

Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipients



The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients. Due to the generosity of the Twomey Family Foundation, memorials in honor of loved ones, support from our members and area businesses, and fundraising efforts, the Foundation is able to assist thirteen applicants this year furthering their education in agriculture. Each of this year's recipients will receive a total of \$2,000 for the 2021-22 academic year.

This year's recipients are: Nicholas Brokaw, Max Carnes, Spencer Jack, Owen Jenks, Levi Meadows, William Ornduff, Emma Parkins, Raven Plate, Ashlyn Quinn, Blake Ryner, Alyssa Shea, Courtney Torrance, and Evan Wynne. The following is a little bit of information about each of the recipients based on the information submitted with their applications.



Nicholas Brokaw is attending Western Illinois University majoring in Agriculture Business with a minor in Precision Agriculture and Agronomy. While at WIU, Nicholas has become a member of Collegiate Farm Bureau, Ag Mech Club, Collegiate FFA, Agronomy Club, the Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity, as well as WIU Ag Council. Hobbies that Nicholas enjoys are working on his family farm, lifting weights, and watching and playing football. Nicholas' future career goal is to end up back on the family farm. Nicholas is the son of Richard and Wendy Brokaw of Media.



Max Carnes graduated from West Central High School in the spring and plans to attend Black Hawk College in the fall to major in Agriculture Production. While at West Central High School, Max was involved in many activities including football, basketball, FFA, 4-H, and National Honor Society. Max enjoys football, fishing, livestock judging, and also owns 40 head of cows. In the future Max hopes to help improve their farming operation to make it more efficient. Max is the son of Jason and Stephanie Carnes of Biggsville.



Spencer Jack graduated from West Central High School in the spring and plans to attend Black Hawk College in the fall to major in Agriculture Production. Spencer was involved in various activities while at West Central including football and FFA, where he held several officer positions. In his spare time, Spencer enjoys fishing, working on his truck, shooting, as well as showing pigs. Future goals for Spencer include maintaining involvement in swine production. Spencer is the son of David Jack & Amanda Jack of Stronghurst.



Owen Jenks attends Iowa State University, majoring in Agricultural Studies. While attending Iowa State, Owen has been involved in several organizations, including the FarmHouse Fraternity, Farm Operations Club, as well as AMMO Club. Hobbies of Owen's include hunting, fishing, farming, and agricultural drones. Goals for Owen are to join his family farming operation and continue pursuing his interest of drones. Owen is the son of Andy and Jackie Jenks of Monmouth.



Levi Meadows attends Black Hawk College and is majoring in Ag Transfer. While at Black Hawk, Levi has been involved with the Black Hawk East Collegiate Judging Team. Levi enjoys hunting, fishing, showing cows, fitting cows, and livestock judging in his spare time. Levi's future plans include transferring to a four-year college to continue his education studying animal nutrition. He hopes to work in the livestock industry when finished with his education. Levi is the son of Doug and Linnea Meadows of Abingdon.



William Ornduff attended Carl Sandburg College this past year and plans to transfer to Truman State University in the fall. William plans to major in Accounting and minor in Ag Business. William was on the Dean's list at Carl Sandburg College as well as being a member of the golf team. William enjoys woodworking, golf, agriculture, and cooking during his free time. Future plans for William include assisting farmers with their monthly reports and even working with those beginning their farming journeys. William's passion is working with numbers, accounting methods, and agriculture. William is the son of Rod and Deb Melton of Cameron.



Emma Parkins attends Iowa State University, majoring in Agriculture Life Sciences and Education Communications with a minor in Event Management. While at Iowa State, Emma has been involved in the Sigma Alpha Delta Chapter, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, and is a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassador. Hobbies of Emma's include traveling, spending time at coffee shops, cooking, and visiting National Parks. Emma's future goals include working for an agricultural company, small or large, to coordinate events and manage their social media platforms. Emma is the daughter of Brian and Jenna Parkins of Monmouth.



Raven Plate graduated from West Central High School in the spring and plans to attend Western Illinois University this fall to major in Agribusiness and minor in Agronomy. While at West Central, Raven was very involved in FFA, having attended many competitions and holding several different officer positions. With spare time, Raven enjoys the areas of mechanics and antique tractors. In the future, Raven hopes to be involved in crop production or agronomy. Raven is the son of Richard and Tiffany Plate of Stronghurst.



Ashlyn Quinn is attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in Natural Resources Environmental Sciences and Statistics. While at the U of I, Ashlyn has been involved in the Illini Swim Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and the 4-H House Cooperative Sorority. In her spare time, Ashlyn enjoys dancing, swimming, and archery. Ashlyn's future plans include pursuing a graduate degree in soil science and combining her majors and working for a company with a team of agriculturalists, scientists, agricultural engineers, and others. Ashlyn is the daughter of Ken and Amy Quinn of Monmouth.



Blake Ryner is attending Western Illinois University majoring in Ag Science. Blake's hobbies include deer hunting, riding side by sides, and farming. Goals for Blake include returning to the family farm and helping with the day-to-day operations, just as other family members have done for the last 180 years. Blake is the son of Jeffrey and Christi Ryner of Alexis.



Alyssa Shea is attending Western Illinois University majoring in Agriculture Science with a minor in Agronomy. Alyssa spends her free time running her nutrition club, attending CrossFit classes, and reading. Alyssa's areas of interest within agriculture are crop and soil science. Future goals include obtaining a career in agriculture that deals mostly with soil research. Alyssa is the daughter of Shawn and Roxann Shea of Gerlaw.



Courtney Torrance is attending Black Hawk College majoring in Associate of Science. While at Black Hawk, Courtney is a member of the Western Showmanship Horse Riding Group. In her spare time, Courtney enjoys reading, playing with her dog, and planting flowers. Courtney's future plans include transferring to a larger university to finish up her education after Black Hawk College and then enrolling in veterinary school. Courtney is the daughter of Mark and Leanne Torrance of Biggsville.



Evan Wynne is attending Oklahoma State University majoring in Animal Science. While at OSU, Evan is involved in OSU Swine Club, Cowboy Cousins, as well as President's Leadership Council. With free time, Evan enjoys traveling, meeting new people, working with livestock, as well as spending time with family and friends. Evan's future plans include possibly working for an animal pharmaceutical company, concentrating on the nutrients of swine feed. His goal is to have a farm where he can raise his own show hogs. Evan is the son of John and Michelle Wynne of Alexis.

This year Raven Plate received the \$250 Leo & Carol Mahoney Memorial Scholarship; Max Carnes received the \$250 Duane Jensen Memorial Scholarship; William Ornduff received the \$250 Lloyd & Pauline Winbigler Memorial Scholarship and Spencer Jack received the \$250 Clarence "Tom" & Marjorie Long Memorial Scholarship. We thank these families for honoring the memory of their loved ones in a manner that helps encourage so many young people wishing to further their education in agriculture.

The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® and the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Foundation® wish these students the very best in their academic studies and future careers.