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Linn County Cooperative Scholarship
Ag Scholarships Awarded

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Linn County Farmers Cooperative Association sold its assets in 1995 but that didn't stop the former members from wanting to support the educational pursuits of future agricultural leaders. The co-op donated its residual asset trust to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center to award as scholarships to K-State agricultural students who graduated from one of the three high schools in Linn County: Jayhawk Linn High School; Pleasanton High School; and Prairie View High School.

Marinda Johnson and Rebecca Guilfoyle are the 2008-09 recipients of the Linn County Cooperative Scholarship.

Marinda Johnson, Mound City, is a senior at Kansas State University, majoring in agricultural education and agricultural communications and journalism. She is a graduate of Jayhawk Linn High School. Marinda is a College of Agriculture Ambassador and president of Sigma Alpha, a professional agricultural sorority. She is also a member of the International Service Team, Collegiate Farm Bureau and National FFA. After graduation, Marinda hopes to teach agriculture and be an FFA advisor. The Johnson family is affiliated with Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative.

Rebecca Guilfoyle, Fontana, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry. She is a graduate of Prairie View High School. Rebecca lives in Alpha of Clovia, a 4-H scholarship house. She is involved in the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club, Alpha Zeta Agricultural Fraternity, Chi Alpha Christian fellowship and the College of Agriculture Student Council. Rebecca is helping to organize Ag Fest Week and serves as the assistant new member trainer at Clovia. She works as a veterinary technician part-time. Rebecca hopes to operate a purebred cattle ranch in the future or work as an extension agent. The Guilfoyle family is affiliated with Frontier Farm Credit.

“The scholarship was established to honor the memory of the Linn County Farmers Cooperative Association by providing financial assistance to Linn County high school graduates majoring in agriculture,” said David Barton, professor and director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State's College of Agriculture at the time the scholarship is received, be a graduate of a Linn County High School and be affiliated as a member or as a child or dependent of a member of a Kansas agricultural marketing, supply or service cooperative that is a member of the Kansas Cooperative Council.

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center 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.

“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: Rebecca Guilfoyle, David Barton and Marinda Johnson at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, November 21, 2008.