

# The Homefront

FALL  
2018

NEWSLETTER OF THE 4-H HOUSE COOPERATIVE SORORITY

## *4-H House Aesthetic and Physical Updates are Fantastic!*

by Christy Allen, Pledge Class of '19

There has been a steady stream of changes throughout my three years at 805 W. Ohio. Partnerships between house girls, their parents and alumnae have improved and upgraded a variety of areas of our beautiful home both inside and out. While we have come so far in the last year alone, there are still many changes we are working hard to make.

This summer, the east patio was reconfigured as a handicap accessible entrance. The transformation of making part of the front yard into a patio area was completed last summer and is a beautiful success. House girls love being able to study and socialize in the sunshine. Last summer, due to a water main break, the chapter room received some updates and reorganization. Physically the chapter room is back in functioning order, but we plan to add some cosmetic improvements to it soon. We are planning to replace the fire doors throughout the house in the near future which started with the basement door from the east patio.

One of the most visible upgrades our home received this year was the new living room, alcove and basement furniture! It completely rejuvenated and updated the feel of our house. Girls sit and chat or study in these areas much more now due to the improved functionality of the spaces. In addition, our kitchen had a major reorganization. It's a pleasure to be on cook or dish crew now.

THANK YOU so much for your support in making these updates, upgrades, and improvements. Some of them are necessary for the physical wellbeing of the house and some of them increase the beauty of our home. But, all of them are important and make a difference for the girls currently living here. While there is still much work to be done, we have come so far. And, I am confident in our ability to continue working to make this house a home for generations of 4-H House women in the future.

## *Celebrate With Your Sisters! 85 YEARS AND GROWING STRONG*

**July 12-13, 2019 - Urbana, IL**

**July 12** - Meet-up with your sisters! Pork Chop and Hamburger BBQ in honor of the sisters who built and paid for our house. Bring the entire family to Lake of the Woods!

**July 13** - See the new windows, furniture, east patio and other improvements to our campus home. Hang out in the newly decorated basement, your favorite bedroom or lounge! Families welcome.

Attend the banquet celebration of our sisterhood at the Illini Union. Guests welcome.

Spend the evening with your pledge class, Little/Big Sis, and special sisters as you wish.



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## ILLINOIS 4-H HOUSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

**OCTOBER 13, 2018 - Homecoming**

Check your email and 4hhouse.com for possible changes in schedule should football game time be changed.

10:00 am - House tours of 805 and 801

11:00 am - Brunch, meet and mingle

11:30 am - 4H House Alumnae Association meeting.

Introduction of new members.

1:00 pm - Adjourn.

Enjoy activities in Grange Grove with your friends.

