education at ISU to double major in agronomy and animal science.

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## **\$2,500 4-H & IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Savannah Mienert - Durant**

**Parents: Scott Meinert & Sarah Zindel**

Savannah grew up on her family's crop and livestock farm in Eastern Iowa where she gained a love for all things agriculture. She is active in 4-H and FFA where she shows swine and cattle. She was also the 2023-2024 Wilton FFA President. She was also the secretary within her 4-H club. She was recently crowned as the 2024 Cedar County Fair Queen. This fall she will be attending Iowa State University where she will major in agricultural communications. She hopes to then join the workforce and become an asset to the agriculture industry.

## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Kierra Dodd - Ackley**

**Parents: Aaron & Shayna Dodd**

Kierra's plans are to attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Business and Accounting. Kierra has been active in her community throughout her time in high school. She has been involved in FFA, serving as her chapter's President along with being a North Central District Officer. She also participated in volleyball, track, dance team, speech, school plays and musicals, choir, National Honor Society, church youth group, Franklin County Fair Queen, and leading worship on her church's worship team. With degrees in Agricultural Business and Accounting, Kierra's goal is to help individuals pursue healthy financial strategies. She foresees doing this by assisting agricultural entrepreneurs with business knowledge grants and financial planning.

## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Abigail Krogmann - Dundee**

**Parents: Martin & Bonnie Krogmann**

Abigail was raised on a crop and cow-calf operation in Northeast Iowa and is a graduate of Starmont High School. Abigail works on the family farm daily helping with chores and caring for livestock. Abigail's love for the beef industry started when she was young showing calves and helping with calving. She currently owns a few heifers and plans to continue growing her cow-calf herd. Her passion for advocating for the agricultural industry has led to numerous leadership positions including 2023-2024 Northeast District FFA Officer and Delaware County Beef Princess and Beef Queen. Abigail was involved in FFA, 4-H, Delaware County 4-H Council, Delaware County Cattlemen, and NHS. These experiences led Abigail to continue her passion for agriculture at Iowa State University studying Animal Science.

## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Chloe Zittergruen - Keswick**

**Parents: Aaron & Shayna Dodd**

Chloe grew up in a rural row crop setting in Southeast Iowa. Her background led her to join various agricultural leadership organizations such as 4-H and FFA. She currently is serving as the 2024-2025 Iowa FFA State Secretary. Chloe will be starting her Freshman year at Iowa State in the fall where she will be studying Agricultural Communication and Horticulture. After graduation from Iowa State Chloe plans to pursue a career in Horticulture.



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## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Blake Oostenink - Sioux Center**

**Parents: Brian & Dorinda Oostenink**

Blake grew up in Sioux Center, finding his passion for the agriculture industry through his involvement on his grandparents' farm. Blake has been very active in making management decisions in his show pig operation, where he farrows around 10 sows each year. Alongside his involvement in showing pigs, Blake has held various leadership positions in agricultural organizations. In 2023-2024, Blake served as the Northwest Iowa FFA District Sentinel, as well as his FFA Chapter Secretary. Alongside his positions in FFA, Blake was also a member of his 4-H County Council. This fall, Blake will be attending Iowa State University, with a major in animal science. Following graduation, he hopes to find a job in the livestock industry, as well as take over his grandpa's row crop operation.

## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Elizabeth Blackford - Weldon**

**Parents: Ty & De Blackford**

Elli lives on a small acreage in Weldon with her sister and parents. Her experiences showing cattle and goats have driven her passion for agriculture. This passion influenced her involvement in agricultural organizations such as 4-H, FFA, the Iowa Junior Beef Breeders Association, the Junior Iowa Meat Goat Association, and the Iowa Junior Simmental Association. Her involvement is matched with various leadership positions, such as the 2023-2024 Iowa FFA South Central District Reporter and the current President of the Iowa Junior Simmental Association. This fall, Elli will be attending Iowa State University to double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Business. She looks forward to continuing her education while also being involved in new organizations during her time at ISU.

## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Haley Ronnebaum - Earlville**

**Parents: Mitch & Jenny Ronnebaum**

Haley lives on a dairy farm in Eastern Iowa where she is heavily involved in the day-to-day operations and recently started her own show goat herd, Ronnebaum Boer Goats. She was involved in FFA, 4-H Dairy Judging, and 4-H Dairy Quizbowl in high school. In these activities, Haley has competed at the National level multiple times and has traveled on the International Dairy Judging Tour in Europe. Haley is attending Iowa State University in the fall to study Dairy Science on the pre-veterinarian route.

## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Olivia Hanson - La Porte City**

**Parents: Robert & Maureen Hanson**

Olivia grew up on an acreage in Northeast Iowa. She was active in 4-H and FFA through her time in high school, serving as her class president and student body president. She enjoys showing and judging livestock competitively as well as helping operate her family's pumpkin farm and agritourism attraction. Olivia is excited to attend Iowa State University this fall to major in Agricultural and Life Sciences Education with plans to pursue a career as a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

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## **\$2,500 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Kysa Klein - Waverly**

**Parents: Brenda Klein**

Kysa Klein -- 18, is the daughter of Brenda Klein. Kysa is a 2024 graduate of Waverly Shell Rock High School where she finished in the top ten of her class. She was heavily involved in a variety of organizations during her high school career including the Waverly Shell Rock FFA Chapter where she served as President, Vice-President and Historian, she was also a member of the Excel Club and National Honor Society. and she accumulated over 100 volunteer hours of community service. She is a member of the Townline 4-H club, she serves on the Bremer County 4-H Council, State 4-H Council, and she is a member of her church's bible study group. This fall Kysa will be attending Iowa State University where she will major in animal science with a pre vet focus.

## **\$2,500 ELANCO SCHOLARSHIP**

**Olivia Marti - Waukon**

**Parents: Elisha & Richard Marti**

Olivia was raised on a corn production crop farm in Northeast, IA. Throughout high school, Olivia discovered a passion for agriculture in all aspects. This led her to study abroad in Germany for 10 months studying the language and international relations, spend 5 weeks at Carnegie Mellon University studying biodiversity effects, and to do an internship at the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement in Mexico this past summer. Outside of these opportunities, Olivia loves FFA, conducting independent research, working in her hometown, doing bible studies, baking, and running. Olivia will transfer her two-year degree from Northeast Iowa Community College to Iowa State University to major in Agronomy/Seed Science and Agricultural Business while working in the seed labs.

## **\$2,000 DIXIE & HAROLD HODSON SWINE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Olivia Stodghill - Oskaloosa**

**Parents: Tom & Orla Stodghill**

Growing up on a sheep farm near Oskaloosa, Olivia's passion for agriculture was developed through years of participation in 4-H and FFA. Her enthusiasm for the swine industry was ignited after completing a swine production internship for New Fashion Pork. At Iowa State University, Olivia is a junior majoring in Animal Science pursuing a Swine Production Management Certificate. At ISU, she works as a Necropsy Technician for the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and is involved in Block & Bridle, Swine Production Advocates, and Pre-Veterinary Clubs. Having been accepted into ISU's Production Animal - Veterinary Early Acceptance Program, Olivia will attend ISU's College of Veterinary Medicine upon graduation specializing in Production Animal Medicine, specifically swine.

## **\$2,000 BROCK GRAIN SYSTEMS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Callee Pellett - Atlantic**

**Parents: Mike & Stacey Pellett**

Callee grew up involved in her family's row crop operation, where she has had the opportunity to participate in all aspects of the business, including starting her own personal operation at age 14. It is through these experiences that she found her true passion and developed a love of the land. She will be attending Iowa State University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Agronomy and a minor in Ag Entrepreneurship. Her career plans include becoming a row crop agronomist, while also learning the various aspects of the Agricultural Industry. During this time, she will continue her hands-on involvement on her family's farm, and ultimately plans to return home to Cass County to join the operation - making her the 7th generation of Pellett's to care for the land!

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$2,000 AGRICULTURE COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Megan Clark - Grand Mound**

**Parents: Bill & Ange Clark**

Megan grew up on a diversified crop and beef cattle operation in Eastern Iowa. Her passion for agriculture was instilled while helping on the family farm and stewarding to her show cattle projects. Her upbringing combined with involvement in 4-H, FFA and the CAC Media Group led her to a career path in agriculture. She will begin her junior year at Iowa State University this fall, studying Agricultural Communication and International Agriculture with a minor in animal science. Additionally, she's been an active leader in the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) Club, Block & Bridle Club, Collegiate Cattlemen and Sigma Alpha Sorority. Upon graduation, Megan hopes to continue sharing the positive story of agriculture while advocating on behalf of the industry that's raised her.

## **\$2,000 SCHLUTZ FAMILY BEEF BREEDING SCHOLARSHIP**

**Lindsey Jennett - Blockton**

**Parents: Steve & Chantelle Jennett**

Growing up on a diversified livestock and row crop farm in Southwest Iowa, Lindsey's passion for agriculture began at a very young age. Throughout high school, she was actively involved in 4-H and FFA, where she developed a deep interest in the show lamb industry. This passion has continued to guide her as she prepares to begin her Senior Year at Iowa State University, majoring in Animal Science. Lindsey is actively involved in Sigma Alpha and the Block and Bridle Club, further honing her skills and knowledge. After graduation, she plans to attend veterinary school to specialize in large animal veterinary medicine.

## **\$2,000 SCHLUTZ FAMILY BEEF BREEDING SCHOLARSHIP**

**Lauren Phillips - Centerville**

**Parents: Matt & Megan Phillips**

Lauren resides in Centerville, Iowa on an Angus show cattle production and row crop farm. Lauren is heavily involved in the National Junior Angus Association, and currently serving as President for the Iowa Junior Angus Association. Lauren is a recent graduate from Centerville High School and will be attending Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Communications. During her time in high school, Lauren participated in FFA, Student Council, cross country, track, soccer, National Honor Society, and volunteering.

## **\$2,000 BRICE LEONARD MEMORIAL SHEEP SCHOLARSHIP**

**Everlee Harvey - Argyle**

**Parents: Leonard & Tonya Harvey**

Growing up in a rural community surrounded by livestock, Everlee developed a passion for agriculture, particularly in the sheep industry. Her passion was further encouraged through active involvement in the FFA during high school. Everlee aspired to become a veterinarian and took college classes early, ultimately earning two Associate degrees. At Iowa State University, she is a senior majoring in Animal Science. Everlee holds officer positions in the Pre-Veterinary Club and the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society. She is also actively involved in the Block and Bridle Club, Veterinarians Without Borders, and the Honors Program. Everlee hopes to fulfill her dream of becoming a veterinarian and practicing in Iowa, where they can continue to blend their love for agriculture and animal science.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$2,000 IFAA CHRISTIAN BROTHERS EXCELLENCE IN SWINE PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Halle Evans - Creston**

**Parents: Rob & April Evans**

Halle Evans was born and raised on a generational family farm. This is where her passion for the livestock industry grew and she became very involved in 4-H and FFA, showing cattle and swine while being very active in the community. Halle will be a Junior this fall at Iowa State University enrolled in the Ivy College of Business Concurrent MBA program and will also be an undergraduate student majoring in Animal Science. At Iowa State, Halle is a member of the Block and Bridle where she is the President of the Swine Interest Group, a member of Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority where she is a co-chair of the Mr. CALS philanthropy event, a teaching assistant and peer mentor for the department of animal science, and a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassador.

