

The Homefront

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NEWSLETTER OF THE 4-H HOUSE COOPERATIVE SORORITY

Spotlight Shines Bright on One of Our Own

Sometimes greatness comes in a very small package wrapped in humility and greatness. Known as “Shorty” around the University of Illinois campus because of her five-foot frame. She is a giant among her peers for her philanthropic support of 4-H and the university. We are privileged to know her as a dearly loved sister.

In October 2016, Lila Jeanne Eichelberger was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame, the nation’s top 4-H recognition for individuals who have made a significant impact on the 4-H program and 4-H members through their contributions of time, talent, energy and financial resources. Joining her at the induction ceremony were Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation Executive Director and 4-H House Alumni; E. Louise (Olson) Rogers ’73; Judy (Leenerts) Harrison ’68; and Pat (Puksza) Fuchs ’68.

“Anyone who knows me,” says Lila Jeanne, “knows my heart bleeds Illini orange and blue and 4-H green.”
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Winds of Change by Krista Temple, Pledge Class of ’18

Almost four years ago, I was a freshman who could not have been more eager to move into 4-H House. I had heard so many wonderful stories about life behind the green door from my mom, aunt, sisters and cousins that I couldn’t wait to experience it for myself.

I’m so glad that some things never change. The leadership opportunities I’ve had, friendships that I’ve built, and memories that I’ve made are incredibly similar to those that I heard all about growing up. It was wonderful to experience our sisterhood coming together to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of 4-H House and see the amazing alumni base that we have.

However, sometimes things do need to change. When I moved in the fall of 2014, the bathroom sinks were the same ones my mom used and the living room carpet was almost as old as me. It’s amazing that these things held up for as long as they did with as much use as they get, but an update was desperately needed. At the end of my freshman year, I again got to see the 4-H House family come together as house girls, alumni, family and friends moved every desk, chair and piece of house memorabilia out of 805.

Three months later, that family came together once again to bring all of those desks, chairs and treasured house memories back into the house. The difference was night and day. I also cried the first time I saw the new bathrooms. They were, and still are an incredible upgrade. New ceilings, lighting and maybe best of all, air conditioning made living at 4-H House an even better experience my sophomore year. We were able to focus on classes and responsibilities without having to worry about how many toilets or showers were functioning.

Upgrades have continued with a beautiful new living room and dining room floor last spring break and some new coats of paint in various areas around the house. Not only have these renovations made living at 4-H House easier, they have raised the spirits and standards of those living in the house. When we can physically see that our surroundings are changing for the better, we are encouraged to improve the ways we run the house and interact with each other. A nicer house also makes it easier to recruit the very best girls to live here. We are excited to be inviting a full pledge class to live here in the fall. I feel so privileged to say that I have lived at 4-H House during this era and have seen all of these changes happen.

Finally, I hope that the strong, positive relationship that has formed between the house girls and the alums in the last few years will continue. Moving forward, I challenge us to continue making physical upgrades and improvements to the house. I also encourage the active sisters to continue to improve and excel in leadership roles and academically. Let’s let 4-H House shine brightly!



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Meet the New Members



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ACE | Freshman
Panhellenic Representative
Yorkville, IL



Danielle Brinkman
Crop Sciences | Sophomore
Computer Co-chair
Carlyle, IL



Ashley Cooney
Animal Sciences | Freshman
Assistant Treasurer
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ACE | Sophomore
Assistant Treasurer
Homer, IL



Mary Fielding
Crop Sciences
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Lynn Center, IL



Sydney Hoggatt
Animal Sciences
Freshman
Marshall, IL



Laine Honegger
ACE | Freshman
Assistant Commissar
Forrest, IL



Sadie Marks
ACE
Freshman
West Salem, IL



Mary Marsh
NRES | Freshman
Assistant House Manager
Ames, IA



Monica Merkle
Ag Leadership Education
Freshman
Cissna Park, IL



Sarah Mills
Human Dvlp & Family Studies
Freshman - Alumni Relations
Fairmount, IL



