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**Report to
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2016 Scholarship Winners

Five Bureau County students received financial assistance from the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation to help cover costs associated with continuing their education. For the past twenty-one years, the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation has made a financial commitment to assisting individuals interested in pursuing a career in agriculture.

To date, over \$70,000 has been provided in scholarships to students who are Bureau County Farm Bureau members or their dependents. The Foundation funding is supported by private contributions, including those by you!



McKenzie Cain, daughter of Tom Cain and Sarah Home, is a recent graduate of Princeton High School. This fall she is attending IVCC before transferring to Western Illinois to pursue a degree in Plant Science.

Kaitlyn Hildebrand, daughter of Kevin and Susan Hildebrand, recently graduated from LaMoille Community High School. This fall she is attending Illinois Central College and will major in Ag Business.



Kalie Rumbold, the daughter of Myron and Lori Rumbold, is currently in her sophomore year at Black Hawk East. She plans to further her education at Kansas State University majoring in Ag Business

Malena Wheeler, daughter of Robert and Nicole Wheeler, is currently attending the University of Wisconsin in Platteville double majoring in Agribusiness and Soil and Crop Sciences. Malena is also the 2016 Bureau County Farm Bureau summer intern recipient.



Nicole Yaklich, daughter of Gary and Julia Yaklich has completed her junior year at the University of Illinois. Her major area of study is Human Development and Family Studies in the College of ACES with a minor in Leadership Studies.

All of these students were extremely active in extracurricular activities with strong backgrounds in FFA, 4-H as well as Church and other school programs. Congratulations go out to these five well deserving students.

2015 Fall High School Intern



Hi, I am McKenzie Cain and last fall I worked as an intern, job shadowing Jill Frueh the Farm Bureau's Manager and Gracelynn Dale the Ag Literacy Coordinator. During my internship, I was a senior at Princeton High School where I served as my FFA chapter's Vice President for the past two years.

As an intern at the Farm Bureau, I assisted Jill Frueh with member relations and consumer education tasks and when possible I assisted Gracelynn Dale in the schools during Ag in The Classroom Lessons and Activities.

It was an honor to intern at the Farm Bureau as this experience has strengthened my love for agriculture and assured me I truly do want to pursue my future career in this field.

New Ag Literacy Coordinator

Hi! My name is Janell Happ, and I am the new Ag Literacy Coordinator for Bureau County. I attended Illinois State University, graduating with a B.S. in Agronomy Industry Management. My husband and I live in rural Mendota, where we raise crops and purebred Hereford beef cattle.



Over the course of the school year, I will be visiting classrooms throughout the county, educating students on many diverse topics in agriculture including apples, soybeans, pork, pumpkins, and more. I look forward to working with teachers and educating them on the many Ag Ed resources the Farm Bureau has to offer.

Ag Breakfast Placemat Winners



Congratulations to our winners of the 2nd Annual Placemat Design Contest for the National Ag Week's Salute to Ag Breakfast!

3rd grade students from around the county were asked to create placemats following the theme "I Can't Go A Day Without Agriculture". Students were encouraged to think of ways agriculture impacts their daily lives, whether that be through the food they eat, clothes they wear, or even the games they play!

This year we had 178 entries. Each of the winners, their parents and their teacher were invited to be recognized at the Breakfast, held at Wise Guys in Princeton on the morning of March 16.

Winners were Camryn Heiden from Mrs. Patyk's Class at JFK Spring Valley for Closest to the Theme and Emilee Merkel from Mrs. Thompson's class at Lincoln Elementary in Princeton for Best of Show.

Bureau County 4th Grade Ag Fair

The 22nd annual 4th grade Ag Fair was held on March 17th at Fairgrounds. This year the Ag Fair was attended by more than 400 students and approximately 30 adults and teachers. The classes were divided between morning and afternoon sessions. The students visited 14 different sessions where they had a 9 minute lesson on agriculture.

A big thank you goes out to all of our 75 volunteers who helped make this year's Ag Fair a great success. These volunteers helped set up and tear down for the event, guide classrooms, present information, serve lunch and so much more. Also thank you to TSC for the use of the Large Animal gates for the day, the Bureau County Courthouse for shredded paper for the animal bedding and the Bureau County Fair Grounds for the use of the buildings!

2016 Summer Intern



Hello! My name is Malena Wheeler and I was the 2016 Summer Intern.

I took on this wonderful opportunity with the Farm Bureau because I have always been interested in spreading knowledge of agriculture, and to speak with those who don't know much about it.

During my internship, I helped with the planning of the Golf Outing, and also the Tractor Trek. I also helped with events for the County Fair and the 4-H Fair throughout the summer.

I also had a few of my own projects. This summer, I presented programs to children in libraries. I also began the "Farmer Friday" on Facebook. Here I interviewed Farm Bureau members to spotlight them in a little article. These articles and a few photos were posted on the BCFB Facebook page each Friday.

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Ag in the Classroom in Review

2015-2016

- The Bureau County Agricultural Literacy Program reached 20 public school buildings in Bureau County during the school year.
- Over 2,300 students in Bureau County received some form of agricultural education through Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) materials.
- 174 teachers in Bureau County Public Schools are using our Ag in the Classroom (AITC) material in their classrooms.
- At least 400 students saw a farm first hand by attending farm visits in the fall and the spring.
- Nearly 100 students learned the importance of pollinators at 5th Grade Conservation Day
- 578 members of our community were reached.

Ag Education in the Community

2015-2016

- "Who Grew My Soup" was the theme for this year's summer reading program. Children made gardens in a glove and participated in a food discovery game.
- Thousands of young families participated in Farmer for a Day at the County Fair where they milked a cow, picked apples, collected eggs from a chicken and more!
- 4-H Cloverbuds in Princeton, members 5-7, completed various activities during monthly meetings.

Foundation Tractor Trek Fundraiser



The fifth annual Bureau County Tractor Trek was held Saturday, June 25th in eastern and southern Bureau County. It was our honor to host such a wonderful event for 58 tractor enthusiasts from all over Illinois. With the help of these participants we were able to raise \$2,439 for the Ag in the Classroom program in Bureau County. Thank you to the sponsors and the supporters of this wonderful event!

Foundation Golf Outing Fundraiser



The seventh annual Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom Golf outing was on June 24th at Timber Creek Golf Course in Dixon. We are excited to announce that 20 teams participated in the annual event. Because of the outstanding support from the golfers who attended the event and the corporate sponsorships, \$6,284 was raised for Ag in the Classroom programs within the two counties. Linker Seeds was the winning team. Thank you to sponsors and supporters of the event!

Considering a Donation For 2016-2017?

Here is an example of what your donation could provide on an average year.

Your donation	Will provide....
\$10	Send a package of Ag Mags to a Bureau County Classroom
\$25	Purchase consumable supplies for a classroom mAGic Kit for a year
\$100	Replace an incubator that is used in classrooms for embryology study
\$175	Provide a donation for College Ag Recruitment day for 250 high school students
\$250	Deliver 200 ABC's of Agriculture coloring books and 200 soy crayons to local hospital emergency rooms
\$350	Distribute 17 agricultural books to local libraries
\$550	Arrange for lunches for 20 teachers during the week-long Summer Ag Institute
\$1,000	Support one scholarship for a local student pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field
\$10,000	Subsidize the salary of the Ag Literacy Coordinator Position for a year

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Thank you for your past support. We hope we can count on you for your continued contribution!