

Senior Spotlight 2021-22



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New York Native
Pursues Degree in
Agribusiness

Hometown: Mooers, NY

Major & Concentration: Agribusiness with a concentration in Agribusiness Sales and Marketing

Minors or Certificates: Animal Science and Farm Management

Why did you come to Purdue: I really wanted to experience agriculture on a bigger scale and had an appreciation for Purdue's Agribusiness program.

Favorite Purdue tradition: World's Biggest Drum

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

1. Steve Hendress
2. Scott Downey
3. Jackie Boreman

Top five memories of your time at Purdue:

1. Beating Ohio State and rushing the field
2. High team in oral reasons at the Fort Worth Stock show while on the dairy judging team
3. Pledging sigma alpha
4. Sledding down Slayter hill
5. Getting cows ready for the dairy club judging invitational Cooperative Council, and TA for AGEC 331

Places you have been as a Purdue student:

- With Dairy Club- North Dakota, Iowa
- With the Dairy Judging team- Maryland, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Texas, Kentucky
- With my internship at Semex- Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado, California, Washington

Favorite club/organization: Dairy Club

Favorite Student-led event/initiative: Grand Prix

Favorite Purdue event: Football

Favorite Social Activity: Going to

Favorite place to study: Creighton

Favorite spot on campus: The Dairy barn

Favorite thing about CoA: The passionate professors and advisors

Favorite thing about your major: The ability to focus on the niches that interest you as well as the network you build

Favorite class: AGEC 331 with Dr. Downey

Favorite professor: Steve Hendress



Cooler project: Blood sampling hypocalcemic cows for the vet school and the sales project for AGEC 331

Three biggest accomplishments:

1. 1st vice president of ADSA Midwest
2. 1st US Sales Intern for Semex USA
3. National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest Winner

Things on your resume not listed above:

I have had the opportunity to be apart of a lot of really cool research projects and that has helped bridge the gap between my econ major and my interests in animal sciences

Where do you want to end up: Working in the dairy industry

Advice for underclassman: Do the things that interest you not just what your friends are doing and try new things even if it scares you

Biggest takeaway from Purdue: Learning to be open to new ideas and learn to appreciate the knowledge that others have