## **\$2,000 IFAA DON GREIMAN EXCELLENCE IN BEEF PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Austin Evans - Creston**

**Parents: Rob & April Evans**

Austin Evans grew up on a crop and livestock operation in Southwest Iowa. Working alongside his dad, he has helped grow their own cow/calf herd. He helps with the daily responsibility of caring for the livestock, maintaining a clean facility, and making management decisions that include balancing a feed ration, making breeding decisions, and marketing choices. Last summer he also worked to background feeder calves; a new venture for his family. Austin has the continuous goal to expand his own cow calf herd, continue backgrounding feeder calves and growing as a cattle farmer. Austin is excited to further his education at Iowa State University while majoring in Animal Science focusing on animal nutrition.

## **\$2,000 IFAA EARL & MARILYN FREEL MEMORIAL EXCELLENCE IN SHEEP PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Molly Hulshof - Ireton**

**Parents: Denny & Mindi Hulshof**

Molly Hulshof grew up on a family farming operation in the Northwest corner of the state. Molly's passion for the agriculture industry started at a very young age. She grew up showing sheep and other species throughout 4-H and FFA. She also held many leadership positions within these organizations including serving as a chapter and club officer each year and the 2023-24 Iowa FFA Northwest District Secretary. Molly graduated from West Sioux High School in May as the class Valedictorian. She was very involved in athletics and other extracurriculars. Molly will be attending South Dakota State University, where she will be majoring in Agriculture Science. She plans to continue her involvement in the agriculture industry by participating in different clubs and organizations at SDSU.

## **\$2,000 EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL LIVESTOCK PROJECT PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Alyssa Kleinlein - Strawberry Point**

**Parents: Dustan Kleinlein & Amber Chopard**

Alyssa has grown up showing beef cattle and helping out on her grandparents Red Angus operation in Northeast Iowa. Her background has been reflected on by many leadership roles within her 4-H club and FFA chapter. Alyssa has also been honored to serve her county as Beef Princess and Fair Queen. Her background and love for the beef industry have led her to pursue a career as a Beef Nutritionist. This fall she will be attending Kirkwood Community College as a college Freshman and then transfer to Iowa State University upon graduation from Kirkwood. After graduation Alyssa hopes to return back to Clayton County and work with local beef farmers. She also plans to be involved with her family's Red Angus operation and assist with county beef shows.

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## **\$2,000 EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL LIVESTOCK PROJECT PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Cecelia Rowe - Minburn**

**Parents: Tanner & Laura Rowe**

Cecelia grew up on a feedlot and row crop farm in Minburn, IA. She graduated from Dallas Center-Grimes High School and will be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Agriculture Leadership while also participating on the UNL Rodeo Team in the Breakaway Roping. Cecelia found her love for agriculture with many different 4 H projects involving beef, pork, and equine. She has also been the past President for the Dallas County Aggies 4 H Club and the past 2023-2024 FFA Treasurer for the Dallas Center-Grimes FFA Chapter. Cecelia has plans to come back to her home town in hopes of a career where she has the opportunity to teach the community about agriculture while also being involved in the family feedlot and row crop operation.

## **\$2,000 EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL LIVESTOCK PROJECT PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Trell Amoss - Albia**

**Parents: Troy & Lori Amoss**

Trell grew up with a rodeo background from a young age but found his passion for his cow-calf and meat goat operations. Thanks to his agricultural roots and background, he became heavily involved in 4-H and FFA, where he served as the Iowa FFA's South Central District Treasurer and a National FFA Delegate. Thanks to all of these opportunities, he found his future home at Oklahoma State University, where he will be studying Agribusiness: Pre-Law and Agricultural Education. At Oklahoma State, he plans to become involved in OSU's Collegiate Cattlemen, Ferguson Student Council, and the Agricultural Economics Quiz Bowl team. After collegiate graduation, he plans to attend law school to become a practicing attorney, where he wants to defend the American Farmer and Rancher, locally and nationally.

## **\$2,000 EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL LIVESTOCK PROJECT PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Caleb Terry - Onawa**

**Parents: Jason & Katie Terry**

Caleb grew up on a small acreage in western Iowa. He spent a lot of time on his grandparents' farm, which is where his passion for agriculture started. He has worked as an independent field inspector for Western Integrated Seed for the past 4 years. He was excited to be able to be a member of his high school's newly formed chapter of FFA this past year. In high school, he also participated in FBLA, Key Club, FCCLA, and Track and Field. He is also a nine year member of the Franklin Go Getters 4-H Club. Throughout his years in 4-H, he eagerly participated in numerous community service projects and various fundraisers for new ADA compliant playground equipment. This fall, Caleb will be attending Buena Vista University where he will be double majoring in Agricultural Business and Agronomy.

## **\$2,000 MARK PEARSON MEMORIAL 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Lane Sommerfelt - Walker**

**Parents: Dan & Holly Sommerfelt**

Lane grew up in a small town in Eastern Iowa. From a young age, he did not grow up around agriculture and never had a background in it. However, once he became old enough to join 4-H and show beef cattle, he found a passion for agriculture. From that point on he sought out experiences that matched his interests. He joined his local FFA chapter and the IJBBA Board once he reached high school. On top of that Lane held officer positions in his FFA chapter and 4-H club. He also worked for a local sale barn, managed a hog confinement, and moved to Northern Missouri this past summer to work full time for a farmer. In the future, Lane plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Agriculture Business while taking advantage of all opportunities to expand his connection with agriculture.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$2,000 HY-VEE/4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Caleb Cook- Knoxville**

**Parents: Josh & Tonya Cook**

Caleb grew up in a commercial hog barn and row crop operation. His passion for the commercial and showing side of the pork industry came from the experiences he had with the hog barn. His family moved to a farm in 2018 and that is where the crop operation was started. Being able to see an operation grow from the ground up and being part of that really inspired him to want to further his family's part in the industry. Through high school Caleb has held positions as the President of both his 4-H club and FFA chapter. These experiences have exposed him to the endless possibilities the ag field provides and the amazing people in it. He is planning on attending DMACC this fall to pursue a degree in Ag Business. After school, he plans to expand the family farm along with some sort of ag sales.

## **\$2,000 HY-VEE/4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Collier Rockow - Stockton**

**Parents: Chad & Amanda Rockow**

Collier grew up on a row crop and livestock operation in Eastern Iowa. While in high school Collier filled his summers in the show barn. Growing up he always wanted to be a farmer and he gained a passion for agriculture and more specifically the crop industry while helping his dad when he was younger. This background matched with various agricultural organization leadership positions including serving as a 2023-2024 Wilton FFA officer has led to Collier's time at Iowa State University where he will be majoring in Agriculture business. At Iowa State University Collier will be joining the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. After graduation Collier plans to come back to the family farm.

## **\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP BY AGRISOMPO**

**Marin Gaul - Strawberry Point**

**Parents: Matt & Penni Gaul**

Marin is a 2024 graduate of Edgewood-Colesburg High School where she helps on her family crop and livestock operation. This includes helping at her family seed dealership and ag business, Gaul Ag Services. During high school, Marin has been a four-sport athlete. She was very active in the Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter and Wood Center Eagles 4-H Club, both of which she has served in many various officer positions. Over the years, she has shown cattle, swine, goats, and sheep. In the fall of 2024, Marin will be attending Iowa State University for Agriculture Education. With this degree, she is passionate and excited to get into the classroom and support students in agriculture and hopefully lead a successful FFA Chapter.

## **\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY AGRISERV**

**Gensley Ball - Greenville**

**Parents: Justin & Teresa Ball**

Gensley grew up in Northwest Iowa alongside her four brothers. She has been involved with many species of livestock, sheep being her main interest. At 16, Gensley took her passion for sheep to the next level, starting her show lamb business, Top Gen Club Lambs. Gensley enjoys being deeply involved in 4-H, serving as club President, youth County Council President, and youth representative for multiple livestock committees at the Clay County Fair. Recently, she has represented Iowa 4-H on the State Youth Council from 2022-24 and at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA in 2023. Gensley plans to attend Iowa Lakes Community College for agricultural Business and Production this fall. She plans to utilize this degree as she continues her sheep business and enters the equine world training horses.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY KWIK STAR**

**Caden Meyer - Wilton**

**Parents: Chad & Renee Meyer**

Caden grew up on a livestock farm in Southeastern Iowa. This is where he found his passion for agriculture and more specifically the goat industry. This background has set Caden up for his future whereas he plans on attending Iowa State to major in Animal Science. Caden has held the position of President of his 4-H club, Vice President of his FFA chapter, and been extremely active in the show ring throughout his youth. After graduation Caden plans to pursue a career that utilizes his passion for agriculture while continuing to be involved in the family goat operation.

## **\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY HOG SLAT**

**Rylee Libe - Washington**

**Parents: Heather Humble, Micah Harmsen, and Seth & Megan Libe**

Rylee grew up in a small Southeast Iowa town. She found her love for agriculture and animals through her local 4-H club and FFA Chapter. The relationships she built through showing pigs at the county and state level led her to wanting to pursue an Animal Science degree at Iowa State University. She will be entering her Freshman year and hopes to participate in a couple of organizations and other activities on campus to continue building her relationships in the field of agriculture. Rylee's ultimate goal is to be accepted into vet school with the hopes of becoming a mixed animal veterinarian.

## **\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY HOG SLAT**

**Tanner Twedt - Polk City**

**Parents: Craig and Cindy Twedt**

Tanner grew up on a grain farm in northern Polk County. He has been actively involved in 4-H and FFA; showing bottle calves, pigs and his horse, Nola; competing in FFA competitions, and holding the offices of vice president and president in 4-H. Tanner has an interest in the business side of agriculture and hopes to own his own business someday. Tanner has decided to take two semesters at DMACC and then transfer to Iowa State University to major in Ag Business and minor in Finance. Tanner also hopes to one day farm the family farm with his two brothers.