3:00 pm - Football game vs Purdue

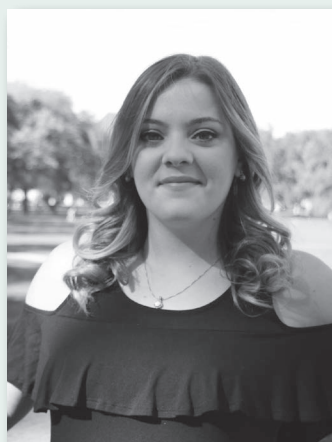




## Meet the New Members



**Josie Brockett**  
*Animal Sciences*  
Greenup, IL



**Ellie Foster**  
*Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
New Lenox, IL



**Hannah Hawkinson**  
*Agricultural & Biological Engineering*  
Galesburg, IL



**Kristen Kurtz**  
*Agricultural & Consumer Economics*  
Royal, IL



**Jackie Masiunas**  
*Art History*  
Urbana, IL



**Sara Mason**  
*Natural Resources & Environmental  
Sciences*  
Mahomet, IL



**Madison Mitchell**  
*Agricultural & Consumer Economics*  
Mahomet, IL



**Brittney Muschetto**  
*Ag Science Education*  
Beecher, IL



**Josie Runck**  
*Saint Joseph, IL*  
Crop Sciences



**Kaylee Shouse**  
*Ag Science Education*  
Claremont, IL



**Maddie Wilson**  
*Ag Leadership Education*  
Philo, IL





## Interviewing

By Rachel Recker, '17- '18 Interviewing Chair

This spring the ladies of 4-H House held two interviewing weekends. The first was February 24th-25th and the second was March 10th-11th, in conjunction with the College of ACES Explore ACES Weekend. The first weekend had nine total interviewees and the second had thirteen. The interviewees had a great time getting to meet with the 4-H House ladies and learning about the house. The theme for both weekends was inspired by the TV. show "Friends." During the weekends the interviewees and actives participated in a scavenger hunt in the house and around campus. This gave the girls the opportunity to learn fun facts about house alums and campus life. While interviews were being held, girls had the chance to play board and card games, make crafts, and play Wii while getting to socialize with actives. Saturday night concluded with the chance for interviewees to go on room chats and learn important information about becoming a member of 4-H House. On Sunday, we invited the parents for a parent panel and for a lunch at 4-H House. The weekends were planned by interviewing chair Rachel Recker, assistant interviewing chair Maddie Wilson and their committee. They were fun and exciting for both the interviewees and actives as they had the chance to get to know one another. Besides interviewing weekends, eight other separate interviews on different nights for girls that could not make it to interviewing weekends were conducted. A pledge class of twenty-two outstanding ladies joined 4-H House in the Fall of 2018.



### Please Reach Out to Prospective Applicants!

#### 2019 Interviewing Dates:

February 23 & 24 | March 9 & 10

Contact Maddie Wilson at [4hhouseinterview@gmail.com](mailto:4hhouseinterview@gmail.com) for details.

### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

We need your current mailing and  
email address.

Update your personal profile online at:  
[4hhouse.com](http://4hhouse.com). Click on "alumni" tab.

#### Need assistance? Contact:

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1997 N. 43 Road  
Leland, IL 60531

815-495-3500  
[membersupport@4hhouse.com](mailto:membersupport@4hhouse.com)

### Traveling Sisters



We spent two weeks touring southern Brazil from São Paulo to Rio de Janeiro, visiting farms and businesses to learn about horticultural products and systems. We saw lots of banana trees and visited Christ the Redeemer and Copacabana Beach in Rio. Here we are pictured at Arroz Ruzene, a rice farm, where we witnessed the planting and storing of rice crops.

Jenna Davis '20  
Jill Monier '19  
Mary Fielding '20

## Active President's Report

by Kara Brockamp, Fall '17, 4-H House President

**"You are the only 4-H House girl that many people will know."**

When I first stepped foot in the chapter room almost two years ago, this quote, hanging above the door, was the first thing I noticed. It struck me in that moment how truly special it is to be among the most elite women at the University of Illinois. From a worldwide network of alumni to the only people that could possibly make cleaning the kitchen the best part of the day, our sisterhood is unrivaled. Every day I seek to instill this idea in our newest members, the Pledge Class of 2021.

We welcomed 15 new members at the start of the semester. As always, these ladies have brought with them a new generation of talent, energy, and diversity to enrich our sisterhood even further. They have made great progress and are actively contributing to our cooperative lifestyle.

As we look toward the future, I hope that we will keep moving forward. More recently, the house has seen many improvements, both physically and organizationally, and it has been a group effort. Thank you to everyone that has donated their time, money, and energy to ensure that the green door will remain open for years to come.

Yours in honor, heritage, helpfulness, and home.



## A Message from the Spring 2018 President

by Megan Clodfelter, Spring '18, 4-H House President



For the past three years, I have considered myself the luckiest girl in the world. Each day, I get to come home to a **green door**, the greatest place to live on campus, and to sisters I love with my whole heart. Last semester, I was fortunate enough to serve as the Spring 2018 4-H House President. I am pleased to report that the future of 4-H House is looking brighter than I have ever seen it.

In the time that the house has been a part my life, we have made incredible strides — not only towards progress, but towards excellence. The recent improvements made to the house have done so much more for us than simply improve our home's appearance. House girls continue to sing praises to the renovated bathrooms and air conditioning units that keep us from roasting during hot days. Our recently completed front patio is a favorite location for us to sit and enjoy the sunshine as we study and appreciate each other. The front entry, living room, alcove, and basement have been transformed into spaces lovelier than we

could have hoped for, and these beautifications attract all visitors and potential new members who walk through our door. And, as we moved back into the house this fall, we were excited to see and use our new, ADA-accessible East Patio and the recently refurbished front stairs.