Holly Stallard
Animal Sciences | Freshman
Computer Co-chair
Noble, IL



Kendra Sutherlin
Animal Sciences
Freshman
Greencastle, IN



Emily Tomlin
Animal Sciences | Junior
Assistant Interviewing Chair
Cantrall, IL



Eileen Urish
ACE | Freshman
Assistant New Member Educator
Kilbourne, IL



Oakley Whalen
Ag Science Education | Freshman
Assistant Social Chair
Sheridan, IL

Growing Our Sisterhood

By Megan Vogt, Interviewing Chair, Spring 2017

Interview weekends were held March 11-12 and March 31-April 1. The theme for both interview weekends was "Disney." Potential new members explored the "Wonderful World of 4-H House!" Girls had a blast decorating their rooms to correspond with different Disney movies and we ended the night with a competitive game of "Disney Trivia."

Eleven girls interviewed the first weekend and six interviewed the second. We worked extremely hard to attract girls that met the house criteria, would work well in a cooperative living environment, and would grow and strengthen our sisterhood. We are continuing to accept applications throughout the summer. We encourage our Alumni to reach out to girls they know would be a good fit for the house and spread the word about the opportunities 4-H House provides to women. We look forward to having another great pledge class for the upcoming 2017 fall semester and expanding the sisterhood opportunities to these new members.

Traveling Sisters



I studied Caribbean agriculture in Jamaica and learned about Jamaican culture. It was a very life-changing trip and I hope to study abroad again sometime soon.

Oakley Whalen '20



Active President's Report

by Sydney Mumm, Spring 2017, 4-H House President

As the spring semester has come to an end, we are sad to leave those we've gained relationships with, but are also excited to welcome a whole new group of girls into our sisterhood this next fall. Within the past year, we have tackled all aspects of our core values to be the best of the best!

Honor the Past and Adapt for the Future: This summer our Exec team had the privilege of coming together with Alum Board to discuss recruitment as well as the constitution and bylaws of both the House and Association. As each semester brings new items to the table, there are necessary changes to our governing documents from time to time. This was a great way to get together and make sure both the House girls and the Alum Board are on the same page. We are grateful to have such a great group of women as our backbone!

Strive for Academic Excellence: As the current ladies of 4-H House juggle studies, officer positions, duties, work and campus involvement, each and every one of them strives for academic achievement. With the help of an amazing group of academic-based girls in the house as well as our Mary McKee Board, I am excited to announce that 4-H House has made a 0.2110 increase in overall GPA and advanced to 5th from 21st out of 23 sororities. This year, 4-H House was awarded the Panhellenic Most Improved GPA for the Fall 2016 term!

Work Cooperatively Through Teamwork, Leadership, Accountability and Financial Responsibility: Our girls do this every day by completing their duties, taking on leadership opportunities through campus involvement, and holding Exec, Jr. Exec, and Appointed offices within our home.

Empower Individuals for Personal Growth through Mutual Respect: Alongside our academic success, we also have those that have received individual awards for all of their hard work. A few of these outstanding individual achievements include:

- Lauren Southwood: Panhellenic Council, VP of Service
- Jalyne Herren: Panhellenic Council, Director of Associate Chapters
- Abby Marten: Warren K. Wessels Award & Homecoming Court

Our girls are truly special in many different ways and push others to make their own unique paths to success.



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Her contributions to the Illinois 4-H program, 4-H Memorial Camp, the University of Illinois, Fighting Illini sports, the Mary McKee Foundation and 4-H House show a life-long commitment to supporting those programs near and dear to her heart.

At the 4-H House 75th Anniversary banquet, Lila Jeanne was singled out for her dedication to 4-H House and honored as the recipient of our first Distinguished Alumni Award. As many of us know, she personally oversaw the conversion of 801 into the Annex and later, the rental property we have today. If there was a 4-H House Hall of fame, she would be in the first class!

