

Senior Spotlight 2021-22



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Senior BoilerMaker Reflects on Four Years at Purdue

Hometown: Ladoga, IN

Major & Concentration: Agribusiness; Concentration: Management

Minors or Certificates: Crop Science

Why did you come to Purdue: I came to Purdue because I have a passion for learning and continuously bettering myself. As a globally recognized University, Purdue has challenged me to elevate my ways of thinking and continuously provided me new opportunities to grow that I would not be able to find elsewhere.

Favorite Purdue tradition: Sledding down Slater Hill -where else can you see college students flying down a hill at top speed on air mattresses?

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

1. Spring Break Study Abroad to Costa Rica studying Agricultural, Environmental, and Community Sustainability
2. Participating in ministries at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
3. Each and every professor and advisor I've had the honor of working with

Top five memories of your time at Purdue:

1. Competing at the 2019 NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) Conference at Murray State University with the Purdue Crops Judging Team
2. Cheering on Purdue Basketball in Mackey Arena
3. Whitewater rafting in Costa Rica during a Spring Break Study Abroad
4. Watching hearts transform at Boiler Awakening Retreats
5. Grabbing late night ice cream at Silver Dipper with friends

Places you have been as a Purdue student: Costa Rica, Indianapolis, IN, Washington, D.C., Murray, KY, Crawfordsville, IN, Advance, IN

Favorite club/organization: Purdue Crops Judging Team

Favorite Student-led event/initiative: Blockbuster Weekend led by Boiler Catholic Students

Favorite Purdue event: Every Purdue vs. IU basketball game

Favorite Social Activity: Cheering on the Boilermakers at games with friends

Favorite place to study: My favorite place to study would be the reading room at the Wilmeth Active Learning Center (better known as WALC), or at Greyhouse while sipping on Peach Blossom tea.

Favorite spot on campus: The Loeb Fountain

Favorite thing about CoA: My favorite thing about the College of Agriculture is that it is made up of professors, advisors, and staff that genuinely care about you as a person and want to see you succeed.

Favorite thing about your major: My favorite thing about my major is that it equips me for success in so many fields, giving me a solid background of the business world and how to manage organizations. Additionally, I switched into Agribusiness Management my junior year, and love how supportive and welcoming the Ag Econ department at Purdue is.

Favorite class: AGECE 330 - I bought my first stock in this class!



Favorite professor: Dr. Lee Schweitzer

Coollest project: The coolest project that I have worked on was through my summer internship as the Montgomery County 4-H Summer Assistant. In the summer of 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible to host an in-person Mini 4-H Camp, I was tasked with creating an online Mini 4-H Camp for members to participate in. Numerous Montgomery County Mini 4-Hers utilized this site, and the theme was centered around the three mission areas of 4-H: Citizenship, Healthy Living, and Science.

Three biggest accomplishments:

1. Continuously earning a spot on the Dean's List with Semester Honors each semester
2. Graduating on time after switching my major twice (formerly in the Agronomy and Agricultural Education Departments)
3. Finding a field I love while interning as a 4-H Summer Assistant

Things on your resume not listed above:

A great deal of my personal growth during college has occurred through getting involved in Boiler Catholic Students, where I served on the Ministry Leadership Team for Boiler Catholic Women and played a hand in leading numerous faith-focused retreats.

Accepted employment? Formal employment immediately following graduation is not anticipated at this time. I plan to pursue a Master's Degree in Agricultural Sciences Education & Communication with the hope of one day working as a 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator.

