



**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, 14 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 2016-17 award of \$1,500 went to **Jessica Bowgren** of Maple Park.



**Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship**

**Monica Zimmerman** of Batavia 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 scholarship for a student residing in Kane County pursuing a degree in an ag related career field.



**AGCO Parts Division Scholarship** Funded by the employees of AGCO Parts Division in Batavia, provides one \$1000 award for a student from Illinois pursuing a degree in an agricultural related career field of study. This year's recipient was **Eric Dunteman** of Big Rock



**John Buck Memorial Scholarship**

**Allison Steininger** of Sugar Grove was 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.



**Mary L. Heckel Blickle Memorial Scholarship** In her memory & to support young people's agricultural aspirations, provides one \$1000 award for a student residing in Kane or Macon County, pursuing a degree in an agriculture related career field. This year's recipient was **Susie Thompson** of Maple Park



**AGCO Parts - AGCO Global Women's Network Scholarship** Funded by the employees of AGCO Parts Division in Batavia, provides one \$1000 award for a one female student from Illinois pursuing a degree in an agricultural related career field of study. This year's recipient was **Heidi Harbecke** of Sycamore



**Food for Tomorrow**

FOOD>Forward is an initiative to raise funds for classroom education about food and farming & to



provide college scholarships for local students studying for careers in agriculture. There will be 2 billion more people to feed globally by 2050. It is estimated that between 2015 and 2020, there will be appr. 57,900 annual openings for careers within agriculture. Statistics show a gap of 22,500 college grads annually for jobs in agriculture related fields. The best way to meet the global food challenge is for farming, agriculture and food policy to attract and retain the best minds. Support of FOOD>Forward funds classroom outreach, getting kids excited about the industry and teaching them how their food is raised. It also provides dozens of annual college scholarships for students in ag majors.

**Food for Today**

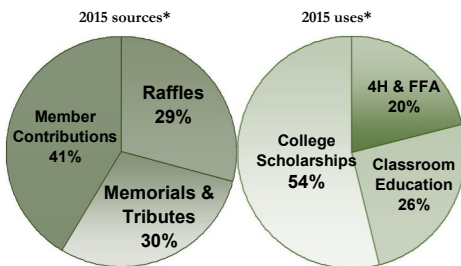


KCFB was awarded the 2014 **Service Club Philanthropic Award** from the

West Suburban Philanthropic Network for hunger relief efforts, including Harvest for ALL, administered by the Foundation. WSPN honors individuals and organizations committed to philanthropy in our west suburban communities and beyond. In total, Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation and Farm Bureau members have provided more than 1.4 million meals through the Harvest for ALL and hunger relief program.



**FOUNDATION Funding**



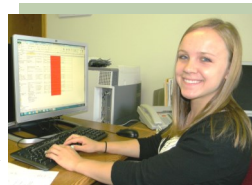
\*Excludes Harvest for ALL, where 100% of contributions are channeled directly to local food pantries, with no administrative costs.

**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.

**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.



**Raffle Fundraisers**

The **Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle** is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser. In 2017 the raffle gave our supporters a chance at winning one of three prizes. The grand prize winner could choose between a 1953 Farmall Super C, a John Deere X300 riding mower, or \$2,500 cash. Other prizes included food, fuel, and Farm Bureau Bucks. The raffle gives tractor enthusiasts something to look forward to as they help provide funds for the Foundation.



## SPROUTS

During SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers & Students), volunteers visit classrooms to read a agriculture themed book, *The Heartland*, to third graders and explain how farmers grow the world's food, fuel & fiber. A copy of the book was donated to each classroom. SPROUTS is supported through a memorial fund in honor of Bob Konen, established by his family and friends.



## 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 focuses on Agriculture and STEM, and is open to graduates of SAI1.

Possible sites include a lock and dam site, research lab, ag industries, and food bank.

## 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.

♥ **Foundation Memorials** have been established by the family and friends of several Farm Bureau Members upon the passing of a loved one. Funds may be earmarked by contributors to benefit specific Foundation programs/scholarships.



Mary L.  
Heckel-Blicke

## Scholarship Spotlight

Thanks to the support of Kane County Farm Bureau, my experience at UIUC has been outstanding. The university has truly become a home to me and has offered me many different opportunities. I am truly grateful to be involved in Sigma Alpha, Hoof 'n Horns, Pre-Veterinary Club, Phi Eta Sigma and several other organizations. It has been a great experience meeting professors and learning about all of the experiences that are ahead of me. The support and encouragement provided by KCFB has pushed me to strive for my goals and give back to the agricultural industry.



**Alexandra Ruwe**  
Scholarship Recipient 2015  
College: UIUC  
Major: Animal Sciences

## FFA Chapter Grants

FFA Chapter Grants recognize the contributions of Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of Foundation programs. In 2016, three Kane County Chapters capitalized on the grant, receiving a total of over \$1,350 for participation in KCFB activities.



## 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 12th Annual Touch-A-Tractor at the Farm Bureau included tractors, family fun, & interactive activities for the kids.



## Ag Days

This was the 33rd year for our largest ag education program. About 1000 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.



## 'FUN'draising

### ♥ 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.

### ♥ 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.



## U of I Extension Grant

An annual Foundation grant to U of I Extension, Kane County helps fund Extension's 4-H, youth education, food and nutrition programs.

## National AITC Conference

Annual participation in National AITC Conference tours, workshops, exhibits & contacts help keep local AITC materials and presentations up-to-date on the latest technology in agriculture.

## For the Future of Food

YES! I'd like to support the future of farms & food with this donation to FOOD>Forward in the amount of:

\$25  \$50  \$75  \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Other - Surprise us!)

Please make this a recurring monthly gift  
(Your credit card will be billed this amount each month)

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