

Senior Spotlight 2021-22



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First generation college student makes memories at Purdue that will last a lifetime

Hometown: South Bend, Indiana

Major & Concentration: Farm Management and Agronomy (Crop and Soil Management)

Why did you come to Purdue: I chose Purdue because I wanted to expand my knowledge in agriculture while still being close to the family farm.

Favorite Purdue tradition: Purdue Spring Fest

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

1. Classmates that have turned into best friends
2. Student Organizations
3. Internships gained through College of Ag Career Fair and networking

Top five memories of your time at Purdue:

1. IU vs. Purdue Football and Basketball Games
2. Beating The Ohio State in football
3. Getting ice cream from Dr. Lee Schweitzer in the CRC
4. Purdue Crops Judging Contests
5. Traveling to San Antonio for the SASES Undergrad Meeting

Places you have been as a Purdue student:

- I had the opportunity to participate in 3 summer internships while at Purdue. I've worked at Co-Alliance as a seed corn field scout, Ceres Solutions as a Crop Health Technician, and Helena Agri-Enterprises as an Agronomy Sales & Marketing wholesale intern.
- I was able to attend the AFA Conference in Kansas City, MO, NACTA Crops Judging Contest at Murray State, SASES Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.
- Mission trip to Guatemala through a Purdue Christian ministry.

Favorite club/organization: Purdue Agronomy Club

Favorite Student-led event/initiative: Purdue Ag Week

Favorite Purdue event: Purdue Basketball Games

Favorite place to study: Crop Resource Room - found on the second floor of Lilly Hall

Favorite spot on campus: Horticulture Garden

Favorite thing about CoA: The faculty. They are always willing to help you succeed.

Favorite thing about your major: I enjoy the flexibility I have with Farm Management. I am able to select classes within the department and college that I find most interesting rather than given a set list of classes.

Favorite class: AGEC 411 - Farm Management

Favorite professor: Dr. Corey Gerber

Coolest project: AGEC 411 - Farm Simulation

Three biggest accomplishments:

1. Several scholarships through the College of Ag
2. Dean's List
3. Able to double major and graduate in 4 years



Things on your resume not listed above: Leadership: Agronomy Club President, Agronomy Ambassador, SASES National Recording Secretary

Where do you want to end up: I hope to become an agronomy salesman for a chemical or seed company. I enjoy working closely with growers and helping them achieve their greatest yield potential.

Advice for underclassman: Get involved early on. Attend as many callout meetings as you can in August and narrow down what club(s) you are most interested in.

Biggest takeaway from Purdue: It's okay to step out of your comfort zone, don't compare yourself to your peers, and the more effort you put into your time at Purdue, the more takeaways you will gain.

