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CHS Cooperative Scholarship
Ag Scholarships Awarded

MANHATTAN, Kan. – CHS Foundation Scholarships are one way the CHS regional cooperative is giving back to future agricultural leaders. Jenny Combes, Casey Crossland, Ashley Guenther, Trenton Hargrave, Anikka Martin, Dillon Stum, Aaron Sylvester and David White, were selected to be the recipients of the 2008-2009 CHS Foundation Cooperative Scholarship.

Jenny Combes of Lebo, KS, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. She is serving as an Ag Ambassador and participated on an International Agricultural Study Tour to Ireland. Jenny works in the Agriculture Student Records Office in the College of Agriculture and would like to work as a loan officer in rural Kansas upon graduation. The Combes family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Frontier Farm Credit, and Ottawa Cooperative Association.

Casey Crossland of Wakeeney, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in horticulture. He completed an internship with Signature Landscape Services and also works on the family farm. Casey has served on Collegiate FFA and National FFA and belongs to the KSU Horticulture Club. He belongs to several honoraries including Pi Alpha Xi and Alpha Zeta. Casey hopes to someday own and manage a landscaping/lawn maintenance business as well as operate a small nursery. The Crossland family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Nextech, Western Cooperative Electric Association, Mid-State Farmers Cooperative, Golden Belt Cooperative Association, Farm Credit of Ness City, Farm Credit of Central Kansas and Golden Plains Credit Union.

Ashley Guenther of Ottawa, KS, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural economics and agricultural communications & journalism with a minor in international agriculture. She serves as a College of Agriculture Ambassador and was recently selected to serve as a K-State Ambassador. She participates in Chimes Junior Leadership Honorary, Student Alumni Board and Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club. Upon graduation, Ashley hopes to work for a non-profit agency, rural development or USDA. Ashley and her family are affiliated with Frontier Farm Credit, Lyon-Coffey Rural Electric Cooperative and Ottawa Cooperative Association.

Trenton Hargrave of Randolph, KS, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. He works at Call Hall and on the family farm. He is involved in 4-H and has participated in Ag Econ/Business Club. Trenton hopes to work in the banking system and raise cattle after graduation. The Hargrave family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Bluestem Electrical Cooperative in Clay Center, KS, and Farmway Co-op in Beloit, KS.

Anikka Martin of Herndon, Kansas, is a senior at Kansas State University, majoring in agricultural economics with a minor in mass communications. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority and serves on the College of Agriculture Student Council. She also participates in the AgEcon/AgBusiness Club and in 2007 participated in the Purpan School of Agriculture Student Exchange in Toulouse, France. Anikka works as a farm

assistant for Reverse-Half-Box-K Land and Livestock. After graduation, she plans to maintain her connection to production agriculture by working as a rural development economist. Anikka and her family are affiliated with several local co-ops: Decatur Cooperative Association and Prairie Land Electric Cooperative.

Dillon Stum of Ness City, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural economics. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and served as Treasurer. He has also participated in Boy Scouts, College of Agriculture Student Council and KSU Trapshooting Club. In addition, he works on the family farm. After graduation, Dillon hopes to go to law school and then practice law and work on the family farm. The Stum family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Right Co-op Association, Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Farm Credit of Ness City and Farm Credit of Central Kansas.

Aaron Sylvester of Wamego, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. He is married and has a family. In addition to his school and family responsibilities, Aaron works on the family farm and until recently, delivered mail for the US Postal Service. He has participated on the KSU Frontier Farm Credit Student Board of Directors and served on a pastoral search committee. Upon completion of his undergraduate work, he would like to pursue a career in banking, cooperative management or as a commodities broker. Aaron and his family are affiliated with the following cooperatives: Frontier Farm Credit in Manhattan, KS, Bluestem Electrical Cooperative in Wamego, KS, Farmers Union Cooperative Business Association in St. Marys, KS, and Farmers Cooperative Association in Manhattan, KS.

David White of Wellington, KS, is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural communications and journalism and agricultural economics with a minor in agronomy. David is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and serves as a K-State student senator. In addition, he has been involved with College of Agriculture Ambassadors, College of Agriculture Student Council, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, Silver Key and National FFA. He works for the family farm and has his own 200 acre wheat and cotton operation. After graduation, David plans to work as a loan officer and eventually take over the family farming operation and crop insurance business. David and his family are affiliated with the following cooperatives: Wellington Farmers Grain Cooperative, Southern Kansas Cotton Growers Cooperative, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, and the KanOkla Telephone Association.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the students must be properly enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior during the 2008-09 academic year working towards an agricultural-related degree to pursue careers in production agriculture or agribusiness. Students can reapply annually. Preference is given to those students who have shown an interest in cooperatives through coursework, internships, international study tours, professional development, job shadowing, conferences, co-op membership and other educational experiences. Co-op membership includes being a member of a cooperative or a spouse, child or dependent of a member or being an employee of a cooperative or a spouse, child or dependent of an employee of any cooperative in the United States.

The awarding of the CHS scholarships is coordinated through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC), directed by Professor David Barton, and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. The ACCC provides research-based information, education and assistance to people with and

interested in cooperative businesses, including cooperative members, directors, managers and employees. The Center also works with students and faculty at educational institutions, the general public and public officials as well as owners, directors, managers and employees of agribusinesses.

CHS is a diversified energy, grains and foods company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives. A Fortune 500 company, CHS is owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives—from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Northwest and from the Canadian border to Texas—as well as thousands of preferred stockholders. CHS provides products and services ranging from grain marketing to food processing to meet the needs of customers around the world. It also operates petroleum refineries and pipelines, and through a broad range of working partnerships markets and distributes Cenex® brand energy products, along with agronomic inputs and feed. CHS is listed on the NASDAQ Exchange at CHSCP.

“Additional contributions by those who want to support the purposes of cooperative scholarships are welcome,” Barton said. They should be made payable to “KSU Foundation/ACCC” and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Department of Agricultural Economics, 305 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. 66506.

Further information can be obtained about this scholarship or about establishing additional scholarships by contacting David Barton at the same address or e-mailing, dbarton@ksu.edu.

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left to right: Trenton Hargrave, Aaron Sylvester, Ashley Guenther, Dillon Stum, David Barton – Professor and Director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Jenny Combes, Anikka Martin, David White, and Casey Crossland at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, November 21, 2008