

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



29,000

students reached through school programming

\$11,000

grants provided for Ag classroom education

8

scholarship member recipients received a total of \$16,000 in scholarship funds to aid in their pursuit of a farm & food related career

LEADERSHIP AND CAREERS ADVOCACY

As career opportunities in our industry continue to expand, the Foundation is providing new ways to connect our professional/voting members to students in Cook County through job shadowing and leadership events.

Ag Leadership Academy - Based on their leadership potential, students from two urban high schools were nominated to attend our academy in 2018 where they learned different facets of our industry from young local farmers. Students toured a family run dairy operation and a corn and soybean farm before visiting an FFA Chapter for lunch and discussion comparing and contrasting rural and urban FFA chapters.



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT, JANET MCCABE



The Cook County Farm Bureau® Foundation is a 501c3 non-for profit created by the Cook County Farm Bureau in 1997 with the purpose of providing agriculturally related scholarships to members and dependents, enhance agricultural literacy in schools and to expand agricultural knowledge and understanding throughout the County.

This annual report provides a glimpse of the many programs and activities that your funding dollars have made possible. We want to continue the success of these programs and activities as well as continue to develop new programs to improve the future of agriculture in Cook County. It is in the individual stories that we truly gain appreciation for the impact that the Foundation's efforts have made on the future

of individuals lives connected to farming, food, fiber and their careers. How can you help?

- make a tax-deductible donation
- purchase a brick paver for the Centennial Legacy Patio
- volunteer for an Ag in the Classroom activity in 2020
- contact us to be a job shadow mentor for a high school or college student
- attend the Saturday, March 28th, 2020 "100-year anniversary celebration" at the Cook County Farm Bureau building

We are so thankful for all of our supporters, donors, partners and member friends... Together, *We are Growing for the Future by Planting Seeds of Agriculture Literacy in Cook County!*

Janet B. McCabe

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Summer Agriculture Institute - Teachers visited family farms where they learned about the science and technology involved in agriculture including an organic wheat farm (shown here), a grain milling operation, dairy farm, and a one-acre flower farm. *"This week made me realize the importance of educating my students about the role of agriculture in our lives",* shared one of the 21 teachers attending.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION



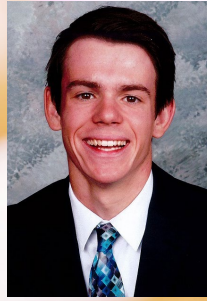
School Classroom Visits - We continue to provide extensive outreach to 4th grade classrooms with our two programs: Introduction to Illinois Agriculture and There's Ag on MyPlate, along with our middle school Ag Science and Careers presentation. *"Both my Superintendent and I (principal) enjoyed the knowledge and enthusiasm of the presenter. She provided students with hands on samples and relevant content that made the presentation applicable to their lives. Students were amazed at the various crops and how they are processed to make the products they consume daily."* Through foundation funding we are now able to expand beyond these grades and provide more classroom visits on specialty topics requested by teachers.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

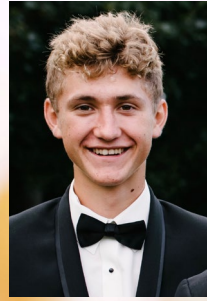
CCFB Foundation has provided over \$239,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1999. Scholarship recipients were selected to receive the scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year based on exceptional academic ability, financial need, demonstrated interest in agriculture, evidence of self-help, focus on an agriculturally related need and overall character.

The Foundation Board distributed over \$16,000 to college bound member dependents in 2019. 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.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Aiden Walton



Andrew Smits



Colleen Elzinga



Jonathon Poole



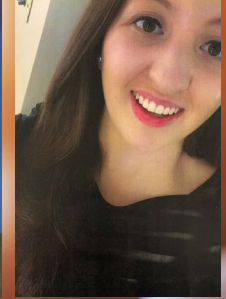
Aleksander Jura



Daniel Macina



Thomas Poole*



Katie Manika

*Howard Paarlberg Excellence in Agriculture Award and Conserv FS FFA recipient

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Former scholarship recipients have gone onto successful careers in the ag industry



Chris Boomsma-

Graduated from Purdue University with a PHD in Agronomy and Crop Physiology and currently is the Director of Education at the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America.



Alyssa Volland-

Graduated from U of I at Urbana-Champaign with a BS and Masters in Animal Science and currently is a Senior Research Associate for Elanco.



Xavier Morgan-

Graduated from U of I at Urbana-Champaign with a BS in Agricultural Food and Environmental System Communications and currently is a Foodservice Sales Representative for Hormel Foods.

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We can only manage with you and supporters like you! We thank the large number of members that consistently remember the Foundation's efforts with a financial gift annually. When you consider year-end, tax-deductible donations, we encourage you to consider the Cook County Farm Bureau® Foundation as a worthy cause! We also receive memorials to mark the passing of a loved one. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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In celebration of the Cook County Farm Bureau's 100-year birthday in March 2020, we are creating a Centennial Legacy Patio to benefit the Foundation. If you would like to make a tax-deductible purchase of a brick paver to include your name or your family's name as a part of the Legacy Patio, please go to cookcfb.org/foundation for details.