

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**26,000**

students reached through  
school programming

**\$7,500**

grants provided for  
Ag classroom education

**100**

educators attended  
workshops

**800**

attendees at Ag Day events

**8**

scholarship member  
recipients received  
\$17,000 in scholarship  
funds to aid in their  
pursuit of a farm & food  
related career.



## AG LEADERSHIP ADVOCACY



**Ag Literacy Internship** – Our summer intern, Kirsten Raver, used her summer experience to prepare herself for the world of education as she embarks on a career in Ag Ed in her senior year at University of Illinois. “This internship was a lot more hands-on than I expected as I was creating lessons, which I loved.”

**Ag Leadership Academy** – Urban FFA students toured three companies to learn about careers that related to their high school studies and directly connected to our industry through tours at OSI Group, Gourmet Gorilla and Windy City Greens. Your funding provided real-life examples of jobs right here in Cook County. These students also were offered small business seed money through our Youth Entrepreneurship Grant to start an ag-related business of their own after touring other successful organizations.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

**In-School Field Trips** – Reaching over 25,000 students is no small feat as we continue to reach students in 4th grade and beyond with our classroom presentations. New customized options are also available to other grade-level educators who realize the importance of teaching about agriculture.

**Family Library Nights** – The foundation supported a new program which brought together families for a Breakout Box educational mystery series where families solved clues to learn about agriculture in Cook County.

**Ag Days** – “Agriculture is something we use every day”, commented one of our 3rd grade students who attended one of our two Ag Day events. “Absolutely amazing! I have never received so many wonderful resources,” shared a teacher who brought her students for a most memorable day. 800 students and teachers thanked the foundation for supporting this learning opportunity again this year.

Educational efforts also included a children’s Bookmark Contest and two youth summer camps.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Summer Ag Institute** – With a full bus of teachers, you supported the education of 19 teachers who will return to their schools with a new understanding of who our farmers are in Illinois. “*It is encouraging to see so many hard-working people plugging away in various fields of work and having a passion for what they do. This is America at its best!*”, commented one participant. “*This was one of the best professional development events I have ever attended,*” wrote another.

This was a banner year for school grants with the foundation supporting Food Science Grants and a new Embryology Grant, along with several in-house teacher PD workshops.



## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

CCFB Foundation has provided over \$223,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1999. Scholarship recipients were selected to receive the scholarships for the 2018-2019 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.

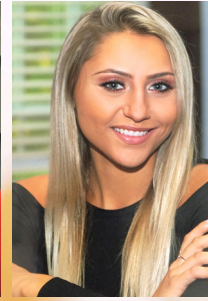
The Foundation Board distributed over \$17,000 to college bound member dependents in 2018. Each of these students pictured is planning on seeking an agriculturally related career. The Howard Paarlberg Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship carries the highest financial award and is given to the top-rated applicant.



## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jonathon Poole\*



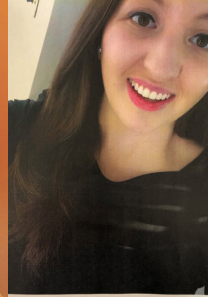
Caitlin Bondarowicz



Natalie Daniel



Olivia Lake



Katherine Manika



Xavier Morgan



Thomas Poole



Aidan Walton

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### A WONDERFUL STORY TO TELL...

Farming and agriculture in the Cook County area and the Midwest has been so crucial for centuries to the success and prosperity of this area and the world. Today, farming and agriculture continue to provide healthy and nutritious food, renewable energy, clothing, and so many other products that we use every day. We need the best and brightest students to pursue agriculture as their career choice in order to ensure a strong and prosperous agricultural industry. Students, teachers, administrators, and parents need to know how food gets in the lunchbox and who provides it. The general public needs to understand the efforts that farmers and agribusiness are making to provide a safe, abundant food supply while caring for their crops and animals and protecting the land and the environment. The Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation is uniquely positioned to help tell the amazing story of farming and agriculture to an excited and enthusiastic audience of all ages, backgrounds and awareness. Thank you for joining us to help tell the wonderful story of food, fiber, energy and farming!



### YOUR SUPPORT IS SO VALUABLE!

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.

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