While the house itself is looking better than ever, it is not only our structure that gives cause for celebration. 4-H House girls continue to be some of the most highly-regarded ladies of campus. During both the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters, 4-H House placed 16th out of all Panhellenic Sororities in terms of average GPA. Our ladies hold leadership positions in countless clubs within the University and continue to individually volunteer their time even outside of our house philanthropy events. We had girls in 7 different states as they worked to finish out their summer internships with prestigious companies. The house prepared to accommodate 50 girls this fall and our sisters will continue to be a powerful presence on campus for many years to come. We are developing the educators, communicators, scientists, economists and, most importantly, leaders of the future.

It has been my absolute honor to be able to live among the most incredible girls I've ever had the great fortune of meeting, and I could not be more proud to report that 4-H House is still the most wonderful part of Champaign-Urbana.

# Alumni President's Report

by Anne F. Hathaway, Illinois 4-H House Association Board President

Often when one serves in a leadership role with an organization it's easy to get caught up in the tasks of the job...the "to do" list, the emails to send, the budgets and deadlines, what's broken and who is going to get it fixed, the by-laws, the contracts, and in this particular role, are we compliant with everything the University needs. But in recent weeks my mind has wandered away from the task list and I have spent a lot of time thinking about 4-H House and our sisterhood.

I can still remember vividly the trip to Urbana for interview weekend and how much I wanted to live at 4-H House. I remember my parents driving me to campus in the fall and as hard it was for me to say good-bye to them, I couldn't have been more excited to begin my life at 4-H House and the University of Illinois. Although I knew few of the women of 4-H House when I moved in, the friends I made 40 years ago are still my friends today. But they are more than friends, they are my sisters.

Having a sister was a new experience for me when I started college as I didn't have a biological sister. The word sister is a noun and by definition is a girl or woman regarded as a comrade. Today I have close to 1400 and growing sisters or comrades who share(d) the 4-H House bond. We don't have to see or talk to each other regularly for me to know that my 4-H House sisters are women I can count on to be there whenever I need them.

4-H House, while an economical and comfortable place to live at the U of I, is most importantly about the sisterhood. It's about learning to work side by side, depend on each other, taking care of each other, supporting each other through good and bad, and to be there at a moment's notice to cry or to celebrate. It's about picking up a conversation as if you just saw your sister yesterday when it might actually have been 25 years ago.

There is something truly special about 4-H House and cooperative living. As alumni we are lucky to have had this opportunity and I feel blessed to serve as President of the Alumni Board working with our sisters to insure our house is and remains a home away from home. A place of which we can be proud and where we can welcome new members each year.

If you haven't visited 4-H House lately I hope that you will return to campus and check out the investments and improvements we have been making throughout the house. More importantly, I hope you will visit to meet your new sisters and to welcome them to our family. Thank you for your support and for providing me this opportunity to serve.



## Follow Us on Facebook

The 4-H House Alumni page is full of recent photos of the House Members, renovation updates, and Alumni news. As we move to reduce expenditures for printing and mailing, this will be a place to receive your information and remain up-to-date on what's happening at the House.

The 4-H House web page ([www.4HHouse.com](http://www.4HHouse.com)) also contains information you may find interesting. In the future, we will use email to send activity updates or news items that need the attention of the entire Alumnae Sisterhood. You may also find other alums on the alum portion of the web page. **Please log on and update your information today.**

## Traveling Sisters



Over winter break, Madison Mitchell and Josie Runck had the opportunity to participate in a nine-day study abroad trip to Jamaica where we experienced agricultural practices and businesses. Some of the highlights of the trip were visiting an eight-acre sweet pepper farm and touring Creighton Estates where Blue Mountain Coffee is grown.

**Madison Mitchell '21**  
**Josie Runck '21**



## Vice President's Property Report by Carol Tillman, Class of '84



In 2015, during the renovation process, certain projects were postponed in order to stay within budget considerations. A list of those projects was made and since then the property committee has prioritized the list, sometimes adding projects that are discovered like the drainage issues tackled in summer 2017 and the East Patio and planter this summer.

In May, soon after graduation, the east patio concrete and planter were removed. Drainage under the old patio was corrected and a new sloped patio that meets ADA standards was installed. With powder coated railings to finish off the edges overlooking the basement stairs, the area is much cleaner and more functional. The new basement fire door, required by Certified Housing and Urbana Inspections was installed with new lighting at that exit.

