

2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Bryce Schnug

Bryce Schnug is the son of Jaime and Troy Schnug of Grover, and is a senior at Pawnee High School. He is a 9-year member of the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H club, taking woodworking, market goats, and shooting sports projects. In school, Bryce played football, basketball, and track and served as captain of the football and basketball teams. Further, he participated in FBLA, Knowledge Bowl and Student Council. Upon graduation, he plans to attend Northeastern Junior College in Sterling pursuing a degree in diesel technology. From there he would like to obtain a heavy equipment operating certificate. Bryce enjoyed the community service projects he did in 4-H. Every year they've planted flowers around town for everyone to enjoy and also made Easter baskets for the senior citizens. 4-H has helped him become a better leader as it showed him how hard work has its rewards. It also gave him the confidence to be able to speak to adults and learn how to meet new people. Bryce is the recipient of both the Josh Jarman memorial and the Kenneth & Clarice Benson memorial scholarships.



Amber Thormodsgard

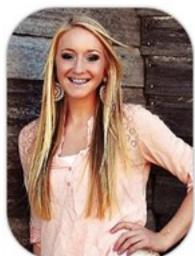
Amber is the daughter of Neil and Karen Thormodsgard of Briggsdale. She was an 11-year member of Crow Creek 4-H Club where she was involved with Market/Breeding beef, market sheep, market goats, market swine, and Citizenship Washington Focus. She is currently a sophomore at CSU working on a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. While in 4-H, Amber participated on the livestock judging team where she made numerous lifelong friends and expanded her knowledge about the industry. She values the relationships that 4-H has allowed her to create and develop over the years, as well as the citizenship and leadership skills that she gained. Amber says that some of her 4-H experiences taught her to not be afraid to step out of the box and try something new. Amber is the recipient of the Helmut Brunner Memorial Scholarship.



Kendawl Gartrell

Kendawl is the daughter of Kenny and Dawn Gartrell of Eaton. She is a 9-year member of the Westward 4-H Club and showed Dairy cattle. Kendawl also took part in the 4-H dairy cattle judging program, and earned a spot on the team that competed in the youth judging contest at the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania last year. She is a senior at Eaton High School where she participated in Basketball, FFA and the Agriculture Club. When she graduates, Kendawl plans to attend Northeastern Junior College, and later the University of Wisconsin, to study Dairy Science. 4-H has had a large impact on her life. It taught her how to be confident in everything she does. She has learned how to run a meeting, gained organization and leadership skills, and developed her public speaking abilities. Kendawl will receive one of the John Pfeiderer Memorial Scholarships.

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Ashley Petersen

Ashley is from Windsor and is the daughter of Thomas and Christine Petersen. She is a sophomore at Northeastern Junior College studying agriculture. She knows that the agriculture industry and the ranching world is where she wants to spend the rest of her life. In High School she was involved in FFA, and she is currently an active member of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Ashley was a 12-year member of the Severance 4-H Club and was involved in clothing construction, decorate your duds, breeding beef and horse projects. She notes that her project work helped her learn more about responsibility and determination, and about winning and losing. Ashley credits her family upbringing and exceptional coaching from other adults for helping her become a better citizen. Her 4-H and other life experiences have helped build her confidence and given her opportunities to help others. Ashley has been awarded a John Pfeleiderer Memorial Scholarship.



Morgan Patton

Morgan Patton is the daughter of Troy and Dawn Patton of Briggsdale. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Northern Colorado majoring in Communications, with minors in Media Studies and Journalism. Her goal is to become the first member of her immediate family to graduate from college. Morgan began her 4-H journey when her parents enrolled her as a Cloverbud. She went on to become an 11-year member of the Crow Creek 4-H Club taking a variety of projects including: Clothing Construction, Scrapbooking, Model Rocketry, Shooting Sports, and Citizenship Washington Focus to name a few. Through the various projects she took and the officer positions she held, Morgan has developed an incredible toolbox of leadership skills. Though no longer a member, Morgan is committed to "making the best better" by serving as a 4-H volunteer leader. She became a certified Junior Rifle Leader/Instructor and looks forward to working with the youth involved in the Shooting Sports project. Morgan is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Leader's Council 4-H Scholarship.



Tayler Hays

Tayler is the daughter of Michael and Michelle Hays of Eaton. She is a 10-year member of Wyatt 4-H taking many projects including Breeding/Market Sheep, Cake Decorating, Baking, and Photography. She is a senior at Eaton High School and does cross country, track and FFA. Tayler was her 4-H club's Secretary and Treasurer; and this year she is the Reporter for her FFA chapter. These leadership positions have given her the opportunity to connect with younger members and encourage their involvement. She believes a good leader is not always the one taking charge but may be one who encourages others to take charge. Tayler credits her 4-H project work, particularly the sheep project, with teaching her many important life skills. She knows the fundamentals of managing a breeding program and has learned the importance of managing money and keeping her own financial records. After high school Tayler plans to attend Dodge City Community College and study food science. She is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Leaders Council Scholarship.

