

**CCFB Foundation Board of Director's Strategic Plan includes...**

- ◇ Higher Education Scholarships for Members/Dependents pursuing Agricultural Careers
- ◇ Funding Key Ag in the Classroom Program Activities...Ag Days, Summer Ag Institutes I & II, FFA Leadership Academy, Summer Farm Camp, and portions of the In-School Field Trip
- ◇ Funding and coordinating the Urban Youth Ag Experience Grant Program
- ◇ Funding an Agricultural Literacy Internship
- ◇ Providing Scholarships for Adult Agricultural Leadership and Education opportunities including Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow and Illinois Agricultural Leadership program
- ◇ Funding a Middle School program around a focus of careers and science
- ◇ Funding a High School program around a focus of careers and science
- ◇ Funding gardening books for various classrooms within Cook County
- ◇ Funding the teaching of agriculture basics to adults using current Ag Literacy curriculum/materials
- ◇ The Foundation Board will seek to strengthen our current partnership with many Foundation supporters/donors and seek additional new friends and supporters
- ◇ Recognition of donors and supporters

**Thank you for your ongoing support!**

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**How do we do all this (and more)?**

We can only manage with you and supporters like you! We have a number of larger donors that have consistently remembered the Foundation efforts with a financial gift. We work with the Cook County Farm Bureau members who make contributions as a part of their membership renewal. We also receive memorials as family and friends of the passing of a loved one earmark contributions to the Foundation. All gifts, large and small, are appreciated.

**Do YOU want to volunteer?**

We are frequently looking for assistance with the preparation and coordination of the agricultural literacy program sponsored by the Foundation, Ag Days, school mailings, and leadership programming. If you would like to be contacted for volunteer opportunities, email us at [aitc@cookcfb.org](mailto:aitc@cookcfb.org).

Enclosed is my gift of:  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1,000 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations to the CCFB Foundation can be made by:  
 Mailing a check to 6438 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525  
 Calling 708.354.3276 to donate with a credit card  
 Go to [www.cookefb.org/foundation/donors](http://www.cookefb.org/foundation/donors)

**Donation opportunities!**

Go to [www.cookefb.org](http://www.cookefb.org) to learn more about ways to support the CCFB through the Amazon Smile program.

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**Your donations make a HUGE impact everyday!**

**Cook County Farm Bureau® Foundation  
 2015-2016 Annual Report**



**Literacy Enhancement**

- ◇ 26,000 urban grade school and junior high students expanded their understanding of agriculture through our Part 1, 2 & 3 Ag In the Classroom visits.
- ◇ 800 third grade children attended Ag Days in Schaumburg and in Chicago to gain first hand knowledge about farms and food.
- ◇ 55 children filled our Passport to the Farm Camp for 4 half days this July, "hands-on" agricultural experience.
- ◇ 200 youth attended our Ag Olympic-themed library programs this summer.



**Leadership Development**

- ◇ 26 outstanding urban students were selected for the Ag Leadership Academy by their teachers to experience a day of discovering agricultural career possibilities.
- ◇ 61 High School student entrepreneurs started up their own ag-related small business and presented their results to a panel of funders upon completion.
- ◇ 2 college interns majoring in agriculture joined us to teach ag education in Cook County.



**Learning**

- ◇ 9 scholarship member recipients received \$16,500 in scholarship funds to aid in their pursuit of a farm & food related career.
- ◇ 20 teachers representing Grades K-12 attended Summer Ag Institute 1 to learn ways to bring farm and food education back to the classrooms of Cook County.
- ◇ 200 educators attended workshops this year to learn how to incorporate agriculture into their existing science, socials studies and reading curriculums.



**Save the Date**

*Farming for our Future Gala...*

*"Sowing the Seeds of Greatness"*

*All proceeds go to funding scholarships and agricultural literacy*

*Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM*

*Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, Lemont IL*

*Evening includes filet mignon dinner, open bar, entertainment, drawdown entry, silent auction, live auction and 50/50 raffle opportunities!*

*\$100 per ticket—early bird price*

*For more info and to purchase tickets, contact the CCFB at 708.354.3276*



### 2016 Scholarship Programs

CCFB Foundation has provided over \$192,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1999. Scholarship recipients were selected to receive the scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year based on exceptional academic ability, financial need, demonstrated interest in agriculture, evidence of self-help, focus on an agriculturally related need and overall character.