Most recently, the 4th class of inductees of the University of Illinois Fraternity and Sorority, Order of Omega, Alumni Hall of Fame Included Lila Jeanne. The Hall of Fame recognizes alumni for their contributions and achievements since leaving the University of Illinois. Award recipients are selected based on their leadership in their chosen profession, involvement in professional/civic activities and/or involvement with their local/national fraternity or sorority.



805 & 801 Property Status and Priority Report

by Carol Tillman, Illinois 4-H House Association Board Vice President

Tuck pointing was completed at 805 fall 2016 and some temporary repairs have been made to the stucco at 801 in the ongoing quest to prevent further exterior water damage to both houses.

The water, high moisture levels and seepage up through the recently replaced floor in the basement at 805 have been continuously problematic. In an effort to locate the source of the problem, outside firms were brought in to use remote cameras to assess the condition of the drainage tiles. Collapsed footing/drainage tiles were discovered below the house mother's apartment outside the chapter room. This situation became a major priority for us to repair to prevent further damage.

"The Big Dig," the tile repair work at 805, commenced as soon as school was out for the summer. This involved removing the plants and much of the dirt from the front yard at 805.

The tile, 12 feet down was dug up and replaced with a newer type of material. While that area of the house's foundation was exposed, the outside wall was insulated and waterproofed. A camera was then used to check other exposed tiles to determine if any other areas needed repair.

In preparing for this repair, it was discovered Urbana's storm drain line the house gutters empty into, had also collapsed. The city will soon be repairing that. After the project is finished, much of the front yard will need to be restructured, giving us the opportunity to correct some of the slope issues currently present. The parent associations have agreed to help work on that project including once again relocating the plants from 801 back to 805.

We are going to have a parent work day on July 29th to work on the landscaping, if any of you want to come and meet and work with the current house girls' parents.

The east concrete patio at 805 has been slowly shifting and will be one of the next areas to replace before it does structural damage to the dining room or basement walls.

We are hoping to put the icing on the remodeling cake with new furniture and décor in entry way, living and alcove areas this year. Also in planning stages is new furniture and décor for the basement area.



Plants on the move from 805 to 801 for their summer vacation



Damaged tiles removed and their replacement

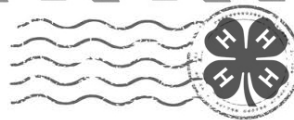


Wall outside of the chapter room is insulated and waterproofed



In-house members pitching in painting fire escape to help reduce cost of ongoing exterior maintenance

Traveling Sisters



This winter break I escaped the cold for the second year in a row. Last year was Guatemala and this year was Hong Kong and Taiwan. This study abroad was through the College of Applied Health Sciences and was based around all types of rehabilitation, medicine, therapy, etc. We were able to attend many New Year's festivals in Hong Kong and participated in other cultural activities. Catch me on my next adventure in Haiti.

Lauren Southwood '19

Fundraising Report

Judy Taylor, Illinois 4-H House Association,
Fund Raising Chair

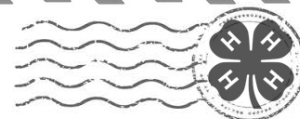
Yes, we are making PROGRESS! As of June 5, 2017, alums have donated \$572,313 which is 45.79% of our goal of \$1.25 million. At the end of February, the principal balance of our loan was \$710,044. Our monthly payment is \$5,642 for 15 years. As you can see, we still have a ways to go.

Thank you to each of you who have donated to our beloved House and Association. And thank you to the alums who continue to challenge themselves and others to give. For example, Nita Fitzer Francis '70 recently gave \$10,000 toward our project to replace the "Green Door," repair the fishbowl area and replace the flooring in the living room, dining room and alcove. The estimated costs and amount approved for the project was \$21,000, Nita, Louise Olsen Rogers '73 and Carol

Keiser-Long '68 have challenged their three pledge class sisters to match this gift so that this project can be completely paid for.

We challenge each of you to think creatively about what you can give this year and how you can challenge your 4-H House friends. You could challenge all the alums in your county or your pledge class or some other grouping. Please feel free to contact me (judymtaylor1@gmail.com) or Joyce Riskedal (joyce@countrylights.net) if you'd like help securing contact information for a group.

