

# Senior Spotlight 2021-22



## LARISSA JOHNSON

Cherished her time at Purdue and thankful for the opportunities provided

**Hometown:** Lagro, IN

**Major & Concentration:** Agribusiness Management

**Minors or Certificates:** Crop Science

**Why did you come to Purdue:** I knew that I wanted to get a degree in agriculture, and with Purdue (one of the top Colleges of Agriculture) being in my backyard, I knew I had to come here. I could not imagine being anywhere else but Purdue!

**Favorite Purdue tradition:** Den Pops!

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

1. AGEC Department
2. Friendships created at Purdue
3. Team members in my organizations

**Top five memories of your time at Purdue:**

1. Beating #2 Ohio State during my freshman year and storming the field
2. Sledding down Slader Hill in my laundry basket -or whatever we could find
3. Going to sporting events with my friends
4. Euchre nights!
5. Study sessions in the Beck's Room and Ag Administration

**Places you have been as a Purdue student:** My internships have allowed me to stay within Indiana and travel throughout this great state.

**Favorite club/organization:** Ag Week Task Force



**Favorite Student-led event/initiative:** Ag Week

**Favorite Purdue event:** Grand Prix

**Favorite Social Activity:** Ice Cream Social

**Favorite place to study:** Ag Administration Building

**Favorite spot on campus:** Loeb Fountain

**Favorite thing about CoA:** The College of Agriculture is extremely tight knit –everyone is friendly, and it truly feels like a family.

**Favorite thing about your major:** Versatility. Majoring within the Ag Econ Department allows you to take classes in a wide variety of subjects, but in the end this major will allow you to obtain a career in virtually any sector of the ag industry or even outside of agriculture. Not to mention, the Ag Econ advisors and professors are top notch and are dedicated to the students they work with.

**Favorite class:** AGRY 255

**Favorite professor:** Dr. Schweitzer



**Cooler project:** While taking AGEC 296, our final project was to have a phone call with an industry professional to gain more insight on their business and then create a presentation. It was so fun to be able to learn more about a company I was extremely interested in, but most of all, I enjoyed the conversation I had with the General Manager of such areputable brand.

**Three biggest accomplishments:**

1. AGEC 331 Teaching Assistant for Dr. Downey & AGEC 296 Teaching Assistant for Ryan Musselman
2. Recruitment Co-Chair for Ag Week Task Force
3. Agricultural Economics Envoy

**Things on your resume not listed above:** BASF – Sales and Marketing Intern, Nutrien Ag Solutions – Agronomy Sales Intern, Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority – past Director of Community Service

**Where do you want to end up:** My goal is to obtain a career as a salesperson to continue to impact agriculture in the U.S.

**Accepted Employment:** I accepted a full-time position with BASF Agricultural Solutions and will be joining their Professional Development Program.

**Advice for underclassman:** Do not be afraid to get involved or take any opportunity that comes your way. Being active on campus is one of the best decisions you can make as a Purdue student to develop lifelong friendships.

**Biggest takeaway from Purdue:** Purdue as a whole is just one big family. Almost anywhere you go, you could run into a Purdue Alum. There are Boilermakers everywhere and you will be connected to people you could never imagine.