On the west drive, settling has led to a repair needed on the driveway next to the crawlspace access. The cement block around the crawl space opening crumbled and shifted over time, creating a hole. That area has been rebuilt and the block repaired or replaced.

The Mom's and Dad's Associations have joined together to pay for new carpeting on the front stairs and 2nd and 3rd floor hallways this summer. In conjunction with the new carpet installation, the hallway closet doors are being replaced or stripped of many coats of paint for a clean look and better operation. Property Committee members and local parents provided the labor to take off the doors and remove the old carpeting. The front stair woodwork has been redone to match that in the living room. The hallway closets were given a fresh coat of paint inside as well.

The beautiful part of this time in 4-H House's history is the manner in which the alums, the girls and the parents have worked together to identify and correct as well as improve areas in the House! We have been privileged to work together during this time. As we move forward the Association has a unique window to the future. The windows in the study rooms and dorms will next become an area of focus. The current windows are no longer being manufactured and parts to repair them are not available. Another area untouched by the big 2015 renovation was the House Mother apartment.

As we look to the window of the future, we will need to stay proactive to remain competitive with other places to live on campus. In today's campus world, study areas need to be bright and updated. It has been well worth it to see the House full and more women enjoying the sisterhood that shaped our lives.



1960 East Patio



2018 East Patio

### MAKE A DONATION

*Make a donation today to support the Illinois 4-H House Association Property Improvement Plan for 805 and 801!*

Mail to: Illinois 4-H House Association  
105 N Main Street | PO Box 522  
St Joseph, IL 61873



## Sister's Weekend

The ladies of 4-H House welcomed their sisters to campus during the first weekend of April. For many sisters, this weekend was their first experience in the dorms. Some of the activities the girls enjoyed included making s'mores, shopping, seeing movies, and playing cards and games. Everyone had a great weekend and it was another excellent recruiting tool for more 4-H House Sisters!

## THE HOUSE IMPROVEMENT LIST

Ranking	Improvement List	Amount	Details
*	Ongoing monthly renovation loan payment	\$5,642	
1	Sandblast fire doors then commercially paint	\$250	per door
2	Guest bathroom/house mother apartment	\$15,000	
3	LVT flooring in first floor study rooms and hallway	\$9,500	
4	New bunk bed frames for dorms (30)	\$500	per frame
5	805 window phase 1 (study rooms, first floor)	\$35,000	
6	805 window phase 2 (study rooms, second floor and dorm)	\$42,000	
7	805 windows phase 3 (study rooms, third floor and dorm)	\$42,000	
5b	Paint inside study room closets (recommended to paint whole study room with closet)	\$200	per study room
5b	Study room doors with no locks (solid core doors - wood)	\$200	per study room
5b	Study room furniture (estimate only)	\$3,500	per study room
5	Study room flooring (estimate only)	1,500 - \$2000	per study room
8	Awning over east patio (estimate only)	\$5,000	
10	Patio furniture (must be anchored, estimate only)	\$2,000	
*	Continued Technology updates to house (Donate to Mary McKee Educational Fund)		

## Founder's Day

Last fall, several alumni joined the actives and new members for the annual Founder's Day Dinner. The ladies enjoyed conversation and an old house favorite, meatballs and party potatoes, for dinner. Afterwards, the tables competed in a 4-H House History quiz contest. Watch 4-H House Alumni page on Facebook for 2019 date. All alumni are welcome to attend.



*Anna Robinson '21, Bobbi Toepper '19, Marilyn Shepherd '75, and Rachel Recker*

## Traveling Sisters



Jenna, Sydney and Krista send their greetings to us as they give us the 4-H House sign from New Zealand.

**Jenna Davis,  
Sydney Mumm and  
Krista Temple**





# Mary McKee Educational Fund

By Nicole Crites, Mary McKee Educational Fund Chair

For over eight decades, 4-H House has provided an outstanding environment to excel academically while pursuing degrees in a variety of majors at the University of Illinois. To assist, the Mary McKee Educational Fund, Inc. serves as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit to receive funds for educational purposes. The Mary McKee Educational Fund Board focuses on administering scholarships, identifying and implementing new programs and addressing specific needs to enhance the opportunity for academic excellence to 4-H House members.