Traveling Sisters



Spending the spring semester in Stockholm has not only allowed me several intercultural experiences, but given me memories that will stay with me forever. I have learned more about my profession, world health care, the world, and myself than I had ever expected.

Renee Tillman '18

Mary McKee Educational Fund Announces 2016-2017 Scholarship Recipients

By Nicole Crites, Mary McKee Educational Fund Chair

The list of scholarship and award recipients for the 2016 – 2017 academic year are as follows:

- *Cynthia Traughber Eustice* – Emily Bloemer
- *Charlotte Castle Neal* – Kara Brockamp
- *Rachel Strode Hamilton* – Kaity Spangler
- *Debbie Steck Steele* – Lauren Southwood
- *Patricia Ann Borelli* – Emily Tomlin
- *Jennifer & Jackie Esworthy* – Abby Marten
- *Nedra Wesson* – Rachel Recker
- *Mom T Service* – Fall '16 – Lauren Southwood
- *Mom T Service* – Spring '17 – Hannah Miller
- *Mom T Scholarship* – Abby Marten

Most Improved GPA's

Fall '15 to Spring '16

Recognized at Scholarship Banquet in Fall '16

- *Freshman* – Lauren Southwood
- *Sophomore* – Sydney Mumm
- *Junior* – Taylor Hardy

Spring '16 to Fall '16

Recognized at Scholarship Banquet in Spring '17

- Samantha Bessler

Scholarship Banquet

by Rachel Recker, Spring 2017, Scholarship Chair



Scholarship banquet is a time for everyone to honor the accomplishments of our 4-H House sisters. This year we had an outstanding improvement in our GPA from last semester. We moved from 21st to 5th in our GPA standing. Girls were also awarded for most improved GPA, highest GPA, highest family GPA, and highest room GPA. The Esworthy's also presented their scholarship in honor of their daughters to Abby Marten. Girls who received scholarships at the Mom's weekend banquet were also recognized. Our keynote speaker was College of ACES Dean, Ms. Kimberlee Kidwell. Girls enjoyed interacting and getting to hear from her. It was also great to have many 4-H house alums and University of Illinois staff attend our banquet to support our girls.

Editor's Note: We delayed the printing of this newsletter in order to include information on the senior's plans, the member's summer work plans and the "BIG DIG" in the hopes that alums would reach out to newly graduated alums and in-house members who might be in their local areas this summer and in the future.

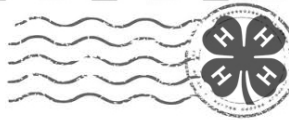
Sister's Weekend

By Hannah Teske, Spring 2017 Sister's Weekend Chair



This year, our biological sisters and friends joined us for a fun-filled "Friends" themed weekend in the beginning of February. During the weekend, a group of girls went to Adventures in Time and Space in Urbana where we were challenged to save the world. We were able to complete the task! Painting mugs and a game night with other sisters at the house was very enjoyable.

Traveling Sisters



Over winter break, I travelled to Morocco. We went around a lot of the country, and visited farms and businesses. We saw a lot of diverse crops in our studies like olives, oranges, grapes, sugar beets and peppers. It was awesome to see different agricultural networks. We also visited a waterfall, Roman ruins, markets, and rode camels through the Sahara Desert.

Jenna Davis '20

Congrats to One of Our Own

Colleen R. Callahan Burns '73 was the 2017 recipient of the University of Illinois Distinguished Service Award, which is presented to an individual whose commitment, dedication and service have contributed significantly to the advancement of the University of Illinois.

Her service to the University of Illinois includes leadership roles with the following organizations: College of ACES Alumni Association (President), University of Illinois Alumni Association, Fighting Illini Pork Club (Chair) and Ag Communications Alumni Leadership Council. She was instrumental in the expansion of the annual Salute to Agriculture Day that is coordinated among the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES), Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois commodity associations. Colleen also served on the endowment committee that helped raise \$2 million for the Dr. Jim Evans Endowed Chair position in the Colleges of ACES and Media. She was awarded 4-H House Distinguished Alumna Award in 2014.

