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Michael (Ike) Bahr is a Junior majoring in Agronomy at Kansas State University is a repeat recipient from Fall 2023 with a current gpa of 4.0. Mr. Bahr is currently an intern at Tall Crop, Inc., and it has always been his passion to work as a crop consultant in central Kansas. As a full-time consultant he hopes to manage several farms, contributing to the success of the community. He's currently involved in experimental trials of fungicides and biological products on corn, soybeans, and sorghum that impact nutrient uptake and crop yield.



Michael Cook is a first year Ph.D. student at Texas A&M University and is also a repeat recipient from Fall 2023. While pursuing a doctoral program in horticulture, Mr. Cook is also employed by Texas AgriLife Extension Service as a program specialist. During his seven years in this capacity he has and does work with grape growers, farmers looking to diversify, master gardeners, and the Texas public across 55 counties in North Texas. His goal is to become a full professor and Extension specialist with Texas A&M.



Elizabeth Bankert is a 4.0 Senior at Kansas State University with a pre-vet major. She is the owner of Voss Boers Show Goats and currently works as a Fish Culture Technician for Wyoming Fish and Game. Ms. Bankert currently raises goats which are sold to kids in 4-H/FFA to show at fairs. After receiving a bachelor's degree in animal science, she plans to pursue a career in wildlife and maintain a successful agricultural business.



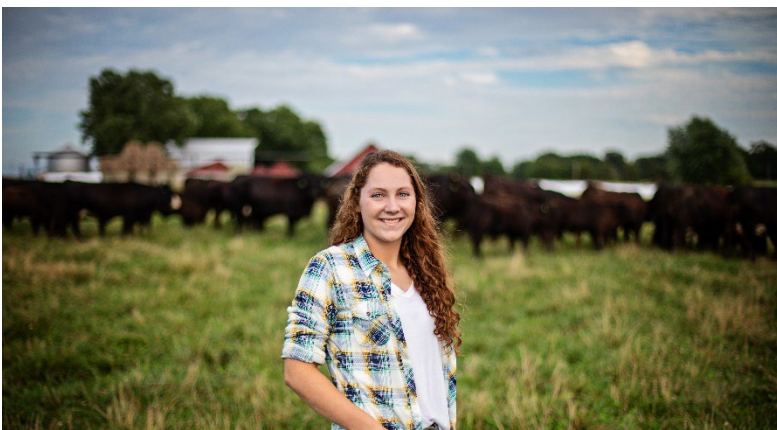
Sawyer Claussen is a 3.55gpa Junior at Cal Poly University San Luis Obispo majoring in Agriculture and Environmental Plant Sciences. Claussen has farming experience in both California and Colorado and grew up in one of California's main agricultural regions. Recognizing the crucial role the Hispanic community plays in our country's ag industry prompted him to become bilingual in Spanish. His goal is to assist growers in making their operations more sustainable.



Coy Stamm is a 3.74 junior at Kansas State University majoring in Agronomy, Consulting and Production. Stamm has grown up in a rural Kansas agriculture community and post-graduation plans to stay involved with his family's farm along with a career in agronomy sales or crop consulting. He describes himself as passionate about production agriculture and the rural way of life. Serving three mission trips to Guatemala provided him with insight to the challenges hard working people with limited means face. Knowledge he is gaining now could, he feels, be shared to benefit underserved populations in improving their agriculture.



Wyatt Huckeriede is a Junior majoring in Farm Management, with a minor in Agronomy at Purdue University. You will recognize Mr. Huckeriede, with a 3.64gpa, as one of our scholarship recipients from Fall 2022. Mr. Huckeriede states that “Indiana agriculture is his future.” He plans to return to the Northeast Indiana and his home community following graduation to assist in developing more sustainable and profitable farming practices in Noble County, and leave the land in a better place for the next generation.



Audrey Tarochione is a 4.0gpa Senior at Kansas State University majoring in Animal Science, with a minor in Business. Ms. Tarochione plans to pursue a Master’s degree in Animal Breeding and Genetics, ultimately becoming involved in commercial beef production, a seedstock operation or stud company. Ms. Tarochione currently owns a small number of cattle within her parents’ herd and she would like to evolve her business to become a comprehensive