

Senior Spotlight 2021-22



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Small town Boilermaker reflects on endless opportunities and connections he found in his time at Purdue

Hometown: Lynn, Indiana

Major & Concentration: Agricultural Economics, Commodity Marketing Concentration

Minors or Certificates: Crop Science Minor

Why did you come to Purdue: I chose to follow my oldest sister's footsteps and pursue my goal of being a Boilermaker. The College of Agriculture at Purdue had exactly what I was looking for in gaining experience and higher education. I've always been inspired by the connections and interactions between the student body and faculty in the College of Ag. Coming from a small town, farming community- it was important to me to be able to cultivate those same relationships with others.

Favorite Purdue tradition: The Grand Prix Race Week.

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

1. The amazing alumni base we have at Purdue.
2. The brothers of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.
3. My friends in the Alpha Fellowship Bible study group.

Top five memories of your time at Purdue:

1. Sledding down Slayter Hill during some big snows
2. Being able to watch the Boilers play in the Sweet 16 and Elite 8 in Louisville.
3. Beating Ohio State freshman year (49-20 in case you forgot).
4. Competing in the 2021 CrossFit Quarterfinals.
5. Delta the Golden Retriever

Places you have been as a Purdue student: I took an internship in Iowa and COVID took me home to work remotely. I've traveled to Maryland, Iowa, Kentucky, and Missouri for conferences and leadership development. I will be traveling to Merida, Mexico this coming January for a mission trip.



Favorite club/organization: The Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Favorite Student-led event/initiative: Moonlight Pancakes

Favorite Purdue event: Grand Prix Cart Race

Favorite Social Activity: Ice Cream Social

Favorite place to study: Harry's Chocolate Shop of Course!

Favorite spot on campus: Chick-Fil-A, not even a question.



Favorite thing about CoA: The connections, hands down. The College of Ag is a family, with resources for anything or any passion you might have- and if a club or organization isn't there right now, the resources are there to put it together.

Favorite thing about your major: Being able to have a whole community of highly motivated peers to interact with is what makes this major great, to me.

Favorite class: AGEC 321 and 421 were my favorites

Favorite professor: Dr. Larry DeBoer

Coolest project: My current research project, testing disequilibrium in futures markets

Three biggest accomplishments:

1. Growing my leadership skills.
2. Earning high grades throughout my career.
3. Each of my jobs and internships I was able to work in my career at Purdue.

Things on your resume not listed above: I earned my Series 3 commodity futures broker license. I served two terms as a chapter officer for Alpha Gamma Rho.