Congratulations Colleen!

Keep 4-H House in Tip Top Shape

As you can see from these pages, our home away from home is always in need of constant maintenance and upgrades. Please consider making a donation to help keep 4-H House in tip top shape for future sisters.

Yes, I want to Support 4-H House with a donation! Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Please use my donation for:

____ Golden & Growing Fund

____ Nurture the Future @805

____ Mary McKee Educational Fund (tax deductible)

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Alumni President's Report

by Julie West, Illinois 4-H House Association Board President



"We are better together." This quote, or something similar, has been voiced by many people in many ways throughout history. Certainly, at 4-H House, this proves to be very true. To live cooperatively means we build on the variety of strengths of different folks, and the result is that we are better together. We will see this even more as we prepare to welcome a new class of leaders in the fall.

We could brag about many accomplishments of the women in the house. We can especially be very proud of these women who had an outstanding grade report for the 2016 fall semester. They improved the house average GPA and are ranked 5th among all of the sororities on campus! All the while being leaders in many organizations on campus, doing house duties and cook/dish crews, and all that goes along with cooperative living.

This year, Alum Board members have been working with the women of 4-H House to continue to strengthen the sisterhood bonds that we share. You will see evidence of that in all of this issue of the Homefront. One important project that will take place this summer is the repair of some drainage tile along the foundation of the house. It will require digging out part of the front yard to repair this, but it should correct some moisture problems in the basement, thus avoiding future water problems.

I invite you to stop by the house at Homecoming or anytime you are on campus. We value all of our alums and the support you give, be it with monetary donations or by helping in other ways. Thank you for your interest in promoting the shared values of 4-H House and for helping us move strong into the future.

The 801 property will also get a facelift as we plan to re-stucco the exterior and put new shingles on the roof this summer.

A Note from Martha Herm

2016 4-H House Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Dear 4-H House Sisters,

The honor you bestowed on me was so very special. Every one of my 4-H House sisters, that I know, have done such great things with their lives. I know we all owe it, in part, to our experience at The House.

It's a place of mind and heart expansion as well as safety and security. What a place to grow and thrive! It set a path for so many of us - a path of unimagined experiences.

Thank you to those that made this award possible. I shall treasure it forever.

Do You Know a Sister Who Deserves Recognition?

Nominate an alum for the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes extraordinary contributions alumnae have made to 4-H House, University of Illinois, their communities and their profession. The award will be presented at this year's Alumni Annual Meeting on October 28, 2017. The application is available at www.4hhousealumni.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Association Annual Meeting
& Illini Homecoming

October 28, 2017

Traveling Sisters



This past winter break I went on a study abroad trip to the Dominican Republic with my ACES 298 class. I went on this trip to learn about agriculture in the Dominican, and create long-lasting memories. On this trip, we toured many processing factories, farms, and plantations.

Mary Marsh '20

Good, Better, Best Through Academic Support

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.(MMKEF) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization eligible to receive tax deductible funds for educational purposes. The MMKEF 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 eight 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 and Jackie Esworthy, Rachel Strode Hamilton, Charlotte Castle Neal and Cynthia Traugher Eustice.

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 five 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 MMKEF is making a difference once again.

In recent years, the members shared specific needs with this 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 MMKEF and its purpose. It is a very important financial support component for 4-H House and its members. This 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.



First Cynthia Traugher Eustice Scholarship Awarded

By Nicole Crites, Mary McKee Educational Fund Chair

Emily Bloemer of Bloomington, IL (McClellan County) became the first recipient of the Cynthia Traugher Eustice Scholarship. The award was announced during the 2016 Dad's Day Banquet. Emily is a junior majoring in Agricultural Accounting. Emily has been involved in a number of activities and Exec/office responsibilities for 4-H House. Since arriving on campus, she has also become involved in the College of ACES' Student Advancement Committee, ACES Council, ACE Club and Ambassador, Collegiate FFA and the Accounting Club.