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Jenna Frink

Jenna is the daughter of Mike and Amy Frink of Eaton, and was an 11-year member of Wyatt 4-H Club focusing on Market and Breeding Sheep projects. She is currently a sophomore at CSU studying for a career in food animal nutrition or meat processing. She has a strong passion for production agriculture and her long term career goal is to have a beneficial impact on the agriculture industry. In 4-H Jenna gained countless leadership and citizenship skills, as well as an understanding about the importance of giving back to her community. Over the years she was her club's President, Vice President, and Treasurer. She was a member of the state champion 4-H Livestock Judging Contest last year, and participated in the National contest in Louisville. 4-H has been an instrumental part in preparing Jenna for her future, leaving her forever grateful. Jenna is the recipient of the Gene Inloes Memorial Livestock Judging Scholarship.



Molly Cooksey

Molly is a 13-year member of the Magic Spurs 4-H club, taking breeding & market beef, market swine, home environment, food & nutrition, and decorate your duds. Other 4-H activities included Fashion Revue, Self-Development Night, and Citizenship Washington Focus. A graduate of Weld Central High School, Molly was active in FFA and the National Honor Society. Currently she is a freshman at Northeastern Junior College pursuing a career as an embryo transfer technician, with plans to continue her education at Colorado State University. She says that she has been blessed to learn lifelong lessons in her projects and to have been surrounded by very supportive people who helped her succeed. Molly has shown cattle on the local, state, and national levels. She was very humbled and thrilled when she won the Mitch Bowman award at the Weld County Fair which is an award voted on by 4-H peers given in memory of Mitch, a 4-H member who lost his life too soon. Molly is from Roggen and her parents are Jeff and Amy Cooksey. She is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Family & Consumer Science Scholarship.



Caitlyn Ochsner

Caitlyn was an 11-year member of the High Plains Ag 4-H Club. She graduated from Platte Valley High School where she was an Honor student and was active in FFA and choir. She is now a freshman at Belmont University in Tennessee pursuing a career as a Country & Gospel recording artist. She grew up on her family's registered Limousine cow/calf operation and couldn't wait for the day that she would be able to show her very first calf. She fondly remembers singing for the first time in front of an audience at the Weld County Fair's Youth Idol Contest, and her experiences in the 4-H livestock judging program. Her 4-H project work included both market and breeding beef. Caitlyn realizes that it's not the trophies and buckles that have shaped her character and strengthened her work ethic; it's the projects she's worked on. Caitlyn is the daughter of Kevin and Julie Ochsner of Kersey. She is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Agriculture Scholarship.

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Kelli Carlson

Kelli is the daughter of Ken and Jodi Carlson from Keenesburg. She was a 13-year member of Magic Spurs 4-H taking market swine, market sheep, cake decorating, and home environment projects. She is now a freshman at Northeastern Junior College studying agriculture and business in the hopes of one day owning a feedlot of her own. She is currently active in the NJC Aggies club and Farm Bureau. Since the first year in her market projects Kelli learned an enormous amount about the proper care and exercise that livestock need. She showed lambs every year but was always interested in learning about the different species of show animals. She was also fortunate to meet many lifelong friends through activities such as Citizenship Washington Focus, the Youth Hard Rock booth at the Weld County Fair, and her club's monthly meetings. According to Kelli, her 4-H journey was unforgettable and she is incredibly fortunate to have been a part of such a wonderful organization. She is the recipient of the Ben Wilson Memorial Scholarship.



Molly Adams

Molly is the daughter of Tim and Judy Adams from Ault. She is a sophomore at Northeastern Junior College where she is studying animal science and working on an associate's degree in Ag Business. She then plans to attend West Texas A & M University to pursue her bachelor's degree. Her goal after graduation is to be a nutrition consultant for livestock producers. Molly was a 10-year member of the Galeton 4-H Club. Her projects included Cake Decorating; Scrapbooking; Market Goats; and Market Swine. She remarks that her experiences learning to care for, and show her pigs taught her to be patient and keep a positive attitude, attributes that help her get through just about any situation. Molly is the recipient of the Dorothy Martin Zabka Memorial Scholarship.



Ashley Terrell

Ashley is a freshman at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, where she is studying Ag business with hopes to one day be involved in the breeding and performance horse industry. She is the daughter of Dustin and Sherry Terrell from LaSalle. Ashley was a 10-year member of the Horse Whisperers 4-H Club, taking Horse and Market Swine projects. Being involved in 4-H helped Ashley learn skills that she has been able to use in various areas. Her experience as her club's President taught her leadership, how to correctly run business meetings, respect and problem solving, and the importance of building relationships with others. 4-H has also been a great promoter of community service and Ashley has been thankful to have been involved in the variety of service projects that made a difference. Ashley is the recipient of the Norgren Family Scholarship.