## **\$2,000 4-H/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE**

**Haley Lampe - Fort Madison**

**Parents: Jay & Lindsay Lampe**

Haley grew up on a small hobby farm where they raised show goats in Southeast Iowa. She has had the opportunity to show swine, sheep, goats, and beef. She has been heavily involved in her local 4-H and FFA Chapters. Being involved in these activities, as well as holding many leadership roles, is where she has grown a passion for the agriculture and livestock industry. Haley will be attending Iowa State University in the fall where she will major in Animal Science with interests in genetics and animal nutrition.



# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$2,000 FFA/IFAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Zoey Dennler - Crawfordsville**

**Parents: Karen & Darren Dennler**

Zoey Dennler is the daughter of Karen and Darren Dennler from Crawfordsville, Iowa. She gained her passion for agriculture from growing up on a farm as well as being heavily involved in 4-H and FFA. She served various leadership positions in 4-H and FFA including President for both local organizations her Senior year. Zoey will be attending Iowa State University this fall to major in Agricultural Engineering with a minor in Animal Science. She is excited for her future of being involved in the agriculture industry.

## **\$1,500 IOWA PUREBRED SWINE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Reagan Gibson - Panora**

**Parents: Jim & Karwyn Gibson**

Reagan grew up on a showpig and row crop operation outside of Panora, Iowa. She found her passion for agriculture at a young age thanks to showing livestock. This love of agriculture translated into attending Iowa State University, where she currently majors in Agricultural Education with a minor in Animal Science. At Iowa State, Reagan is a member of several teams and organizations such as the ISU Livestock Judging Team, ISU Meat Animal Evaluation Team, and Block and Bridle. Her love of agriculture extends beyond university, however. She is the Secretary of Team Purebred, and owns and operates Show Stock Therapies, where she uses PEMF technology for animal rehabilitation. Post-grad Reagan plans to attend graduate school and earn her masters in Animal Science.

## **\$1,500 IOWA PUREBRED SWINE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Ashlyn Schultz - North English**

**Parents: Jon Schultz & Bobbi Jo Gorsch**

Ashlyn grew up on a farm outside of North English, Iowa. She has been showing since kindergarten and that's when her passion for agriculture started. She has served as the Co President for her 4-H club the Parnell Peppers. She also was the Secretary of the Williamsburg FFA. Ashlyn plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and major in Agriculture Science and then she will transfer to Iowa State University. In the future she hopes to be a feed nutritionist which will allow her to continue to make an impact on agriculture.

## **\$1,500 RUSS BRANNEN/KENT NUTRITION GROUP MEMORIAL BEEF SCHOLARSHIP**

**Spencer Suchan - Gowrie**

**Parents: Andy & Stacy Suchan**

Spencer grew up being around all types of animals, mainly cattle and horses. This ignited his passion for agriculture and the livestock industry. The things he experienced at home along with being active in agricultural youth organizations like 4-H and FFA has led Spencer to Iowa State University where he will be majoring in Animal Science with the Pre-Vet option. While attending Iowa State Spencer plans to be involved in multiple clubs that will relate and develop with his major. Upon graduation Spencer plans to continue his love and passion for the agricultural and animal industry by being a veterinarian and staying active with Iowa's beef industry.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$1,500 ALLIANT ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Isabella Buesing - Stockton**

**Parents: Justin & Dana Buesing**

Isabella grew up on a farm outside of Stockton and has been involved in showing pigs for 4 H since she was in 4th grade. Isabella plans to get a Communications degree from Muscatine Community College and use that degree in the ag industry after graduation. Isabella has spent the summer speaking at the local county fairs and state fair to the 4 H youth and Bacon Buddy participants on how being able to show livestock despite her physical disability helped her gain confidence and she plans to continue helping 4 H programs and youth in the future and inspire young kids with disabilities to get involved with livestock and 4-H.

## **\$1,500 ALLIANT ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP**

**McKinley Kash - Clarence**

**Parents: Kasey & Katy Kash**

McKinley was raised on a crop and multi-species farm in Clarence. Here she developed a passion for the Equine industry and agriculture. With her agricultural background she had the opportunity to receive officer positions in both 4-H and FFA. Such as North Cedar FFA Chapter Vice President from 2023-2024. The Agriculture industry has also led to McKinley's decision to major in Animal Science on the Pre-Veterinary track at Iowa State University. At college, McKinley also plans to try for a position on Iowa State University Western Equestrian team with her horse, Dylan. After undergraduate school, McKinley plans to apply for the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine and become a veterinarian. She is excited to begin her studies and to prepare for her future career.

## **\$1,500 THE MASCHHOFFS PORK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Riley Stuecker- West Point**

**Parents: Randy & Heather Stuecker**

Riley recently graduated from Central Lee High School in Donnellson. He was an active member of the Central Lee FFA chapter and Harrison Huskies 4-H club where he participated in numerous leadership competitions, community service projects, and was very active in the show livestock industry. His involvement in the show livestock industry opened him up to multiple opportunities to travel all across the state of Iowa as well as the entire United States. These opportunities cultivated a passion for livestock health and nutrition which has led him to attend Kirkwood Community College to obtain a degree in Ag Science with a focus on swine health and nutrition. After graduation Riley plans to pursue a successful career in the swine industry.

## **\$1,500 CAROLYN SMITH TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

**Cole Nelson - Perry**

**Parents: Jay & Paula Nelson**

Cole grew up on a farm just outside of Perry, Iowa. This was where he found his passion for the agricultural industry and its various paths. This background, paired with roles in various agricultural programs or clubs, have pushed him in the pursuit of a career in the agricultural industry. Growing up an Iowa State fan, and exposed to many Iowa State graduates in the field of agriculture, led Cole to that same university where he will be a Junior majoring in Agricultural Business. At Iowa State, he is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, where he has held various roles. Outside of collegiate involvement, Cole enjoys going home and coaching youth wrestling to give back to the community. After graduation, he plans on pursuing a career in the agricultural industry with a focus on markets.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$1,500 FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Autumn Erdman - Spencer**

**Parents: Bob Erdman, Jolene and Terry Hansen**

Growing up with a passion for raising and showing club lambs, Autumn has channeled this love for animals into an academic journey at Iowa State University. Currently a Junior majoring in Animal Science, Autumn is an active member of Sigma Alpha and the Block and Bridle club, serving as the Secretary of the Sheep Interest Group. Their dedication and hard work were recognized with the honor of 2023-2024 Animal Science Freshman of the Year. Additionally, Autumn holds the position of Vice President for the Swine Production Advocates. With plans to graduate in December 2025, Autumn aims to pursue a career in reproductive services or nutrition, continuing a commitment to advancing the field of animal science.

## **\$1,500 FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Grayce McClintock - Shellsburg**

**Parents: Ryan & Kelli McClintock**

Grayce just recently graduated from Vinton-Shellsburg High School and will be a Freshman at Iowa State University this fall. She will be studying Agricultural Communications. Her passion for agriculture started young, growing up on a wean to finish hog operation and row crop farm. She got more involved in the industry as she got older when she joined 4-H and started showing pigs until she graduated. She also was a member of the Benton County 4-H Youth Council and is the 2024 Benton County Fair Princess. In high school she was very involved in FFA and served on her chapter's Officer Team. All of these experiences contributed to her growing love and passion for agriculture which she hopes to share and use to become a positive influence on others in her future career.

## **\$1,500 LONGNECKER FERTILIZER AGRONOMY SCHOLARSHIP**

**William Licht - Roland**

**Parents: Melea & Mark Licht**

William grew up on an acreage outside Roland, Iowa, where he built a business growing and selling popcorn and pumpkins, raising broilers, and laying hens. His interest in agriculture grew through 4-H agriculture and natural resources projects at the Story County Fair. At the State Fair, William has shown 4-H projects in agriculture, photography, woodworking, and extemporaneous speaking. During his time at Roland-Story, William was President of his 4-H club, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and participated in Iowa's Boys State, National Honor Society, FFA, football, track and field, and every musical opportunity his school had. Working at the Iowa State University Turf Research Farm sparked William's interest in research. He will pursue an Agronomy degree at Iowa State University this fall.

## **\$1,500 BOB AND RACHEL HOLST AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Alexis Steffens - Clermont**

**Parents: Aric & Wendy Steffens**

Alexis grew up on a beef cow/calf operation in Northeast Iowa which sparked her passion for animals and her desire to become a veterinarian. She has been heavily involved in FFA, 4-H, and showing cattle. She currently studies animal science at Iowa State University and is involved in Block and Bridle, Pre-Veterinary Club, Vets Without Borders, and Students Helping Rescue Animals. Following graduation, Alexis plans to attend Iowa State's College of Veterinary Medicine for the mixed-animal option with a focus on beef and dairy cattle. Eventually, she hopes to return to her hometown to continue raising cattle on her family's farm while working at a veterinary practice.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$1,250 RAIN & HAIL INSURANCE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jayce Reed - Albia**

**Parents: Bryan and Amber Reed**

Jayce grew up on a family farm in Albia, Iowa where they raise cattle and goats, as well grow soybeans, corn, and hay. Growing up, she quickly developed a passion for agriculture as she exhibited livestock and became active in 4-H and FFA. One of her favorite high school memories was serving on the Iowa State 4-H Council. She now attends Iowa State University where she is majoring in Agricultural Business with a Finance option and an Event Management minor. During her time as a student, she has become involved in the Agricultural Business Club, CALS Ambassadors, CALS Council, Collegiate 4-H, and Peer Mentoring. She has also enjoyed having the opportunity to study abroad. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in agricultural marketing and events coordination where she can continue to advocate for the industry she has grown to love.

## **\$1,250 RAIN & HAIL INSURANCE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP**

**Emma Wedeking - Greene**

**Parents: Ryan & Holly Wedeking**

Emma grew up on a small town farm in Greene, Iowa raising cattle, pigs, goats, and chickens along with corn and beans. Emma has gained a passion for agriculture by helping her family on the farm selling livestock to 4-H members, FFA members, and meat customers across Iowa. Emma enjoys showing her livestock at the county, state and national levels. Emma shows cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits. Emma has strived to be a leader and role model to younger showmen and kids in the agriculture industry. Emma's future plans are to attend North Iowa Area Community College for one year then transfer to Iowa State University to pursue a degree in Agriculture Education. After graduation Emma plans to move back to her hometown area and find a teaching job.

## **\$1,100 STORY COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Ellie Moser- Nevada**

**Parents: Andy & Stephanie Moser**

Ellie, a senior at Iowa State University, has a rich background in agriculture, having grown up showing cattle in Nevada. Majoring in Agricultural Communications with a minor in Animal Science, she is currently gaining practical experience as a marketing and communications intern with LMB Consulting. Ellie holds an executive role as the University Relations Coordinator with ISU Block and Bridle and serves as the current President of the ISU National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) team. Her commitment to NAMA has led her to participate at a national level, achieving top five finishes in the past two years. Ellie is passionate about advancing agricultural communications and looks forward to continuing her contributions to the industry.

