

Senior Spotlight 2021-22



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Purdue's unique academic and extracurricular opportunities allow senior to apply skills to future career and opportunities

Hometown: Michigan City, IN

Major & Concentration: Agribusiness Management

Minors or Certificates: Global Food and Agriculture Systems

Why did you come to Purdue: I wasn't completely sold that my chosen major was what I wanted to do. Purdue offered me exemplary academics in every field I was interested in, which no other college in-state had!

Favorite Purdue tradition: Sledding on Slayter Hill

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

1. Incredible Friends and New Experiences
2. Sigma Alpha Sorority and Ag Council (Student Orgs.)
3. Switching Colleges from Health and Human Sciences to the College of Ag

Top five memories of your time at Purdue:

1. Sigma Alpha Bid Day and Big Little Reveal
2. Getting the call about my ALDI Internship Offer
3. Meeting my best friends
4. Fountain Run during BGR
5. Freshman nights in Harrison watching ANTM with my roommate

Places you have been as a Purdue student:

Across Northern Indiana and Illinois (Internships)

Favorite club/organization: Sigma Alpha

Favorite Student-led event/initiative: Moonlight Pancake Breakfast

Favorite Purdue event: Anything against IU!

Favorite Social Activity: Getting Den Pops!

Favorite place to study: 3rd Floor of WALC

Favorite spot on campus: Early Morning Sunrise over the buildings before 7:30 lectures

Favorite thing about CoA: I love the mutual respect of all CoA students even with the huge diversity in majors. It is amazing to see how each of our industries work together and are connected!

Favorite thing about your major: The advising team and faculty are amazing! They genuinely care about your interests and always make the effort to direct you on the path of success.

Favorite class: AGEC 217

Favorite professor: Dr. Larry DeBoer

Coollest project: AGEC 424 Company Financial Analysis: Very useful skills when making investment decisions!



Three biggest accomplishments:

1. Accepting an Internship with ALDI and getting offered the District Management Role post-graduation!
2. Graduating in 3 years, even with a pandemic
3. Maintaining Deans List, Semester Honors, and a love for what I am learning all 3 years

Things on your Resume not Listed Above:

- Ag Econ Envoy
- Internship with College Works Painting
- Vice-President of Recruitment of Sigma Alpha
- Treasurer of Ag Council
- ALDI Ambassador

Where do you want to end up: I would like to be in a career I love in a place where I can spend lots of time with my friends and family.

Advice for underclassman: Be prepared for the unexpected. Having a positive and go with the flow attitude during your time at Purdue will result in less stress, and better experiences! There is always a positive in every situation :).

Biggest takeaway from Purdue: I learned to let my interests and passions guide me! I wasn't in the College of Ag when I came to Purdue but am thrilled to be now and couldn't imagine it any other way.