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Bo Naibauer

Bo is the son of Mike and Kelli Naibauer of Eaton. He is a 10-year member of Country Boots and Skirts 4-H Club where he did Market Swine and Market Beef projects. He is a senior at Eaton High School where he is active in FFA. After graduation, Bo plans to attend Redlands Community College in Oklahoma to study animal science and agricultural business with plans to pursue a career in the livestock industry, either trading commodities, buying cattle for a major packer or working for a pharmaceutical company. Along with showing livestock through 4-H, Bo was also a member of the Weld County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. Through this experience he was able to expand his knowledge of the livestock industry and what characteristics are essential to creating a “good one”. He hopes to use his judging knowledge and experience to earn a spot on the livestock judging team at Redlands Community College. Bo is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarships.



Kayleigh Hamilton

Kayleigh is the daughter of Scott and Elizabeth Hamilton from Eaton. She is a 5-year member with the Blazing Clovers 4-H Club and was involved in Shooting Sports, Leathercraft, Breeding & Market Rabbits, and Poultry to name a few. Kayleigh is a home-school graduate planning to attend Northeastern Junior College to study Agricultural Education with hopes of one day becoming a teacher or an Extension Agent. She credits leaders, other adults, and her fellow 4-Hers for always being helpful when she didn't understand the way things worked. Their generosity, along with the responsibility and leadership skills she learned in 4-H, is what gives her the passion to pursue a career where she can one day encourage and help other kids who need something like 4-H. Kayleigh is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



Taryn Santeramo

Taryn is the daughter of Scott and Brechen Santeramo of Johnstown. She is an 11-year member of Calico 'n Jeans 4-H club and was involved in numerous projects such as Cloverbuds, Market Sheep, Artistic Clothing, and Cake Decorating. She is currently a senior at Roosevelt High School participating in band, color guard, dance club, dance team, and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Colorado State University to major in Health and Exercise Science with a long-term goal to work in the medical field as a physical therapist. Taryn's 4-H experience has allowed her to reinforce her leadership skills by being an officer in her club. She learned to apply those leadership skills while serving as Co-captain on her dance team and color guard, and being the captain in band. Taryn has worked in the leader's food booth and served as a 4-H clerk at County Fair every year since the 6th grade. She is excited about the Citizenship Washington Focus trip she will take this summer. Taryn is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

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Brianna McBride

Brianna is the daughter of Scott and Shani McBride of Severance, CO. She is a 13-year member of Severance 4-H club involved in Dairy Cattle, Scrapbooking, Vet Science, and Dog projects. In 2015, Brianna was one of four 4-H members chosen to be in the inaugural class of the Weld Agricultural Leadership and Ambassador Program. She is a senior at Windsor High School where she was involved in numerous activities such as FFA, Biology Club, Track and Field, National Honor Society, and FBLA. She has held numerous offices in 4-H and FFA. After graduation, she plans to attend Iowa State University to study Food Science which will allow her to stay connected to the agriculture industry. Brianna was part of the 4-H Dairy Judging program where she participated in national contests in Louisville, Kentucky; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and last year at Madison, Wisconsin. At Madison, Brianna was the national winner in the Holstein division. Brianna observes that every 4-H event is now labeled as “my last” and stimulates periods of reflection on all that this organization has provided to her. As she looks at the pictures in her old record books, she is reminded of the new struggles of each year as well as the unforgettable times of happiness. 4-H taught her to step outside of the boundaries, work extremely hard, serve others and...most of all, have fun. Brianna is the recipient of the Paul & Jean Hoshiko Family Memorial 4-H Scholarship.



Kolby Moore

Kolby is a senior at Platte Valley High School in Kersey where she is involved in student council, national honor society, knowledge bowl, FBLA, band, student government, volleyball and track. She is the daughter of David and Kirby Moore of Gill, and is a 9-year member of the New Horizons 4-H Club. Some of her projects included baking, clothing construction and horse. She has also served as an assistant coach for the Weld County 4-H Horse Judging program. During her project work, Kolby said she learned through her mistakes and that she could either quit or continue...and she chose to continue. The most important part of 4-H to Kolby is the service she has been involved in throughout her community. Her club would spend time on community service projects trying to make the lives of those around easier and happier. One example was sending boxes to the troops overseas, receiving thank you notes and photos in return. Once she graduates, she plans to attend Colorado State University majoring in biomedical sciences. She hopes to make connections with people in this field and procure internships and shadowing positions down the road with hopes of one day becoming a surgeon. Kolby is the recipient of the Paul & Jean Hoshiko Family Memorial 4-H Scholarship.