## **\$1,000 IOWA CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Cody Felt - Adel**

**Parents: David & Jenny Felt**

Cody is the 5th generation on the Felt family farm growing up on a crop and livestock operation in Adel Iowa. Cody most recently started a Drone business. Agriculture has been a significant part of his life. His experiences on the farm are valuable because he had the opportunity to discover what agriculture was about firsthand and from the most important people in his life, his family. Cody's home roots, love for farming activities and entrepreneurial passion fuel his dream to become more involved in the agriculture industry after graduation. Cody is active in Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) fraternity majoring in Ag Studies at Iowa State University. He has held positions in The Classic Cattle Show, and the Iowa State Bacon Expo.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$1,000 IOWA CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Ethan Thimmes - Mechaniscsville**

**Parents: Tom & Malinda Thimmes**

Ethan grew up on a Heritage farm growing crops and livestock in Eastern Iowa. Ethan is the 6th generation to live on the Thimmes farm. This is where he gained a passion for agriculture and the beef industry. This background matches with 4-H and shows

livestock all year round. Ethan has been involved with Pork Center Pioneers with being the President of the club 2022-2023. Ethan plans to attend Kirkwood Community College this fall majoring in Ag Business. After graduation Ethan plans to come back home and eventually take over the farm with his older brother, and keep the farm going for generations to come.

## **\$1,000 IOWA PORK PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Mia Brecht - Belle Plaine**

**Parents: Adam & Emilie Brecht**

Mia grew up on a farm right outside of Belle Plaine, Iowa. There she and her family own and operate MB Genetics, a small purebred show pig operation. Naturally, her love for purebred swine led her to being more involved with the swine industry. This year she joins Team Purebred's Junior Board of Directors for a two year term. Mia attends Iowa State University, where she will be starting her Junior year this fall, studying Agricultural Business and International Ag, with a minor in Animal Science. Before graduation, Mia plans to study abroad in Greece for a semester! After graduation Mia plans to pursue a career in Animal Health or Animal Nutrition, while remaining involved in her family's show pig operation.

## **\$1,000 IOWA PORK PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jenna Schlieman - Madrid**

**Parents: Mike & Anne Schlieman**

Jenna grew up on an acreage that raises livestock and grows hay. This is where she gained the passion for animal husbandry, especially veterinarian work. She has held many officer positions with her 4-H club. She has done many leadership activities through 4-H such as creating a program that incorporates differing ability youth and pairs them with 4-H and FFA youth to show sheep at the Dallas County Fair. Through 4-H she has also had 9 years of showing experience with different animals, such as pigs, sheep and horses. She has attended National 4-H AgriScience Summit which later turned into Ignite, Animal Science Roundup with the species groups horses and swine.

## **\$1,000 JAMES LETTOW & FAMILY SWINE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Emma Fleshner- Reinbeck**

**Parents: Chris & Holly Fleshner**

Emma grew up on her family's farm in rural Grundy. Emma loved being on the farm from a young age, and as she grew older, her passion for agriculture, more specifically the swine industry, grew. She exhibited pigs through 4-H, FFA, and the Iowa Swine Jackpot Series. In the fall, Emma will be a Senior at Iowa State where she is majoring in Agriculture Studies. She is involved in Block & Bridle, Swine Interest Group, Bacon Expo, and Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow. She is currently serving on the Iowa Swine Jackpot Series Junior Board, and Iowa Collegiate Pork Team, as well as being a member of the PIGS Team. Emma has continued to grow her love of agriculture as she has furthered her education and cannot wait to see what the future holds in such a great industry!

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$1,000 THEISEN HOME • FARM • AUTO SCHOLARSHIP**

**Mycah Weaver - Dougherty**

**Parents: Cory & Janel Weaver**

Mycah grew up on a large livestock and row crop farm in North Central Iowa where she gained a passion for agriculture. Her passion for beef started at a young age when she started feeding and showing cattle at 8 years old. Currently she is still showing Angus breeding heifers. Mycah's background excited her to attend Iowa State University after high school and this fall she will be going into her Junior year at Iowa State majoring in Agricultural studies, minoring in General Business and obtaining a Professional Sales Certificate. Throughout her time at Iowa State she has continued to stay involved, holding positions in various clubs and organizations. After graduation Mycah plans to pursue a career that continues her dedication to the agriculture industry.

## **\$1,000 KEY COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Dalton Shanks - Colfax**

**Parents: Travis & Kassy Shanks**

Dalton is a Junior majoring in Agricultural Studies at Iowa State University. He is involved in Iowa Corn Growers Collegiate Club, Block and Bridle: Beef Interest Group, Swine Producers Advocates, Farm Operations Club, ACES, The Classic-Cattle Show Committee, Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association, Iowa Cattlemen's Association and Baxter FFA. Dalton has a passion for everything agriculture and grew up raising commercial and show cattle and crops. His plans following college are to return home to work for his family seed and chemical operation will continue to raise cattle and crops.

## **\$1,000 KEY COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jackson Sterle - Roland**

**Parents: Steve & Jodi Sterle**

Jackson grew up on a livestock operation in Central Iowa. This is where he gained a passion for agriculture and more specifically the Swine industry. This background led him to hold various agricultural organization leadership positions including serving as the 2023-2024 Iowa State Block and Bridle President. During his time at Iowa State University Jackson has held leadership positions in the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Swine Production Advocates, and Block and Bridle Club. Jackson will be a Senior double majoring in Animal Science and International Agriculture. After graduation Jackson plans to further his education with a master's degree from Iowa State and find a job within the ag tech or swine industries.

## **\$1,000 CUSTOM BUILDERS INC./EPS BUILDINGS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Kaylee Cavanh - North Liberty**

**Parents: Chan & Lauren Cavanh**

Kaylee moved to Southeast Iowa in 2018 after her father retired from the Navy. Able to have livestock for the first time, she quickly got involved in 4-H, participating in the horse project with a lease pony and in the dairy goat project with Nigerian Dwarf does. Her time in 4-H developing her horsemanship skills and raising her goats helped her discover and build a passion for agriculture. Her favorite part of her 4-H experience has been mentoring younger kids in the horse and dairy goat projects, providing guidance and advice as her own mentors did for her. Kaylee's passion has led her to attend Iowa State University this fall with a major in Agricultural Business. She plans to pursue agrimarketing or agri management after college and eventually operate her own dairy goat farm.

# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$1,000 TALL CORN MEAT GOAT WETHER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Lauren Beyer - Independence**

**Parents: Chris & Jamie Beyer**

Lauren will be a Sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science with the goal of being accepted into the MBA program in the spring of 2025. She grew up in Northeast Iowa and enjoyed raising and showing meat goats and swine. Her involvement in 4-H and FFA throughout her childhood uncovered her passion for agriculture, and since then she has had the opportunity to advocate for the industry in numerous ways. This past spring, Lauren wrapped up her year serving as the 2023-2024 Iowa FFA State Secretary and now enjoys being involved in the Sigma Alpha Delta Chapter, Block and Bridle, Swine Production Advocates, and Ag Business Club through Iowa State. Following graduation, Lauren plans to be involved in the swine industry and volunteer her time back into the community.

## **\$1,000 IOWA POULTRY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Ethan Hosek - Springville**

**Parents: Amy & Jason Hosek**

Ethan grew up in a small town in Eastern Iowa, but always had a passion for agriculture. Between growing up around the family farm, and working on a hog operation, his passion has kept growing. Ethan has been a part of his school's FFA chapter and served as the chapter president for 3 consecutive years. One SAE project Ethan has is raising poultry where he has shown at both county and state fair. His second SAE project has been to run the Agriculture Education Zone at the Linn County Fair which has led to his choice to attend Iowa State University to study Ag Education.

## **\$1,000 STOCKMAN'S INN SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURE BUSINESS**

**Lainey DeVries - Red Oak**

**Parents: Dave & Tammy DeVries**

Lainey grew up on a family crop and livestock operation in Southwest Iowa. Her involvement in her family's farm operation is where she gained her passion for agriculture and more specifically the beef industry. She exhibited cattle for 9 years and was part of multiple organizations such as 4-H, FFA, the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association, and more. Her involvement in agriculture led her to Iowa State University where she will be a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Business. At Iowa State University she is involved in the Agricultural Business Club, Block and Bridle, and is a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences ambassador. After graduation Lainey plans to pursue a career that utilizes her passion for agriculture and dedication to rural America.

## **\$1,000 IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE & GOLD GILT SALE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Blake Moeller - West Point**

**Parents: Terry & Liz Moeller**

Blake is the 4th generation to grow up on the family farm in Lee County. There, he developed a love for the agriculture industry and has exhibited swine, goats, and sheep at the county, state and national level. Blake, alongside his family, have a 25 head purebred sow herd for raising show pigs. Blake has been extremely instrumental in deciding which genetics to use and moving their show pig business forward. He has been very active in 4-H, FFA, Iowa Swine Jackpot Series Junior Board Member, ISU Block and Bridle, Black Hawk East Livestock Judging team and is currently a member of Iowa State Livestock Judging Team. Blake will be a senior this fall at Iowa State. After graduation he plans to pursue a career in the agriculture industry and continue to grow the family show pig operation.



# 2024 IFAA WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **\$1,000 IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE & GOLD GILT SALE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jordyn Carpenter - Garner**

**Parents: Josh & Alicia Carpenter**

Jordyn grew up in a small town in North Central Iowa. She started showing pigs at a young age and that has introduced her to an industry than most people don't know about. She has had the opportunity to show at 3 county fairs and the Iowa State Fair each summer for the past 4 years bringing her to a grand total of 16 fairs in 4 years! She has shown and raised many champions but none of it would be possible without her close family friends or her parents. She is forever grateful for everyone who has had a part in getting her to where she is today and she looks forward to what Iowa State University has in store for her. This fall she will be majoring in Animal Ecology so she can become a DNR officer.

## **\$1,000 GLENN & BEV ROWE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Piper Soma - Story City**

**Parents: Ashley & Jody Soma**

Piper Soma, daughter of Ashley and Jody Soma, has grown up on her family farm outside of Story City, Iowa where they have raised a wide variety of livestock. Their main animal is horses, but they've also spent a large amount of time breeding and raising sheep. Along with those animals they have had cows, pigs, cats, dogs, chickens, and ducks. While raising and showing these animals her love for agriculture has grown and she will be attending Iowa State University to study animal science in the fall. During her time at Gilbert High School she has been an FFA Treasurer, Key Club officer, FCCLA and FCA member, and in 4-H. In high school she played volleyball, softball, and managed their girls basketball team. She hopes to continue growing in her agriculture journey with this scholarship!