We are pleased to offer nine named scholarships in honor of those sisters who left a special mark on our lives including Mary Thatcher, Patricia Ann Borelli, Nedra Wesson, Debbie Steck Steele, Jennifer & Jackie Esworthy, Rachel Strode Hamilton, Charlotte Castle Neal, Cynthia Traughber Eustice and Merle Manchester Cowee.

In addition to these scholarships, we have also created a financial incentive to promote improvement in GPA's by way of a Most Improved GPA award from semester to semester. We also support the efforts of the Scholarship Chair's A-basket program, recognition of study hours during scholarship week and other means of encouragement.

We began a tutoring program six years ago, which continues to be well-utilized. Each time we make a payment to a tutor, it means a need is being fulfilled, the program is being used successfully and the Mary McKee Educational Fund is making a difference once again.

## Special Thanks

The graphic design work of Jen Hoaglund, for this and former issues of the Homefront and other printed materials you have been receiving has been generously provided by Barbara Campbell Determan '75, President, Heartland Marketing Group, Inc.

## Make a Tax Deductible Donation Today!

*Note on check Mary McKee Educational Fund.  
If for specific Scholarship,  
please identify Scholarship name.*

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Thomasboro, IL 61878

In recent years, the members shared specific needs with the Mary McKee Board related to outdated computers, general internet connectivity issues, printer needs and more. With today's ever-changing information technology environment, it is critical that we stay current. Doing so requires strategic planning and the availability of funds to execute the plan.

We appreciate your continued contributions to the Mary McKee Educational Fund and its purpose. It is a very important financial support component for 4-H House and its members. The Mary McKee Educational Fund Board recognizes the importance of staying connected with the members of 4-H House as we continue to address their needs and develop new programs. We are keenly aware that we must balance creativity, flexibility and sustainability in our offerings so that the current and future Women of 4-H House have the resources and financial assistance available to them for years to come.

## Mom's Weekend

By Jenna Davis, '18 Mom's Weekend Chair



The weekend of April 13-15 was campus-wide Moms' Weekend. There were lots of exciting activities on campus; many girls and their mothers attended the annual Horticulture Club Flower Show and the Illini Union Craft Fair. At 4-H House, we started the weekend off with breakfast on Saturday, followed by the Moms' Association Meeting and potluck lunch. It was great to see our house filled with so many moms and daughters in attendance! After Sunday breakfast, many girls took their mothers to campus church services, then attended our Moms' Banquet at Biaggi's. We had a wonderful meal and time honoring our seniors and their moms! The weekend was full of great memories, and we are all looking forward to next Moms' Weekend!!



## Merle Manchester Cowee Memorial Scholarship Established



The family of Merle Manchester Cowee generously donated funds to establish a new scholarship in 2017 in honor of their mother and grandmother and a 4-H House sister who was a 1947 University of Illinois graduate, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

Merle grew up on her parents' farm in Kendall County, Illinois and participated in the local 4-H club. When she enrolled at the University of Illinois in 1942, she used her knowledge of and comfort with the 4-H organization and moved into 4-H House. After graduating in 1947, Merle began her career working for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and then for PPG Industries. While at PPG, Merle met her future husband who was also working there. In 1954, Merle's husband, Fred, was transferred to Columbus, Ohio by PPG Industries and with this move, Merle became a fulltime mother with the birth of their first child. Fred and Merle had two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

In retirement, Fred and Merle moved to Sun City West, Arizona and enjoyed traveling by car. During this time, Merle also started reconnecting with her 4-H past, making annual donations to 4-H House and attending a few 4-H House reunions. Fred passed away in 1992 and in 1999, Merle moved to Portsmouth, Ohio to be closer to family. She lived in this home independently and proudly until she passed away in early 2017.

Merle was a deeply devoted, caring, helping and loving mother and grandmother. Throughout her life, she was also an avid gardener, spent countless hours canning fresh fruits and vegetables and absolutely loved to cook. These were all likely by-products of her early life growing up on a farm. She also enjoyed many other hobbies including collecting antique dishes, stamp collecting, reading books, family history and genealogy, reading multiple daily newspapers and completing the daily crossword and word jumble puzzles.

The scholarship will provide a \$1,000 annual award to a member of 4-H House through an application process.



### Bobbi Toepper First Recipient of the Merle Manchester Cowee Scholarship

Bobbi Toepper '19 of Magnolia, IL (Marshall County) became the first recipient of the Merle Manchester Cowee Scholarship in April 2018.