Traveling Sisters



I went on a two-week study abroad pre-vet tour in Costa Rica, where we set up and ran spay, neuter, and health clinics for the animals. We also got to do some fun tourist activities, such as snorkeling at one of the beaches and ziplining through the forest.

Ashley Cooney '20



The Cynthia Traugher Eustice Scholarship provides a \$500 annual award through an application process to an in-house sophomore, junior or senior. Criteria for this new scholarship to be used for student tuition includes: 24 completed credit hours, student is in good standing with UI and 4-H House, dedication to service and loyalty to 4-H House, UI, and community, financial need and emphasis on preservation and a more healthy environment as a field of study.

Please join us in congratulating Emily as the first recipient of this scholarship and wishing her well in her senior year at 4-H House and the University of Illinois!

Dad's Weekend

By Jalyne Herren, Dad's Weekend Chair Fall 2016



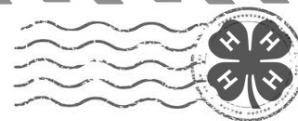
Dads are there for their daughters throughout their lives, holding our hands growing up, cheering us on during our endeavors, and helping us achieve our dreams. They are some of our biggest cheerleaders and to some, our heroes. 4-H House Dads are some of the best, as they continue to support us throughout our college years while living at our home away from home in Urbana. November 4-6, 2016, we welcomed our dads to spend a weekend with us and our sister's fathers.

On Friday the Dad's Weekend committee was busy preparing the house for our guests. We put up our banner, cleaned the common areas, and set out other items. Some of our dads came Friday night and attended the men's Fighting Illini Basketball Game.

Saturday we had our tailgate in Grange Grove for the football game and everyone brought a dish to pass for our potluck. A Dad's Association meeting was conducted after the game and later that night everyone was free to spend time with their fathers. Sunday, the fun-filled weekend ended with a banquet at the Ribeye Restaurant.

The weekend was very successful and it was great to have a little part of home be with us at 4-H House: our dads.

Traveling Sisters



Studying abroad in the Dominican Republic for 10 days was one of the best decisions I have made in my college career so far. I got to experience their culture, agriculture, and interact with native students. I especially enjoyed learning about their agriculture practices compared to the United States.

Eileen Urish '20

Traveling Sisters



This winter break I had the opportunity to study abroad in the Dominican Republic, learning about the country's commodities and culture. Being immersed in the culture and interacting with the students, I instantly came to love their vibrant culture!

Sadie Marks '20

Brother's Weekend

By Harley Carlson, Brother's Weekend Chair, Fall 2016



This year for Brother's weekend we were excited to spend a beautiful fall weekend with our brothers. The boys that stayed at the house had the opportunity to attend an Illini football game followed by a meal at the house. On Saturday night we played a game of, "how well do you know your brother?". The night ended with a rowdy nerf gun war. We are always excited to have our brothers come visit us.

Senior Sendoffs

By Sarah Mills, Alumni Relations Chair, Spring 2017

A mere eye blink away, they were pledges and here they are all graduated – and still smiling!

Carol Bauman majored in Animal Sciences. After graduation, she is applying to veterinary schools and graduate programs involving dairy management.

Tessa Cowser majored in Animal Sciences. She will be interning at Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic in Peoria this summer, and attending the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine this fall.

Logan Honegger majored in Agricultural Leadership Education with a minor in Animal Sciences. Logan is pursuing a career in the swine industry.

Kalynne Ewerks majored in Crop Science. Kalynne plans to pursue a career in Agronomy.

Taylor Hardy majored in Agricultural Leadership Education. She is interested in working in communications, public relations, training and development. This summer she will also be competing for Miss Illinois and, hopefully, going on to the Miss America competition.

Sarah Jones majored in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education. She will be teaching high school Agriculture in the fall.