## **\$1000 WESTERN EDGE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Cash Voegele - Lennox, SD**

**Parents: Shannon & Sarah Voegele**

Cash grew up on a diversified livestock operation near Northwest Iowa. He has been actively involved in 4-H and FFA, many junior cattle breed and swine associations. Cash will be attending Hutchinson Community College working towards an Associates in Agriculture and competing on the livestock judging team. He plans to transfer to Iowa State to complete his bachelor's degree in Ag Business. Cash earned his auctioneer diploma from the World Wide College of Auctioneering in 2023 and plans to return to the family farm after college and start his real estate and auctioneer career.

## 2024 IFAA 4-H AND FFA PERFORMANCE & CARCASS AWARDS

AWARD	EXHIBITOR
<b>\$750 Supreme Champion FFA Breeding Heifer –</b> Scott County Cattlemen’s Association and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Ava Long, Cedar
<b>\$500 Reserve Champion FFA Breeding Heifer –</b> Iowa AgriBusiness Radio Network	Peyton Buesing, Stockton
<b>\$1,000 Supreme Champion 4-H Breeding Heifer –</b> Polk County Cattlemen’s Association	Avery Sweeney, Vinton
<b>\$500 Reserve Champion 4-H Breeding Heifer –</b> Suidae Health & Production - Algona	Kinnick Paulsen, Preston
<b>\$500 Supreme Champion FFA Commercial Gilt –</b> Dixie and the late Harold Hodson – Arden Hills, MN	Teagan Wadle, Milo
<b>\$500 Reserve Champion FFA Commercial Gilt –</b> Beelner Family – Ames, Bradly Hall – Alden, Schmaling Bros. Berkshires – Ben, JaLynne, Grayson, & Mack Schmaling – Prescott and Schulte Show Pigs – Earlville	Kennedy DeVries, Red Oak
<b>\$1,000 Supreme Champion 4-H Commercial Gilt –</b> Neil Albertson – Fremont, Jason & Lana Boyle & Family – Moorhead, Mike & Cristen Clark & Family – Runnells, Moeller Show Pigs – West Point, Ploeger Show Pigs – Pierson, Kyle & Rachel Schulte – Oxford, IL, Albert Lea Seed House - Albert Lea, MN and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Lilly Stirling, Parkerburg
<b>\$500 Reserve Champion 4-H Commercial Gilt –</b> Kwik Star – La Crosse, WI	Carter Schott, Riverside
<b>\$600 Grand Champion 4-H Purebred Breeding Gilt –</b> Cain Super Sires – Chariton, Schmaling Bros. Berkshires – Ben, JaLynne, Grayson, & Mack Schmaling - Prescott and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Avery Wolfe, Kellerton
<b>\$400 Reserve Champion 4-H Purebred Breeding Gilt –</b> Cain Super Sires - Chariton and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Eliot Hinton, Humboldt
<b>\$600 Grand Champion FFA Purebred Breeding Gilt –</b> Wayne Huinker – Decorah, Dave Martin – Marion, Triggs Show Pigs – Mt. Ayr, Matt & Heidi Rohrig - Orient and Kwik Star – La Crosse, WI	Carter Loyd, Winfield
<b>\$400 Reserve Champion FFA Purebred Breeding Gilt –</b> Wayne Huinker – Decorah, Dave Martin – Marion and Kwik Star – La Crosse, WI	Aden Wolfe, Grinnell
<b>\$1,000 Third Place Champion 4-H Market Hog –</b> Shane & Kathleen Brinning – Keota, Lettow Show Pigs - Woodward, Tim & Heather Marek – Riverside, Jayme Sieren – Keota and Kwik Star – La Crosse, WI	Egan Pedersen, Rock Rapids
<b>\$750 Fourth Place Champion 4-H Market Hog –</b> Burzlaff Show Pigs – Delmar, Lewis Genetics – Center Point and Andy Platner - Lisbon	Mason Shalla, Riverside
<b>\$500 Fifth Place Champion 4-H Market Hog –</b> Gibson Showpigs- Panora and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Hayley Hick, Adel
<b>\$1,000 Third Place Champion FFA Market Hog –</b> Bair Show Pigs – Elkhart, Diamond B Show Pigs – Prairie City, Greiner Show Pigs - Silver City, Ken Ro Farms – Woolstock and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Pierce Woodruff, Moorland
<b>\$750 Fourth Place Champion FFA Market Hog –</b> WinMor Farms – Grinnell and Suidae Health & Production - Algona	Jordyn Carpenter, Garner

## 2024 IFAA 4-H AND FFA PERFORMANCE & CARCASS AWARDS

AWARD	EXHIBITOR
<b>\$500 Fifth Place Champion FFA Market Hog –</b> Shane & Kathleen Brinning – Keota, Lettow Show Pigs – Woodward, Tim & Heather Marek – Riverside and Jayme Sieren - Keota and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	DeLaney Runner, Gilman
<b>\$500 Champion FFA Carcass Value Rail –</b> Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Nadeen Noel, Peosta
<b>\$400 Reserve Champion FFA Carcass Value Rail –</b> Webster City Custom Meats, Inc – Webster City and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Derek Bohrn, Packwood
<b>\$250 4-H Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 1 Lt Wt Barrow</b> Mid State Milling – State Center	Brylee Alliger, Gowrie
<b>\$250 4-H Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 2 Med Wt Barrow</b> Mid State Milling – State Center	Mason Shalla, Riverside
<b>\$250 4-H Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 3 Hvy Wt Barrow</b> Mid State Milling – State Center	Mara White, Estherville
<b>\$250 4-H Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 4 Lt Wt Gilt</b> Mid State Milling – State Center	Dalton Spear, Milo
<b>\$250 4-H Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 5 Hvy Wt Gilt</b> Mid State Milling – State Center	Egan Pedersen, Rock Rapids
<b>\$250 FFA Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 1 Lt Wt Barrow</b> Kent Nutrition Group – Muscatine	Tate Linton, Sioux City
<b>\$250 FFA Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 2 Med Wt Barrow</b> Kent Nutrition Group – Muscatine	Taylor Brinning, Keota
<b>\$250 FFA Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 3 Hvy Wt Barrow</b> Kent Nutrition Group – Muscatine	Taylor Brinning, Keota
<b>\$250 FFA Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 4 Lt Wt Gilt</b> Kent Nutrition Group – Muscatine	Hayden Fox, Kanawha
<b>\$250 FFA Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 5 Med Wt Gilt</b> Kent Nutrition Group – Muscatine	Oscar Potter, Woodward
<b>\$250 FFA Market Swine Show Division Winner – Div. 6 Hvy Wt Gilt</b> Kent Nutrition Group – Muscatine	Jordyn Carpenter, Garner
<b>\$500 FFA Champion Choice Retail Beef Carcass – Window A</b> Kwik Star – LaCrosse, WI	Carson Bauer, Audubon
<b>\$300 FFA Champion Lean Lite Beef Carcass – Window B</b> Alan Edler – State Center and Paul Edler – State Center	James VanDevanter, Treydor
<b>\$500 FFA Champion Hotel Restaurant – Window C</b> Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Carson Bauer, Audubon
<b>\$500 4-H Champion Beef of Merit High Cutability Grid Market Carcass – Window A</b> Vermeer Charitable Foundation - Pella	Ruth Whitman, Calamus
<b>\$500 4-H Champion Beef of Merit High Quality Grid Market Carcass – Window B</b> Al & Jeanne Conover – Conover Auction Service, Inc. – Baxter and HCC Angus – Scott & Kit Hansen – Adel	Peter Rens, Larchwood
<b>\$500 4-H Supreme Champion Overall Purebred Ewe</b> Pullin Hampshires – Waterloo	Gensley Ball, Greenville
<b>\$500 FFA Champion Commercial Ewe</b> Spath Show Stock – North Liberty and Van Wert Club Lambs - Hampton	Waylen Gemberling, Lohrville

## 2024 IFAA 4-H AND FFA PERFORMANCE & CARCASS AWARDS

AWARD	EXHIBITOR
<b>\$250 FFA Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe</b> Pine Grove Family Farms, LLC – Waterloo and Josh Williams - Waukee	Abigail Dies, Ames
<b>\$300 FFA Champion Market Lamb Carcass</b> Edler Family Farms – State Center and Edler Club Lambs – Cedar Falls	Sutton Paulsen, Cedar Falls
<b>\$250 FFA Reserve Champion Market Lamb Carcass</b> Kristi Krafka – Cambridge	Hailey Pedrick, Ollie

## 2024 IFAA FFA PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARDS

AWARD	EXHIBITOR
<b>\$1,000 FFA Beef Premier Exhibitor, 1st Place —</b> Kwik Star – La Crosse, WI	Cole Miller, Charter Oak
<b>\$500 FFA Beef Premier Exhibitor, 2nd Place —</b> Wilson Trailer Company – Sioux City	Tyler Loudon, Creston
<b>\$250 FFA Beef Premier Exhibitor, 3rd Place —</b> Todd & Alisa Neil & Family – Fairbank and Kwik Star - La Crosse, WI	Luke Paplow, Nashua
<b>\$1,000 FFA Sheep Premier Exhibitor, 1st Place –</b> Berry Farms - Club Lambs – Sac City and Pullin Hampshires - Waterloo	Abby Dies, Ames
<b>\$500 FFA Sheep Premier Exhibitor, 2nd Place –</b> Hild Brothers Show Stock – Webster City and Kwik Star – La Crosse, WI	Kiley Langley, Wilton
<b>\$250 FFA Sheep Premier Exhibitor, 3rd Place –</b> Josh Williams - Waukee	Easton Patterson, Atkins
<b>\$1,000 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 1st Place –</b> Iowa Purebred Swine Council - Clive	Brady Allan, Le Mars
<b>\$500 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 2nd Place –</b> Iowa Purebred Swine Council - Clive	Elle Ploeger, Pierson
<b>\$500 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 3rd Place –</b> Iowa Purebred Swine Council - Clive	Avery Hanaway, Independence
<b>\$300 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 4th Place –</b> Iowa Purebred Swine Council - Clive	Ali Wadle, Milo
<b>\$200 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 5th Place –</b> Iowa Purebred Swine Council – Clive	Mason Peters, Le Mars

