



Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION

2014 Report to Donors & Contributors

Celebrating 25 years

College Scholarships

Foundation General Scholarships

Awarded to students of KCFB members pursuing higher education for degrees and careers in agricultural fields of study. Recipients receive a minimum of \$1,000. This year 22 students received this award.



President's Scholarship

Recognizes the most outstanding local high school seniors seeking higher education in an agricultural field of study. The 2014-15 award of \$1,500 went to Allison Steininger of Sugar Grove.



Chuck Swanson

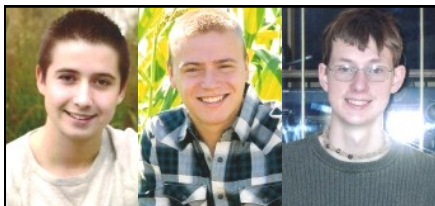
Memorial Scholarship

Susie Thompson of Maple Park was named the recipient of this award, established by the family & friends of former Farm Bureau Director and long-time volunteer, Chuck Swanson. It provides a \$1,250 award for a student residing in Kane County pursuing a degree in an ag related career field.



John Buck Memorial Scholarship

Three students, Erik Dunteman of Big Rock, Travis Hughes of Genoa, and Jonathan Mingl of Maple Park were chosen to receive this \$1,000 award offered to students in the 8 county Buck Bros./J.W. Turf service area. It was established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of Buck Bros. Inc. founder John Buck by friends & family of the late John Deere dealer.



This year the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation celebrates 25 years of promoting education, leadership development & research in agricultural fields. Established in 1989, the Foundation has accomplished many goals and been recognized for its contributions to the community. We are proud to share some of them with you here. If you are a supporter these accomplishments are yours. If not, we encourage you to join us in our ag education & community outreach efforts. Over the past quarter century, the Foundation has provided over \$330,000 in scholarships & internships. For the 2014-15 school year, more than \$30,000 has been committed to area college students pursuing careers in Illinois' largest industry, Agriculture.

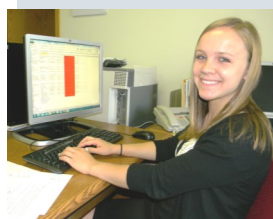
Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle



The Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser. In 2014, the raffle gave our supporters a chance at winning one of four prizes. The grand prize winner got their choice of grand prizes, a 1954 Farmall Super MTA, a John Deere riding mower or \$2,500 cash. Other prizes included food, fuel and Farm Bureau Bucks. The 2015 raffle will offer a similar line-up of prizes and a give tractor enthusiasts something to look forward to as they help provide funds for the Foundation.

Internship Programs

Internships are offered by the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation during summer, winter & mid-term breaks, to students who have completed 30 undergraduate hours. Structured to meet student needs, develop professional skills & build on their knowledge about agriculture.



Kathryn Bohmer
2014 Summer Intern

Community Service

KCFB was awarded the Service Club Philanthropic Award from the West Suburban Philanthropic Network for hunger relief efforts, including Harvest for ALL,



HARVEST FOR ALL

administered by the Foundation. WSPN honors individuals and organizations committed to philanthropy in our west suburban communities and beyond. Northern Illinois Food Bank submitted the nomination after KCFB members & supporters met their Million Meal Challenge goal in late 2013, providing more than 1.1 million meals, or 36 thousand weeks' worth of food, in cumulative hunger relief. That total continues to grow.



Our 2014 Farm Safety Community Pig Roast in June raised funds to assist in the purchase of a grain rescue tube for Fire Protection Districts in Northern Kane County.

Guests who gathered on the Farm Bureau lawn enjoyed BBQ pork, refreshments & games and the satisfaction of helping provide equipment that can mean the difference between life and death when crews respond to grain entrapment emergencies.



The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports education, leadership development, research & charitable activities for the benefit of agriculture and farm families.

SPROUTS

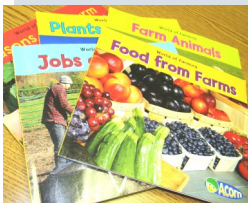


During SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers & Students), volunteers visit classrooms to read a farm-themed book,

Heartland, to third graders and explain how farmers grow the world's food, fuel & fiber. A copy of the book *Seeds, Soil, Sun* was donated to each classroom. SPROUTS is supported through a memorial fund in honor of Bob Konen, established by his family and friends.

Ag Literacy Library

The Foundation helps fund many Ag Literacy Programs. The Ag Literacy Library at the Farm Bureau has hundreds of books with



agricultural themes. Farm Bureau members check out books on topics ranging from gardening to children's stories about life on the farm. Thanks to donations and memorial contributions, the collection continues to grow.

Summer Ag Institutes

The Foundation provides support for KCFB Summer Ag Institutes & Agricultural Tours for teachers. SAI1 is a one-week graduate credit course on ag research, inputs, production, and



marketing. It provides a broad overview of Kane County farms and agribusiness. SAI2 takes teachers outside the county to explore the ag industry, focusing on themes like feeding the world and renewable energy.

Memorials & Tributes

Whether to remember a loved one, celebrate a family's agricultural heritage, or simply show support of Farm Bureau and the Foundation, **Centennial Grove**, a grove of hardwood trees on the Farm Bureau property, offers a fitting & permanent public venue. A commemorative tree



sculpture and sign were added in 2013 to be viewed by Farm Bureau visitors for generations.

Ag Days



This year our largest ag education program celebrated its 30th anniversary. More than 1,500 fourth graders and teachers from urban and suburban schools learn about farming through a series of 5-minute presentations from farmers, local businesses and agricultural groups. The program's longevity and volunteer support show its importance & explain why the Foundation provides financial support.

FFA Chapter Grants

FFA Chapter Grants recognize the contributions of Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of Foundation programs. In 2013, three Kane County Chapters capitalized on the grant, receiving a total of \$1,500 for participation in KCFB activities. Chapters are rewarded for the completion of a community service project. Grants of up to \$500 per chapter are available in 2014.



Touch-A-Tractor

This annual community service event offers the public a unique look at the machines that farmers use to grow the world's food. Activities at the 9th Annual Touch-A-Tractor at the Farm Bureau included tractors, family fun & interactive activities for the kids. The Foundation's 27 scholarship recipients were honored at a ceremony at the conclusion of the event. KCFB scholars & their parents added to the community feel by serving refreshments, with proceeds benefitting Foundation scholarships & ag literacy programming.



Touch-A-Tractor

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John Buck Memorial Golf Outing

Established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of the late John Deere dealer, the proceeds raised from this annual benefit fund John Buck Memorial Scholarships, administered by the Foundation.

Kane County Fair Country Store

The Fair provides the opportunity to raise funds and friends by the sale of farm-themed items. Buck Bros, Inc. of Hampshire cooperate in this effort, allowing the Foundation to sell farm toys & ag-themed items.

Bucket Raffles

The Foundation holds an annual Bucket Raffle at the County Fair. Local businesses donate items & gift certificates & fairgoers buy raffle tickets to place in the bucket of the prize they hope to win.



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