

Senior Spotlight 2021-22



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Enjoyed the opportunities at Purdue through industry and campus involvement. Boiler up!

Hometown: Holton, IN

Major & Concentration: Agribusiness Management

Minors or Certificates: Crop Science Minor and Certificate of Entrepreneurship

Why did you come to Purdue: I loved the feeling of Purdue's campus and the degrees the college of ag offered.

Favorite Purdue tradition: Not walking under the bell tower.

Top three influences at Purdue:

1. Lee Schweitzer
2. Alan Gray
3. Andy Oppy

Top five memories of your time at Purdue:

1. Sledding on Slater Hill
2. Planning the Horticulture Societies first online plant sale
3. Intermural Sports- Water polo and indoor soccer
4. Purdue basketball games
5. Meeting new people and making friends

Places you have been as a Purdue student: Louisville, KY & Gettysburg, PA

Favorite club/organization: Horticulture Society



Favorite Student-led event/initiative: Spring Fest

Favorite Purdue event: Basketball games

Favorite Social Activity: Hanging out with friends throughout campus.

Favorite place to study: Crop Resource Room in Lilly or the Union

Favorite spot on campus: The Horticulture garden

Favorite thing about CoA: The variety of events, clubs, and organizations the College of Ag offers to show how broad the agriculture industry is.

Favorite thing about your major: The diversity of the skills you learn and how you can apply them to future career aspirations

Favorite class: HORT 270 floral arrangement & AGECE 430

Favorite professor: Dr. Lee Schweitzer and Alan Gray



Cooler project: HORT 491 (Bedding Production) growing plants for the Spring Fest sale from cuttings until market ready

Three biggest accomplishments:

1. Farm Credit Mid-America Scholar
2. Being an officer in the Agribusiness Club and Horticulture Society
3. Teaching Assistant for the Crop Resource Room



Things on your resume not listed above: Internships: Laughery Valley Ag, LG Seeds Sales and Agronomy, and ADM Grain Origination
Background: Live on a grain and cattle family farm

Where do you want to end up: I would like to end up close to home and continue to help on our family farm

Advice for underclassman: Don't ever assume 4 years is a long time! I know many say this, but get involved in the many activities that the college of ag offers and Purdue as a whole.

Biggest takeaway from Purdue: I'm so thankful for the many opportunities that Purdue has given me. Throughout my college experience I have met many new faces and made new friends, have had exceptional industry experience through my summer internships, and learned from some of the best in the agriculture community.