The Mary McKee Educational Fund extends our sincere appreciation to the Merle Manchester Cowee Family for establishing this scholarship opportunity. The Merle Manchester Cowee Scholarship, like other named scholarships 4-H House women have access to, will most certainly make a difference for 4-H House women now and in the future.

### Traveling Sisters



The semester studying abroad in Greece, allowed me to explore and experience something new every day and completely immerse myself in local culture. This experience was completely life-changing and made me a much more independent and well-rounded person.

**Korianna Kluss-Klekamp '19**

## Illini Pride

4-H House loves to support the Fighting Illini! At any given home men's basketball game, you could probably spot about a dozen 4-H House girls sitting behind the visitor's bench and could find groups of sisters at other sporting events like volleyball and soccer games or swimming and gymnastics meets. But for a few of the ladies, cheering on the Illini is more than just showing up at the games.

For **Jalyne Herren** (Pledge Class of 2019), being involved in Orange Krush is a childhood dream fulfilled. "I have always wanted to be the leader of Orange Krush since the Dee Brown days when I was sitting in Assembly Hall as a child. I wanted to leave a legacy and make the organization even better than what it is," she said. Jalyne was the Orange Krush Vice President in the 2017-2018 school year and will be again in 2018-2019. She got her start as a face-painting Krush Helper her freshman year and has since moved up, including being the Orange Krush Communications Chair.



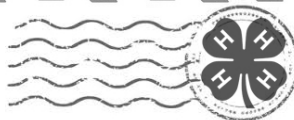
Front (L-R): Mary Marsh and Ashley Cooney; Middle: Kaylee Shouse, Hannah Hawkinson, Bobbi Toepper, Madison Mitchell, Jalyne Herren; Back: Jenna Davis, Lauren Southwood, Jill Monier, Sammi Bessler, Laine Honegger, and Christy Allen

**Mary Marsh** (Pledge Class of 2020) has been a leader of the cheering sections for many sports, including swimming and diving, men's & women's gymnastics, and men's basketball. She is currently busy creating activities and planning events for the upcoming football season, where she will serve as the Block I Vice President. "Illini Pride provides me with the opportunity to gain leadership experience while enjoying myself at sporting events. I enjoy hanging out with all of the members of Illini Pride," Mary said of her experience in the organization.

**Ashley Cooney** (Pledge Class of 2020) will be working closely with Jalyne this upcoming year as she takes on the position of Orange Krush Philanthropy Chair, and she already has big plans. "It is my personal goal to be able to have Orange Krush have over 1,000 volunteer hours and help give back to the community. I'm also hoping that the members get the chance to interact with the basketball players while doing good for the community," Ashley said. Like Jalyne and Mary, Ashley has also been a Krush Helper.

For all three of these 4-H House sisters, their leadership roles have given them the opportunity to develop new friendships across campus through cheering on the Fighting Illini. Their devotion to Illini Pride has been amazing and they are always encouraging school spirit at 4-H House.

## Traveling Sisters



This past spring break, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Italy and volunteer in their elementary schools! While there, we also got to visit Rome, Verona, Venice, and the Island of Burano.

**Hannah Miller '19**

## Congratulations to our Sister!

The College of ACES Funk Award winner of the Professional Staff Award for Sustained Excellence in Advising, Teaching, and Outreach went to our very own Alum, Ann Butler Finnegan (1981).  
**Congratulations, Ann!**

## 2018 Senior Plans

### Emily Bloemer

Emily graduated in December 2017 with a degree in ACE: Agricultural Accounting. She is now employed by John Deere in the Quad Cities as an IT Accountant.

### Nicole Chance

Nicole majored in Agricultural Communications and minored in Animal Sciences and Food & Environmental Systems. She is working for AgReliant Genetics as a Sales Trainee.

### Jenna Davis

Jenna majored in ACE: Agribusiness, Markets, and Management. She is working as a Commodity Merchandiser with Archer Daniels Midland in Tuscola, IL.

### Mary Fielding

Mary majored in Crop Sciences and is an Agronomic Research Specialist with Monsanto stationed in Williamsburg, IA.

### Audrey Hoene

Audrey majored in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences and Pre-med. She is attending the University of Illinois School of Medicine at Rockford and her end goal is to become a family physician in a rural community. She is also newly engaged!