## OTHER AWARDS OFFERED BY IOWA STATE FAIR AND FFA

AWARD	EXHIBITOR
<b>Supreme FFA Chapter Award –</b> Iowa State Fair/Iowa FFA Foundation	Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont High School
<b>\$400 Third Overall 4-H Market Steer Award –</b> Pro Tour Club Calf Sale: Dodds Cattle Co., Herum Show Cattle, Nissen-Matthews-Johnson Cattle, Smith Family Cattle Company, Smith Cattle Company, Kuhlmann Cattle Company, Follon Cattle, Kohlhaas/Arthur Cattle Company, Ferguson & Ruppert Cattle Company, Burmann & Liss Cattle, Hilbert Show Steers and the Collaboration Sale	Klaire Shanks, Colfax
<b>\$300 Fourth Overall 4-H Market Steer Award –</b> Herr Show Cattle - Fontanelle	Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro
<b>\$200 Fifth Overall 4-H Market Steer Award –</b> Cline Cattle Company - Brandon, Rachel, Chesney & Fallon Cline - Lenox	Mason Shalla, Riverside
<b>\$400 Third Overall 4-H Market Heifer Award –</b> Udell Cattle Company – Sioux City	Cash Voegele, Lennox, SD
<b>\$400 Third Overall 4-H Breeding Heifer Award –</b> Bruce Jones – Aurelia and Lowell Tiedt – Anamosa	Sloane Curtin, Oxford
<b>\$300 Fourth Overall 4-H Breeding Heifer Award –</b> Holtkamp Cattle Company – West Point	Cal Pryor, Woodbine
<b>\$200 Fifth Overall 4-H Breeding Heifer Award –</b> Loonan Stock Farm – Corning	Rylee Short, Masonville

### WEIGHT DIVISION AWARDS —

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA) and Kwik Star will present a walnut plaque to the Champion and Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog and FFA Market Hog in each weight division in the gilt and barrow shows.

### FEATHERLITE TRAILER AWARDS —

Featherlite, Inc. of Cresco will provide the use of aluminum trailers for one year to the exhibitors of the:

- Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer – Mason Shalla, Riverside
- Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog – Mara White, Estherville
- Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb – Kiley Langley, Wilton
- Grand Champion 4-H Breeding Heifer – Avery Sweeney, Vinton

Featherlite, Inc. of Cresco will provide the use of aluminum toppers to the exhibitors of the:

- Grand Champion 4-H Market Meat Goat – Cael Howell, Columbus Junction
- Grand Champion FFA Market Meat Goat – Avery Shalla, Riverside

### CHECK-OFF PROGRAMS —

IFAA is proud to participate in the check-off programs for beef, sheep and swine.

# 2024 IOWA SWINE JACKPOT SERIES

## TOP 10 OVERALL VIP BREEDING EXHIBITORS

PLACING	AWARD RECIPIENT	AWARD
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Justin Engelking	\$500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kolten Lewis	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Dalton Spear	\$200
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Charles Ploeger	\$175
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Brecken Sheets	\$150
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Conner Reed	\$125
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Mack Schmaling	\$100
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Brody Stien	\$100
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Macyn Smit	\$75
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sam Janssen	\$75

## HIGH POINTS BREEDING GILTS

CHAMPION BERKSHIRE	Sam Janssen	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION BERKSHIRE	Kolten Lewis	\$150
CHAMPION CHESTER WHITE	Claire Yoder	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION CHESTER WHITE	Macyn Smit	\$150
CHAMPION DUROC	Dalton Spear	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION DUROC	Brailey Lewis	\$150
CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE	Veda Overton	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE	Anthony Wolfe	\$150
CHAMPION HEREFORD	Paige Schulte	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION HEREFORD	Kendall Cortum	\$150
CHAMPION LANDRACE	Brody Stien	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION LANDRACE	Justin Engelking	\$150
CHAMPION POLAND CHINA	Justin Engelking	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION POLAND CHINA	Brecken Sheets	\$150
CHAMPION SPOTTED	Braeden Thomas	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION SPOTTED	Katie Feldman	\$150
CHAMPION TAMWORTH	Justin Engelking	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION TAMWORTH	Charles Ploeger	\$150
CHAMPION YORKSHIRE	Kolten Lewis	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION YORKSHIRE	Aden Wolfe	\$150

# 2024 IOWA SWINE JACKPOT SERIES

## TOP 10 OVERALL VIP MARKET EXHIBITORS

PLACING	AWARD RECIPIENT	AWARD
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Charlie Shawley	\$500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Caylee Harken	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Mara White	\$200
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Blake Powell	\$175
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Brody Hermanson	\$150
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Anna Slagle	\$125
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Aden Wolfe	\$100
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Megan Mauss	\$100
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Braeden Thomas	\$75
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Jorey Cortum	\$75

## HIGH POINTS MARKET HOGS

CHAMPION BERKSHIRE	Sylvia Rainey	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION BERKSHIRE	Piper Zamastil	\$150
CHAMPION CHESTER WHITE	Aden Wolfe	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION CHESTER WHITE	Landrey Peterson	\$150
CHAMPION DUROC	Megan Mauss	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION DUROC	Stella Belknap	\$150
CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE	Caleigh Lewis	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE	Jackson Mehman	\$150
CHAMPION HEREFORD	Jorey Cortum	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION HEREFORD	Caylee Harken	\$150
CHAMPION LANDRACE	Brody Hermanson	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION LANDRACE	Charlie Shawley	\$150
CHAMPION POLAND CHINA	Ella Regelstad	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION POLAND CHINA	Braeden Thomas	\$150
CHAMPION SPOTTED	Lane Norman	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION SPOTTED	Blake Powell	\$150
CHAMPION TAMWORTH	Anthony Wolfe	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION TAMWORTH	Blake Powell	\$150
CHAMPION YORKSHIRE	Caylee Harken	\$250
RESERVE CHAMPION YORKSHIRE	Mara White	\$150



## IFAA SALE OF CHAMPIONS RECORD SETTERS

Animal	Exhibitor	Price	Buyer
2022 Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Avery Shalla Riverside	\$135,500	<b>HyVee and Corteva</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Holmes Livestock & Logistics, Sinclair Tractor, Eldon C. Stutsman, and local support/citizens of Riverside, IA.
2023 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Steer	Klaire Shanks Colfax	\$70,000	<b>Fareway Meat and Grocery</b> and <b>Dee Zee</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Jasper County Cattlemen's, Gregg Young Chevrolet, Sinclair Tractor, and local support/citizens of Colfax, IA
2023 Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Nic Reemtsma DeWitt	\$90,000	<b>Boviteq</b> and <b>Upper Iowa Beef</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Bill and Angie Clark, Matt and Julie Olson, Bob and Dana Gannon, and local support/citizens of DeWitt, IA
2023 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Jake Knudson Estherville	\$52,500*	<b>Elanco</b> and <b>C &amp; B Operations</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Deirdre DeJear, Smith Cattle Company - Brad and Dennis Smith, Riverview Trucking - Josh and Tony Brown, Chris and Shannon Schiltz, and local support/citizens of Estherville, IA
2018 Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Pierce Woodruff Moorland	\$61,000	<b>Iowa Select Farms</b> with support from Lynch Livestock, PIC, Phibro Animal Health, Alliger Farms, ADM Alliance Nutrition/ShowTec, Pink 2 Purple, Lettow Show Pigs/SGI and local support/citizens of Moorland, IA
2019 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog	Bella Opheim Humboldt	\$62,500	<b>Prestage Farms of Iowa</b> and <b>Prestage Foods of Iowa and Kruger Seeds</b> with support from Swine Genetics International, Lettow Show Pigs, Thompson Drainage, K.C. Nielsen Ltd. and Local Support from the citizens of Humboldt, IA of \$37,500
2005 Grand Champion 4-H Derby Hog	Erin Steffensmeier West Point	\$14,000	<b>The Machine Shed</b> with support from Iowa Vet Supply, Cyclone Pig Sale, Pfizer, Swine Genetics International and \$8,300 local support
2023 Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Delaney Runner Gilman	\$150,000	<b>Sinclair Tractor, Fareway Meat and Grocery,</b> and <b>ADM Alliance Nutrition/ShowTec</b> with support from Dave and Jane Runner, Farm Credit Services, Farm Bureau - Jake Brannen, and local support/citizens of Gilman, IA
2014 Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Alexis Delaney DeWitt	\$50,000	<b>Iowa Select Farms</b> with support from Cargill, Custom Precast, Elanco, Newsham Choice Genetics, First Central State Bank, Lettow Show Pigs, Jake and Angie Supple and \$14,500 Local Support/Citizens of Dewitt, IA.

## IFAA SALE OF CHAMPIONS RECORD SETTERS

Animal	Exhibitor	Price	Buyer
2023 Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Dayton Mortvedt Lynnville	\$23,000	<b>McKinney Seed</b> and <b>The Dirt Dealer</b> with support from Droppert Livestock, United Animal Health, Show Biotics, and local support/citizens of Lynnville, IA
2010 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Chelsea Schminke Van Horne	\$15,000	<b>Kemin Industries, Inc.</b> with support from Alum-Line Trailer Sales – Brad Davis, Titan Machinery - Tom Tolle, ADM Alliance Nutrition/ShowTec and \$8,350 Local Support/Citizens of Van Horne
2023 Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Brock Bowman Glidden	\$28,000	<b>Hy-Vee</b> and <b>Availa Bank</b> with support from McKinney Seed, Amthauer Club Lambs, Glidden-Ralston FFA Alumni, and local support/citizens of Glidden, IA
2022 Reserve Champion FFA Market Lamb	Phoebe Sanders Eagle Grove	\$19,500	<b>Kemin Animal Nutrition &amp; Health</b> and <b>The Dirt Dealer</b> with support from Gold Eagle Cooperative, Sinclair Tractor, Town & Country Insurance, and local support/citizens of Eagle Grove, IA.
2023 Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat	Avery Shalla Riverside	\$25,000	<b>Sinclair Tractor</b> with support from Kalona Realty Inc., Kent Feeds, Stutsmans, and local support/citizens of Riverside, IA
2019 Grand Champion FFA Meat Goat	McKenna Potter Griswold	\$21,000	<b>Bayer Animal Health</b> with support from Houghton State Bank, Capps Ace Hardware, BASF Corporation, Wyffels Hybrids and Local Support from the citizens of Griswold, IA of \$17,600
2023 Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Aubrey Otto Mason City	\$12,000	<b>Central Iowa KFC</b> with support from Murray McMurray, St. Ansgar Mill, NSB Bank, and local support/citizens of Mason City, IA
2016 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Bailey Schaben Dunlap	\$16,000	<b>Ankeny Sanitation Inc. – Andrew Larson</b> with support from Tim Loudon Family, Kristi Krafka Family, Mike Petzenhauser Family, Farm Credit Services – Todd Cohrs, Friends of Iowa State Athletics and \$10,000 Local Support/Citizens of Dunlap, IA
2023 Sale of Champions		\$704,500	<b>Record Sale Total</b>