Erin Kettelkamp majored in Animal Sciences with a concentration in Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine. She will attend veterinary school at UI in the fall, and is getting married to her high school sweetheart in 2018.

Kelsey Litchfield majored in Agricultural Communications. The first step in her future is to return to her roots in Rio, IL where she will work with her dad and on her personal business plan.

Abby Marten majored in Agricultural Leadership Education. After graduation, she will be moving to Indianapolis, Indiana to work for FLM+, a hybrid strategic consulting and learning services agency as an Associate Engagement Specialist. She recently became engaged and is planning her wedding.

Carli Miller majored in Agricultural Communications with a heavy focus in Animal Sciences. She will be working full time at Sports Vet Animal Medicine where she has been Veterinary Practice Manager since January.

Molly Novotney majored in Agricultural Leadership Education with a minor in Public Relations. Molly will pursue a job in digital media and copywriting.

Elaine Richardson majored in Animal Sciences. She is attending UI Meat Science and Muscle Biology graduate school.

Hannah Teske majored in Human Development and Family Studies. HDFS has prepared her for many careers in Social Work, Human Resources, and Teaching.

Lauren Urbanowski majored in Animal Sciences. She will be attending veterinary school at Purdue University.

Shelby Wendling majored in ACE: Agribusiness, Markets, and Management and is pursuing a career in Agricultural Lending or Crop Insurance in the Effingham County area while continuing to help on her family's grain and livestock farm.

The Alum Board honored seniors at a brunch at Prairie Fruits Farms on April 23, 2017.

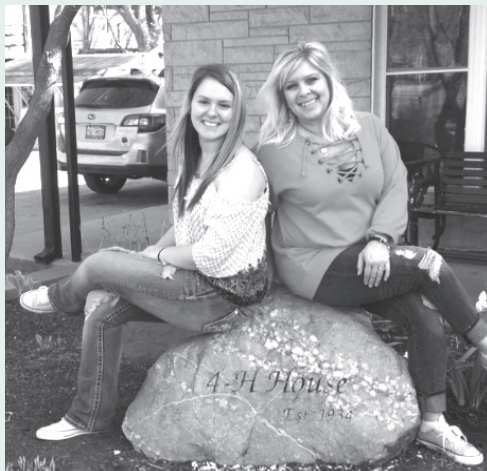


ADDITIONAL HONORS AMONG THIS CLASS OF GRADUATES

Abby Marten received the Wessels Award and was also recognized as Outstanding Senior in Agriculture Leadership Education. **Kelsey Litchfield** and **Krista Temple** (graduating in December 2017) were recognized as Outstanding Seniors in Agricultural Communications. **Erin Kettlekamp** was honored as the Panhellenic Council Outstanding Senior from 4-H House.

Mom's Weekend

By Rachel Recker, Mom's Weekend Chair



4-H House Mom's weekend is a wonderful time where girls get to spend the weekend with their mom. Whether it be hanging out here at 4-H house, walking around campus or finding activities in Champaign and Urbana, the girls always have an eventful weekend. Moms began to arrive Friday evening. On Saturday Moms and daughters took part in the Mom's Association meeting and a potluck lunch to follow. The rest of the afternoon and evening was for relaxation and enjoyment. Many moms and daughters attended

the flower show and craft fair on campus. Others went shopping, out to dinner, went to the movies, etc. Sunday we had the Mom's Banquet at Biaggi's. There was entertainment by the men's glee club group "The Other Guys" and scholarships were presented. Moms of seniors gave speeches about their daughters to honor their hard work and accomplishments through their time in school. Sandy Bloemer won a wonderful quilt made by Karen Temple again this year for our raffle.

