

# Senior Spotlight 2021-22



## Owen Coon

Shows that  
restrictions on school  
don't have to limit  
you!

**Hometown:** Wingate, In

**Major & Concentration:** Agricultural Economics, Concentration: Applied  
Agricultural Economics

**Minors or Certificates:** Farm Management & Food and Agribusiness Management

**Why did you come to Purdue:** I transferred to Purdue after getting my associates at Northeastern Oklahoma because of its rigor and prestige.

**Favorite Purdue tradition:** Hard to say with Covid, but probably meeting friends at Harry's.

**Top three influences at Purdue:**

1. Matt Claeys
2. A Close Friend Group
3. LeeAnn Williams

**Places you have been as a Purdue student:**

1. Livestock Judging trip to Oklahoma City
2. Interning with AgReliant
3. Farm Bureau Discussion Meet (virtual)
4. (I've been limited by Covid after transferring as a Junior)

**Favorite club/organization:** Livestock Judging Team



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

**Favorite Purdue event:** Basketball Games

**Favorite Social Activity:** Cooking big dinners for my friends

**Favorite place to study:** My apartment

**Favorite spot on campus:** Creighton Hall

**Favorite thing about CoA:** It doesn't matter what class I'm in at the time, I always know someone and everyone is willing to help.

**Favorite thing about your major:** It is extremely versatile and opens a plethora of doors.

**Favorite class:** AGEC 310

**Favorite professor:** Dr. Widmar



**Cooler project:** The Sales Project in AGEC 331

**Three biggest accomplishments:**

1. Being given the opportunity to do undergraduate research
2. Having great internships every summer!
3. Transitioning into Purdue smoothly after junior college

**Things on your resume not listed above:**

AGEC 331 TA, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (NEO) Distinguished Graduate, Volunteer Firefighter

**Where do you want to end up:** Either around home or back in Oklahoma

**Advice for underclassman:** Have fun, make friends, get involved, all while taking class serious. If you take your classes serious early on, your last few years will be much easier.

**Biggest takeaway from Purdue:** We cannot control the world around us. I transferred into Purdue after receiving my associates in Oklahoma and began my time as a Boilermaker amidst Covid-19. It has been extremely hard to get involved amongst a partial shut down. Our travel got canceled, meetings were held over Zoom, and we could only see people from their mask up. That being said, there is a way to make the best out of a bad situation. I've made a ton of friends and done well in classes, and this opportunity shows that hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