## 2023 Sale of Champions - Official Results

Animal	Exhibitor	Price	Buyers
Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Mason Shalla Riverside	\$125,000	<b>Hy-Vee</b> and <b>Dennis and Sue Albaugh</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Sinclair Tractor, Collision Embryo, Ag Services and Products, and local support/citizens of Riverside, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Klaire Shanks Colfax	\$70,000*	<b>Fareway Meat and Grocery</b> and <b>Dee Zee</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Jasper County Cattlemen's, Gregg Young Chevrolet, Sinclair Tractor, and local support/citizens of Colfax, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Nic Reemtsma Dewitt	\$90,000*	<b>Boviteq</b> and <b>Upper Iowa Beef</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Bill and Angie Clark, Matt and Julie Olson, Bob and Dana Gannon, and local support/citizens of DeWitt, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Jake Knudson Estherville	\$52,500*	<b>Elanco</b> and <b>C &amp; B Operations</b> with support from ISF Beef Champion Supporters, Deirdre DeJear, Smith Cattle Company - Brad and Dennis Smith, Riverview Trucking - Josh and Tony Brown, Chris and Shannon Schiltz, and local support/citizens of Estherville, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Rilynn Buesing Stockton	\$36,500	<b>Hy-Vee</b> with support from Brinning Genetics, Sinclair Tractor, Cedar County Coop, and local support/citizens of Stockton, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Rilynn Buesing Stockton	\$20,000	<b>Cargill</b> with support from County Line Livestock, Paul Meyer Chemicals, EPS Buildings, and local support/citizens of Stockton, IA
Grand Champion FFAMarket Hog	Delaney Runner Gilman	\$150,000***	<b>Sinclair Tractor</b> , <b>Fareway Meat and Grocery</b> , and <b>ADM Alliance Nutrition/ShowTec</b> with support from Dave and Jane Runner, Farm Credit Services, Farm Bureau - Jake Brannen, and local support/citizens of Gilman, IA
Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Pierce Woodruff Moorland	\$28,000	<b>Dart Enterprises</b> , <b>Smokey D's BBQ</b> , and <b>ADM Alliance Nutrition/ShowTec</b> with support from Eggers Show Pigs, True North Technologies, Larry and Jill Alliger, and local support/citizens of Moorland, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Dayton Mortvedt Lynnville	\$23,000*	<b>McKinney Seed</b> and <b>The Dirt Dealer</b> with support from Droppert Livestock, United Animal Health, Show Biotics, and local support/citizens of Lynnville, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Sam Schmillen Marcus	\$13,500	<b>Rival Show Feeds</b> , and <b>Corteva</b> with support from Farmers Mutual Insurance, Trans Ova Genetics, Agri-Business Insurance, and local support/citizens of Marcus, IA
Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Brock Bowman Glidden	\$28,000*	<b>Hy-Vee</b> and <b>Availa Bank</b> with support from McKinney Seed, Amthauer Club Lambs, Glidden-Ralston FFA Alumni, and local support/citizens of Glidden, IA
Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Makenzie Rule Hawarden	\$12,500	<b>Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health</b> and <b>APC</b> with support from Sanders Family, Van Bruggen Insurance, Cherokee State Bank, and local support/citizens of Hawarden, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat	Avery Shalla Riverside	\$25,000*	<b>Sinclair Tractor</b> with support from Kalona Realty Inc., Kent Feeds, Stutsmans, and local support/citizens of Riverside, IA
Grand Champion FFA Meat Goat	Max Petzenhauser Roland	\$10,500	<b>Luana Savings Bank</b> with support from Mike Doran Family, McKinney Seed, ADM, and local support/citizens of Roland, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Aubrey Otto Mason City	\$12,000*	<b>Central Iowa KFC</b> with support from Murray McMurray, St. Ansgar Mill, NSB Bank, and local support/citizens of Mason City, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Karly Spear Newton	\$8,000	<b>Iowa Ag Technologies</b> with support from Rodgers Cattle Company, Nichols Cryo Genetics, Theisens – Newton, and local support/citizens of Newton, IA

\*INDICATES NEW RECORD PRICE

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\*\*\*\*INDICATES NEW SALE RECORD

<b>Sale Total (16 Exhibitors)</b>	<b>\$ 704,500.00</b>
<b>Scholarship Total (124 Awards)</b>	<b>\$ 231,600.00</b>
<b>Carcass and Performance Awards Total (70 Awards)</b>	<b>\$ 23,950.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (210 AWARDS)</b>	<b>\$ 963,050.00</b>

## 2024 Sale of Champions

Animal	Exhibitor	Price	Buyers*
Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Mason Shalla Riverside		
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Shay Rodgers Searsboro		
Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Cole Reynolds, Auburn		
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Hendrix Kalvig Creston		
Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Taylor Brinning Keota		
Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Hayden Fox Kanawha		
Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Mara White Estherville		
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Joe Stien Watkins		
Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Kiley Langley Wilton		
Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Riley Walker Webster City		
Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Sawyer Morrical Clarion		
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Sam Schmillen Marcus		
Grand Champion FFA Meat Goat	Avery Shalla Riverside		
Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat	Cael Howell Columbus Junction		
Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Jackson Pritzen Adel		
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Jacie Hoeg Wapello		

**\* ATTENTION BUYERS**

Purchasers hereby are expressly given notice that any animal purchase at the 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions will be subject to the condition of said sale:

A purchaser, any other person, or any other entity shall be prohibited from taking any genetic material from any animal purchased at the 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions.

IFAA requests settlement for livestock purchases immediately following the Sale of Champions. At the completion of the sale, please report to the IFAA Treasurer at the sale block for paperwork.

# 2024 Sale of Champions Winners

## **GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET STEER**

**Mason Shalla - Riverside**

**Parents: Nic and Jayna Shalla**

The Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer was exhibited by Mason Shalla. Mason is a member of the Riverside Ramblers 4-H Club in Washington County. Mason will be in the ninth grade this fall at Lone Tree Schools. He is active in 4-H and FFA, exhibiting cattle and pigs. Mason exhibited the 2023 Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer last year. He enjoys spending time working with his 4-H calves and pigs alongside his brothers Ryland and Parker and sisters Avery and Everlyn. When Mason is not in the show barn he is helping in the field and with cattle and hogs on the family farm. Mason is a member of the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association, and he is also a volunteer and altar server at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

## **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET STEER**

**Shay Rodgers - Searsboro**

**Parents: Wade & Kaylene Rodgers**

Shay Rodgers is 11 years old and exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion steer. Shay shows pigs and cattle in 4-H. She is also active in volleyball and softball. Shay would like to thank her family and everyone who has helped her get to this point! .

## **GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HEIFER**

**Cole Reynolds - Auburn**

**Parents: Clayton & Tonya Reynolds**

Cole began showing cattle in kindergarten as part of Clover Kids. He is a member of the Jackson Pioneer 4-H Club. Last year was his first year showing for 4-H, and this year marks his first time showing at the Iowa State Fair. Cole loves working with his cattle and attending jackpot shows with friends. When he's not working with his cattle, he enjoys playing basketball and spending time at the lake. The exciting part of his success with his market heifer is that it was born and raised on his family farm.

## **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HEIFER**

**Hendrix Kalvig - Creston**

**Parents: Garrett & Meghan Kalvig**

Hendrix Kalvig is 11-years-old, and lives in Creston, Iowa. Hendrix enjoys showing cattle and playing football. Hendrix is looking forward to starting middle school this year, where he will serve on student government. A naturally happy guy, there's not a lot that can bring Hendrix down. Hendrix's market heifer, Mercedes, has been a constant companion to him and he's very proud that she won Reserve at the Iowa State Fair.

# 2024 Sale of Champions Winners

## **GRAND CHAMPION FFA MARKET HOG**

**Taylor Brinning - Keota**

**Parents: Shane and Kathleen Brinning**

Taylor Brinning of the Washington FFA chapter exhibited the Grand Champion FFA Market Hog, marking the end to her successful showing career. This home-raised barrow represents just one of the many achievements she's garnered over the years, having also shown hogs, cattle, and goats. Beyond livestock, Taylor has been actively involved in the ISF, where she presented working exhibits designed for children. Her experiences have fueled her passion for making a positive impact on children's lives. Now entering her senior year as an Elementary Education major, Taylor looks forward to sharing her agricultural knowledge from her family's grain and showpig operation in the classroom. At Iowa State University, she has been in Chi Omega Sorority, served on the Homecoming Committee & Blood Drive Committee, participated in Peer Mentoring and St. Thomas Aquinas. Additionally, she is a member of Iowa State's prestigious Cardinal Key Honor Society.

## **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FFA MARKET HOG**

**Hayden Fox - Kanawha**

**Parents: Brian & Emily Fox**

The Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog was exhibited by Hayden Fox of Kanawha. Hayden's major FFA projects with the Belmond-Klemme FFA chapter includes market hogs, breeding gilts, and breeding heifers. Hayden is a member of both the national and Iowa Junior Shorthorn Association, as well as a member of the Iowa Swine Jackpot Series. Hayden enjoys fishing, showing hogs, fitting cattle and helping his family on their cattle operation. Hayden is so incredibly grateful to his family and friends for allowing him so many wonderful opportunities this industry provides. Hayden wants to pursue a career in agriculture and stay involved in the livestock industry. Lastly Hayden would like to thank his mom and dad, sisters Sheridan and Reagan, Scott Foreman, Niesha Muller, Dr. Jeff and Deanna Holmes, and certainly his FFA teacher Debbie Barkela.

## **GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HOG**

**Mara White - Estherville**

**Parents: Brad and Jill White**

Mara showed the Grand Champion 4 H Market Hog at the 2024 Iowa State Fair. She is entering her senior year of high school at Estherville Lincoln Central, where she is involved in volleyball and FFA. Mara is also a member of the Iowa Swine Jackpot Series and enjoys showing pigs year-round and working at True North Technologies. She is looking forward to attending Iowa State University after graduating from high school.

## **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HOG**

**Joe Stien - Watkins**

**Parents: Jake & Katie Stien**

The Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog was exhibited by Joe Stien of Watkins. He is the 12-year-old son of Jake and Katie Stien and big brother to Brody. Outside of showing livestock, his activities include basketball, baseball, football, livestock judging, playing guitar and hosting a livestock podcast called The Joe Show. Joe is an active member of his 4-H club, he is the Vice President of the student council and is a member of St. John Lutheran Church. Joe will be entering 6th grade at Central Lutheran School and plans to continue showing pigs this fall at national shows.