### Korianna Kluss-Klekamp

Korianna graduated in December 2017 with a degree in ACE. She is now working at Transportation One in Chicago in customer operations.

### Sydney Mumm

Sydney majored in ACE: Agribusiness, Markets, and Management. She is pursuing a Master's in Human Resources and Industrial Relations at the School of Labor and Employee Relations at UIUC with plans to graduate in December 2019.

### Kaity Spangler

Kaity majored in Agricultural Science Education and has a position as an Associate with Illinois Farm Bureau in Bloomington, IL. She would like to eventually work in the Ag Policy department at IFB.

### Renee Tillman

Renee majored in Speech and Hearing Science and is now in a graduate program in speech-language pathology at Eastern Illinois University in June.

### Emily Tomlin

Emily majored in Animal Sciences. She had a summer job with Illinois Department of Agriculture in Springfield and is seeking full-time employment. Emily will also be spending the next several months planning her wedding!

### Megan Vogt

Megan majored in Agricultural Science Education. She is an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Rantoul High School in Rantoul, IL.

### Krista (Temple) Wiebenga

Krista graduated in December 2017 with a degree in Agricultural Communications. Shortly after graduation, she married her husband, Kyle, and they now live in Lake Forest, IL. She works for Precision Laboratories as a Marketing Communications Specialist.

### Olivia Wilson

Olivia majored in ACE: Farm Management and had a summer position with USDA. She is employed as the Assistant Office Manager for Parks Livestock in Oakwood, IL.

### Loralee Wilson

Loralee majored in Animal Sciences and is pursuing a Master's in Animal Biology at U of I.

## Dad's Weekend

By Jenna Davis, '18 Dad's Weekend Chair

The dads joined their daughters for an NFL Football-themed Dad's Weekend in November. The 4-H House ladies and their father's enjoyed a tailgate cookout, football game, bar crawl, and the annual Dad's Day Banquet. The fathers of the seniors honored their daughters with speeches at the banquet, which was held at The Ribeye. Thanks to the generous support of the parents, we were able to get new carpet for the stairs and hallways installed over the summer.



Renee Tillman, Audrey Hoene, Krista Temple, and Emily Bloemer playing cards with their dads.





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# The Homefront

## *Serving With Our Heads and Hands* Summer 2018 Experiences

### 2019s

Rachel Recker: *Monsanto Sales Intern, SE Iowa*  
Sammi Bessler: *UIUC Swine Research Center Research Assistant, Champaign, IL*  
Jill Monier: *Monsanto Production Research Intern, Farmer City, IL*  
Meghan Clodfelter: *ADM Investor Services Chicago, IL*  
Harley Carlson: *Sea World Camp Counselor, San Diego, CA*  
Hannah Miller: *State Farm Day Camp Counselor, Bloomington, IL*  
Christy Allen: *DuPont Pioneer Marketing and Communications Intern, Johnston, IA*  
Kara Brockamp: *Seaboard Foods Environmental Intern, Guymon, OK*

### 2020s

Holly Stallard: *Carle-RMH Dietetics Intern, Olney, IL*  
Ashley Cooney: *ACES Applied Research and Extension Intern, Baylis, IL*  
Oakley Whalen: *Cargill Operations Management Intern, New Orleans, LA*  
Kendra Sutherlin: *UIUC Crop Sciences Department Small Grains Intern, Champaign, IL*  
Monica Merkle: *UIUC Crop Sciences Department Herbicide Evaluation Intern, Champaign, IL*  
Danielle Brinkmann: *AgriGold Sales Intern, Clinton County, IL*  
Laine Honegger: *FLM Harvest Communications Intern, Minneapolis, MN*

### 2021s

Ellie Foster: *Joliet Park District Camp Counselor and shadowing a speech-language pathologist, Joliet, IL*  
Madison Mitchell: *WYXY Classic Farm Broadcasting Intern, Champaign, IL*  
Josie Brockett: *Crestline Veterinary Clinic Intern, Charleston, IL*  
Brittney Muschetto: *Summer classes and job, Beecher, IL*  
Hannah Hawkinson: *John Deere Quality Engineering Intern, Waterloo, IA*  
Josie Runck: *ACES Academic Programs Intern, Champaign, IL*

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