Newly Elected Fall 2017 Executive Officers

By Rachel Recker, Mom's Weekend Chair

Junior Executives:

Emily Tomlin, *J-Board Chair*

Danielle Brinkmann, *Assistant Commissar and Professional Development*

Sarah Mills, *Assistant House Manager*

Kendra Sutherlin, *Assistant Secretary*

Katie Zelechowski, *Assistant Social Chair*

Abby Tomhave, Jill Monier, *Assistant Treasurers*

Ashley Cooney, *Assistant Interviewing Chair*

Audrey Hoene, *Philanthropy Chair*

Sadie Marks, Monica Merkle, *Computer Chairs*

Renee Tillman, *Website/PR Chair*

Harley Carlson, *Alumni Relations Chair and Banner Chair*

Kylie Bohman, *Panhellenic Delegate and Historian*

Eileen Urish, *Assistant New Member Educator*

The appointed officers are:

Krista Temple, *Chaplain and Song Chair*

Sadie Marks, *Sports*

Laine Honegger, *Sister's Weekend*

Jenna Davis, *Mom's Weekend*

Korianna Kluss-Klekamp, *Dad's Weekend Chair*

Olivia Wilson, *Brother's Weekend*



Front row (L to R):

Mary Marsh, *House Manager*;
Christy Allen, *Secretary*;
Kara Brockamp, *President*; and
Meghan Clodfelter, *Vice President and Homecoming Chair*.

Not pictured:

Holly Stallard, *Scholarship Chair*.

Back row (L to R):

Bobbi Toepper, *New Member Educator*;
Laine Honegger, *Commissar*;
Jenna Davis, *Risk Manager*;
Oakley Whalen, *Social Chair*;
Hannah Miller, *Treasurer*;
Rachel Recker, *Interviewing Chair*.

A Note from Naomi Housemother Extraordinaire!



4-H House is full of the most incredible young women I have ever seen. To watch the girls grow from new members to graduation is the highlight of being a house mom. This is a home away from home. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be its house mom.



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The Homefront

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Summer Internships

17s

Tessa Cowser: *Intern at Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic, Peoria, IL*

18s

Emily Bloemer: *John Deere, Cost Accounting Intern, Waterloo, IA*
Sydney Mumm: *Cargill Human Resources Intern, Nebraska City, NE*
Krista Temple: *Marketing Communications Intern for CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights, MN*
Megan Vogt: *UI Extension Unit 22, 4-H Program Intern, Monroe County, IL*

19s

Christy Allen: *Food & Agriculture, Rome, Italy*
Kara Brockamp: *West Liberty Foods, Environmental Intern, West Liberty, IA*
Nicole Chance: *Marketing Intern, Land O' Lakes Winfield United, St Paul, Minnesota*
Stephanie Fehr: *Child Development Lab Student Worker, Champaign*
Hannah Miller: *Counselor, State Farm Summer Day Camp, Bloomington-Normal, IL*
Jillian Monier: *Precision Agronomics. Assistant Agronomy Scouting Internship, West Lebanon, IN*
Rachel Recker: *UI Extension, Waterloo, IL*

Work on Campus

17s

Tessa Cowser: *Undergraduate Research Assistant Meat Sciences Laboratory*
Abby Marten: *UIACES Academic Programs Intern/IL Leadership Ctr Leadership Paraprofessional*

18s

Emily Bloemer: *USFSCO - Student Worker for Cashier and Customer Services Operations*
Audrey Hoene: *Family Specialist with STRONG Kids Research*
Sydney Mumm: *AFM Student Worker, AITS*
Krista Temple: *Communications Intern for ACES Career Services*
Megan Vogt: *UIACES Special Events Intern*

19s

Christy Allen: *UI Agricultural Communications Program Intern*
Kara Brockamp: *Student Intern at UIUC Office of Corporate Relations*
Nicole Chance: *Marketing Communications Intern UIACES*
Stephanie Fehr: *Babysitting*
Jillian Monier: *Bayer Crop Science, Soybean Breeding Intern*
Rachel Recker: *ACES Alumni Association Intern*

20s

Jenna Davis: *YMCA - Child Watch*
Laine Honegger: *Student Worker, UI Student Financial Services and Cashier Operations*
Holly Stallard: *Behavior Intern at Champaign County Humane Society*



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Save the Date!

Homecoming and Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 28, 2017