The Foundation Board distributed over \$16,500 to college bound member dependents in 2016. Each of these students pictured is planning on seeking an agriculturally related career. The Howard Paarlberg Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship carries the highest financial award and is given to the top rated applicant.

## 2016 Scholarship Recipients



**Kelsey Macke, Arlington Hts.**

Kelsey attends Illinois State University with a major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.



**Devan Groves, Cary**

Devan attends Oklahoma State University with a major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.



**Alyssa Volland, Tinley Park**

Alyssa attends the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a major in Pre-Veterinary/Animal Science.



**Xavier Morgan, Chicago**

Xavier attends Joliet Junior College with a major in Agriculture Business and Economics.



**Thomas Poole, Chicago**

*Howard Paarlberg Excellence in Agriculture Award*  
Tom attends the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a major in Crop Sciences.



**Patrick Dziura, Glenview**

Patrick attends the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a major in Agriculture and Biological Engineering.



**Colleen Elzinga, Evergreen Park**

Colleen attends Ripon College with a major in Veterinary Medicine.



**Emily Petrucci, Roselle**

Emily attends University of Colorado Boulder with a major in Environmental Engineering.



**Madeline Poole, Chicago**

Madeline attends the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a major in Agriculture and Biological Engineering.

## Teacher Quotes...

*Summer Ag Institute: "The amount of information I learned in just one week is something I enjoyed. I really liked all the tours and presentations we were provided. I am taking away a wealth of knowledge I did not know before this class."* District 109 participant

*Summer Ag Institute: "Best professional development experience in a 20 year career"* CPS Participant

*Ag in the Classroom: "Many of our students have no background knowledge of agriculture. This gave them a hands on presentation of how agriculture affects our everyday life."* District 59 teacher

## Student Quotes...

*Ag Days: "I learned farmers take care of many different types of animals and grow many crops. It was the best field trip ever."* 3rd Grader North Elementary, Des Plaines

*Ag Days: "Everything we use everyday comes from farmers."* 3rd Grader Graves Elementary, Summit

*Ag in the Classroom 4th grade thank you: "It was cool when you showed us the many uses of corn...I had no idea."* Caleb, Park Ridge

## Parent Quotes...

*Parent: "My son loved everything! He learned so much and said he wants to volunteer to be a camp counselor one year when he is older."* Erika, Chicago

*Parent: "Learning about all of this is so eye opening and special, exceeded all our expectations."* Meg, Oak Lawn

*Parent: "Well run, organized, affordable camp that the kids love going to. This camp succeeds at making farming fun!"* Mary, Chicago

### CCFB Foundation Internship Program Summer 2016

Our two interns Karina Barrios and Reilly Neeson, both University of Illinois students majoring in agriculture, helped with our Summer Ag Institute Programs and summer camp, along with special projects in and around the county.



### 2015-16 CCFB Foundation Sponsored Programs

- ◇ Summer Ag Institute for teachers
- ◇ FFA Leadership Academy
- ◇ 4th grade in-school Field Trip basics
- ◇ 4th grade "There's Ag on my Plate" classroom visits
- ◇ Grade School Garden Box classroom kits
- ◇ Teacher Workshops and Institute Days
- ◇ Farm & Food Scholarship programs
- ◇ Summer Internships
- ◇ Summer Farm Camp
- ◇ Ag Days for 3rd graders
- ◇ High School Farm Entrepreneur program
- ◇ "Where does bacon come from" field trip to Fair Oaks Farm
- ◇ Junior High Farm, Science & Careers Classroom visit

Visit [www.cookcfb.org/foundation](http://www.cookcfb.org/foundation) for scholarship and internship applications for the 2017-18 program.