

## NSDOAF Congratulates Seven Fall 2021 Scholarship Recipients

Josie Beach



Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, with a Concentration in Land Management at Purdue University, Ms. Beach currently works in the Purdue Botany and Plant Pathology Department while maintaining a 3.75 grade point average. Her dream job is to work for the Natural Resource Conservation Service as a soil technician and simultaneously promote the protection of the environment and enhance agricultural output.

Audrey Beakley



Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Plant and Soil Science, with a Concentration in Crop Science at Texas Tech University, Ms. Beakley's father is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmer. Ms. Beakley is employed at Bayer Crop Science and maintains a 3.63 grade point average. A goal for her future is to aid farmers in selecting breeding lines of crops that produce the highest yields on lands they cultivate.

Trista Gerner



Currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering from Texas A & M University, Ms. Gerner holds a 3.897 undergraduate grade point average and descends from several generations of farmers and ranchers. Ms. Gerner has designed buildings for large livestock, and for processing and production of cattle, and last year took part in designing a system to replace the failing energy infrastructure of rural west Texas.

Kayley McCalmont



Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in Livestock Production at Abilene Christian University, Ms. McCalmont is employed at the Abilene Christian University Rhoden Farm working with livestock and maintains a 3.92 grade point average. Her passion is ranch management and Ms. McCalmont's goal is to bring awareness to the importance of ranchers in the economy. As a future rancher she will conduct research to improve her facilities and operations and educate those around her.

Jillian Pfeuffer



While working alongside her family running a six-generation cow-calf operation, Ms. Pfeuffer currently pursues a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University in Animal Science with a minor in Business. Ms. Pfeuffer will remain a part of the industry for life with a goal of producing nutritious and sustainable beef for America. Following completion of this degree Ms. Pfeuffer plans to continue her education toward a Juris Doctorate to give voice to farmers and ranchers.

CJ (Christian) Stephens



With a 3.6 grade point average at Texas Tech University, Mr. Stephens is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant and Soil Science and while at Texas Tech has assisted faculty research through calibration of a GPS precision planter. Mr. Stephens has future plans for the completion of a Ph.D. in Crop Physiology and, as a plant geneticist will work toward the development and cultivation of genetically modified plants to make crop more sustainable in areas of the world where they are less likely to produce higher yields.

Erica Webb



Following completion last year of a Master of Science degree from North Carolina State in Animal Science, Ms. Webb is currently pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia. In addition to running a 120 head Black Angus cattle operation, for the past four years Ms. Webb has worked as a poultry scientist researching vaccine candidates to better serve the poultry industry. Ms. Webb hopes to drive innovative research to support local producers and educate farmers of new healthcare practices while endorsing exceptional welfare and preventing outbreaks of dangerous zoonotic diseases.