# 2024 Sale of Champions Winners

## **GRAND CHAMPION FFA MARKET LAMB**

**Kiley Langley - Wilton**

**Parents: Barry & Melanie Langley**

The Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb was exhibited by Kiley Langley of Wilton. Her major FFA projects with Wilton FFA include sheep and Ag Sales. Her activities at Wilton High School included wrestling, volleyball, track and basketball. She was a member of National Honor Society, Sugar Creek Challengers 4-H Club, Heartland Youth Show Lamb Circuit and Ellsworth Professional Agriculture Students. Kiley served as 4-H Club President, Club President, 4-H County Council Vice President, and Wilton FFA Vice President. Kiley's market lamb won Cedar County Fair Grand Champion, Best of the Best Grand Champion, and was All Iowa Fair Grand Champion. Kiley has won senior showmanship 5 times this summer, as well as Cedar County Fair Senior Showmanship, Master Showmanship and Supreme Showmanship. Kiley plans to complete the Pre-Vet Program at Iowa State University in Veterinary Medicine to become a large animal vet and specialize in AI and embryo transplants. Kiley was the 2023 State Fair Queen first runner up.

## **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FFA MARKET LAMB**

**Riley Walker - Webster City**

**Parents: Bill and Kris Walker**

Riley Walker is a graduate of Webster City High School and has just completed her first year at Iowa State University. She is majoring in Agriculture Business with a minor in Animal Science, focusing on marketing. At Iowa State, Riley is active in several clubs, including Block & Bridle and the Agriculture Business Club. Raised on a row crop and cow/calf operation just south of Webster City, Iowa, what began as a bottle animal project evolved into a passion for showing livestock. Riley is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Sale of Champions and thankful for the crew of people who helped her get here today.

## **GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET LAMB**

**Sawyer Morrival - Clarion**

**Parents: Joel & Erin Morrival**

Sawyer Morrival is a recent 2024 graduate from Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School. Sawyer was active in athletics, earning the IGHS AU Iowa Girl award and graduating as valedictorian of her class. Sawyer was involved in FFA, 4-H, HYS LC, and numerous other clubs throughout high school. She is attending Iowa State University this fall majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine. Sawyer has grown up raising sheep with her family Morrival Show Lambs and has shown sheep her whole life. One of her lifelong goals was to win the 4-H Iowa State Sheep Show, and to win with a lamb her family raised made this dream even better. A big thank you to her family and friends who helped along the way.

## **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET LAMB**

**Sam Schmillen - Marcus**

**Parents: Kyle and Jill Schmillen**

The Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb is exhibited by Sam Schmillen from Marcus, IA. Sam is a member of the Tilden Tillers 4-H club and will be a junior this fall at the Remsen St. Mary's High School. Aside from showing lambs, Sam is involved in both football and basketball and enjoys hunting and fishing when he can squeeze that in. He also helps run his family's club lamb operation and plans on taking over the operation in a few years after college.



# 2024 Sale of Champions Winners

## **GRAND CHAMPION FFA MARKET MEAT GOAT**

**Avery Shalla - Riverside**

**Parents: Nic and Jayna Shalla**

The Grand Champion FFA Market Meat Goat was exhibited by Avery Shalla of Riverside. Avery is active in FFA and shows cattle, pigs, and goats. Avery is a member of the Lone Tree FFA Chapter. Avery will be a sophomore at Iowa State University this fall where she is studying Ag Communications. Avery grew up showing cattle, pigs and goats. Avery also exhibited the 2023 Grand Champion 4-H Market Meat Goat and the 2022 Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer. She enjoys working alongside her brothers Ryland, Mason and Parker, and little sister, Evelyn in the show barn. She also helps on her family farm with the cattle, hogs, and row crops. Avery is the president of the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association, member of Block and Bridle and a religion teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

## **GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET MEAT GOAT**

**Cael Howell - Columbus Junction**

**Parents: Tom & Tara Howell**

Cael will be a Senior at Columbus Community High School. He is a member of National Honor Society, Presbyterian Church, and YUP. Cael is actively involved in 4-H, FFA and is currently the FFA President. Throughout high school, he has participated in basketball. He shows goats and cattle. In addition to his academic and extracurricular activities, Cael also volunteers at his church and local community events. He plans to attend Iowa State University after graduation! Cael is known for his strong work ethic, leadership skills, and dedication to his school and community.

## **GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET BROILER PEN**

**Jackson Pitzen - Adel**

**Parents: Mike & Katie Pitzen**

The Grand Champion Market Broilers were exhibited by Jackson Pitzen of Adel. Jackson is a member of the Dallas County Aggies 4-H club, where he serves as the treasurer. In addition to market broilers, Jackson shows market beef, breeding heifers, market hogs and breeding gilts. This is Jackson's first year exhibiting poultry at the state fair, but he has shown market broilers at the county level the prior 5 years. Jackson will be a junior at ADM high school, where his activities include football, track, wrestling and FFA. He is also a member of St. John's Catholic Church and is a member of the Dallas County Livestock Judging team. Jackson spends any spare time hunting, fishing and with family and friends.

## **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET BROILER PEN**

**Jacie Hoeg - Wapello**

**Parents: Chris and Kelli Hoeg**

Jacie began her love for agriculture growing up on her family farm in Southeast Iowa. She was heavily involved in 4-H and FFA in middle and high school, serving as her chapter President in 2023 and being a member of Louisa County Teen Council. She began showing broiler chickens at the Louisa County Fair in 2018, then participated at the state fair in 2021. Jacie made Iowa State Fair history with her sister Rachel by being the first set of sisters to exhibit a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion with their Market Broiler Pens in 2022. Jacie graduated from Wapello High School this past spring and will attend Iowa State University in the fall to major in Human Resource Management and minor in Agricultural Studies.

## **2024 Sale of Champions**

***Sale of Champions*** exhibitors will receive a check from IFAA after satisfactory results have been reported by the ISU Meat Laboratory in conjunction with Story City Locker. The exhibitor receives 75% of all proceeds with the remaining 25% retained by IFAA for scholarships, awards and other administrative expenses. Checks are mailed to exhibitors as soon as all sale funds are collected and drug testing is completed. All Local Support funds are due by August 31st. Any uncollected funds will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR SALE OF CHAMPIONS RING CREW!**

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## 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IFAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Friday, September 6, 2024**

At Otter Creek Golf Course – Ankeny, IA

Registration @ 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start @ 10:00 a.m.

**Cost: \$500 per team or \$125 per person**

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## **Our Story**

For as long as the Iowa State Fair has been in existence, youth from around the state have exhibited their livestock projects with pride at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in search of a purple banner. Until the late 1980s, the kids who earned the right to be called Grand Champion were often rewarded with less than market price for their animals. In 1987 at the conclusion of another dismal sale of the champion animals, a group of livestock industry members decided a change was in order to not only reward the hard work of the grand champion projects but to provide more incentive for others to participate in raising livestock projects. In 1988, the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement was born.

The original mission was simply to provide a base level of funds to support the sale of grand and reserve champion projects for the major species at a premium. After years of success growing the Sale of Champions into the envy of many state fairs around the country, IFAA expanded giving to include scholarship programs and performance awards in order to reach more youth.

Today, the IFAA offers over \$200,000 per year in scholarships funded by groups such as the Governor of Iowa, Bruce Rastetter, Sinclair Tractor, Cargill, Rain and Hail Insurance, HyVee, Fareway, and ISF Beef Champion Supporters to name a few. Support for the IFAA Sale of Champions and subsequent scholarship and awards programs has steadily grown from \$50,000 in the first year to nearly over \$900,000 today.

*“My family is humbled and thankful for the support that the IFAA offers to youth in agriculture. We've had the opportunity to earn a spot in the Sale of Champions, benefiting from the sale and breaking a record not once, but twice. My sisters and I have also been recipients of IFAA scholarships. Three out of four Marek girls pursued a degree in agriculture and were benefactors of IFAA scholarships. The IFAA has positively affected me and each of my sisters in various ways. We are forever grateful for the businesses and individuals who support this organization, as it truly has made a substantial impact on our future and supported our paths to joining the agriculture industry.”*

*Lexi Marek Beeler*

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# AUGUST 17th

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00

### **Scholarship Presentation**

Join us at the Anne & Bill Riley Stage as we present scholarships to over 100 Iowa students pursuing a future in agriculture. We'll also recognize "Friends of IFAA" for their long-time support of our programs.

11:00

### **Scholarship Picnic**

Located at the Alliant Energy Landing, we'll celebrate the scholarship recipients and the donors who make it possible.

1:30

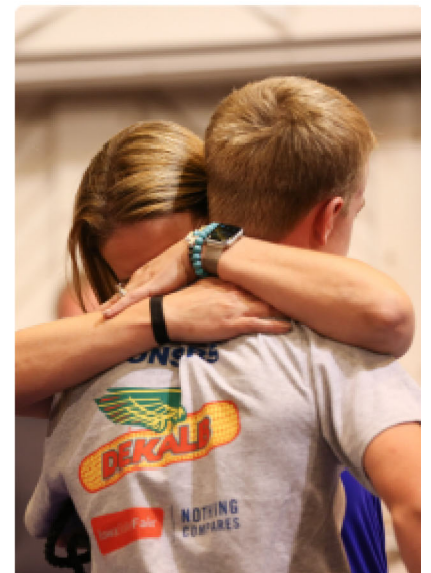
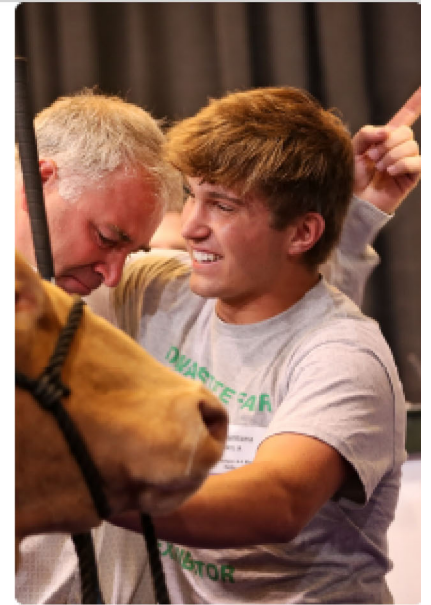
### **Awards & Drawing**

Head to the Penningroth Media Center in the Cattle Barn, where we'll recognize "Friends of IFAA" for their long-time support of our programs and draw for 10k in cash prizes from raffle ticket sales.

2:00

### **Sale of Champions**

16 elite exhibitors will be selling their champions. Join us as history is made in the Penningroth Media Center located in the Cattle Barn.



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