

Senior Spotlight 2021-22



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Self Discovery,
Standing Alone
& Wholehearted
Pursuits

Hometown: Fishers, IN

Major & Concentration: Agricultural Economics & Agricultural Communication

Why did you come to Purdue: As a high school student, I really wanted to study agriculture. Plus, Purdue's incredible programs and reputation were impossible to pass up. I'm grateful Purdue is in my home state.

Favorite Purdue tradition: Fountain Runs & Den Pops!

Top three influences at Purdue(people, ideas, experiences):

1. Learning lasting lessons in COM 204
2. My wonderful roommates and friends
3. Running my family's farm during my COVID-19 asynchronous school year.

Top five memories of your time at Purdue:

1. Studying in Greyhouse Coffee & Supply Co. until the 10:30pm closing time.
2. Hosting Purdue graduate and astronaut, Loren Shriver, during the 2019 Astronaut Reunion
3. Building authentic friendships with other members of student organizations
4. Hearing Purdue donor's stories and their reasons for loving Purdue.
5. Starry Night Festival (Hosted by Greyhouse Coffee & Supply Co.)

Places you have been as a Purdue student:

- Internships: Hoosier Ag Today, AgriNovus Indiana & Remedy Farm (all Indiana)
- Conferences: AgriNovus Indiana Agbiosciences Innovation Summit, Forbes AgTech Summit: Indianapolis
- Scholarship Professional Development: Farm Credit Mid-America College Leaders (Louisville, KY & Gettysburg, PA)

Favorite club/organization: Mortar Board

Favorite Student-led event/initiative: Old Masters!

Favorite Purdue event: President's Council Annual Dinner (hosted by the University Development Office).

Favorite Social Activity: Making a new friend and immediately setting up a time to grab coffee at Greyhouse.

Favorite place to study: Greyhouse Coffee & Supply Co.

Favorite spot on campus: Hammocking by the Engineering Fountain

Favorite thing about CoA: I love its tight-knit feel and the relationships you can build with faculty and staff

Favorite thing about your major: I'm grateful for learning from brilliant professors and having the opportunity to adventure into classes from the Brian Lamb School of Communication.

Favorite class: COM 204

Favorite professor: Dr. Tucker

Cooler project: Building a brand for my family's regenerative farm



Things on your Resume not Listed Before:

I've served as Teaching Assistant for AGR 201. This year, I'm also pursuing an undergraduate honors thesis focused on food justice.

Where do you want to end up: Food Justice is extremely important to me. I want to continue research that uncovers barriers to food security and how food insecurity socioeconomically affects communities, families, and individuals. Ultimately, my goal is to restore and build equity in the U.S. food system and create a mutually beneficial system that protects farmers, farm workers, low-disposable income earners and marginalized communities.

Advice for underclassman: Define success on your own and lead a life of joy. Don't accept society's standards of success without critiquing it first and defining it for yourself.

Biggest takeaway from Purdue: Embrace adventure and love the people around you well.

