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CoBank Cooperative Scholarships  
Ag Scholarships Awarded



Photo: left to right: Kyle Kennedy, Mollie Roths, Dennis Blick – CoBank Region Manager, and Allen Lange at the K-State Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, October 7, 2011

MANHATTAN, Kan. – CoBank is contributing to the education of future agricultural leaders with an interest in a career in finance or banking. Kyle Kennedy, Alan Lange and Mollie Roths were selected to be the recipients of the 2011-2012 CoBank Cooperative Scholarships.

Kyle Kennedy of Hoxie, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University, majoring in agricultural economics with a specialty in finance. He works as a student assistant in the department of Agricultural Economics and in the Ag Academics Programs office, works for Keith Kennedy Farms and completed an internship with CoBank this past summer. Kyle is president of NAMA and president of Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternity. He is also a member of the AGEC/AGBUS club and St. Isidore's Knights of Columbus. After graduation, he hopes to work as a loan officer or on the family farm. The Kennedy family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Frontier Ag, Inc., Hi-Plains Cooperative Association, Western Cooperative Electric Association, Farm Credit of Ness City and Farm Credit of Western Kansas. In addition, Kyle's dad, Keith, serves as chairman of the Farm Credit of Ness City board of directors.

Allen Lange of Conway Springs, KS, is a junior at Kansas State University, majoring in agribusiness. He works as a student worker in K-State veterinary medicine and also works as a crew supervisor for Har-El Acres. Allen completed an internship with Mid-Kansas Co-op. He is a member of the K-State AGEC/AGBUS club, St Isidore's choir and Knights of Columbus. After graduation, Allen hopes to work at a local cooperative or with a credit lender. The Lange's are

affiliated with American Ag Credit, Farmers Cooperative Grain Association, Mid-Kansas Cooperative, Team Marketing Alliance and Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mollie Roths of Winfield, KS, is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. She is a student worker in the KSU Admissions Office. Mollie is involved in AGEK/AGBUS Club, KSU Collegiate Cattlewomen's Association. She also participated in many leadership activities while attending Hutchinson Community College. Upon graduation, Mollie plans to pursue a career in banking or finance. Donnie Roths, Mollie's dad, is a branch manager at the Kellogg location of Valley Co-op, Inc.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be either a junior or senior in high academic standing in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics at the time the scholarship is received and must have completed accounting or finance classes. The student must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in banking or finance. In addition, the student or their parents must belong to or be employed by a farmer-owned cooperative.

The awarding of the CoBank Cooperative Scholarships is coordinated through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC), directed by Associate Professor Brian Briggeman. The ACCC provides research-based information, education and assistance to people with and interested in cooperative businesses, including cooperative members, directors, managers and employees. The Center also works with students and faculty at educational institutions, the general public and public officials as well as owners, directors, managers and employees of agribusinesses.

COBANK, part of the U.S. Farm Credit System, provides financial solutions and leasing services to agricultural cooperatives, rural energy and communications systems, Farm Credit associations and other businesses serving rural America. The bank also finances agricultural exports and provides international banking services. The bank provides leasing services through its subsidiary, Farm Credit Leasing Services Corp. With approximately \$27 billion in assets, the bank is owned by approximately 2,500 customer-owners. COBANK is governed by a board of directors elected by the bank's customer-owners. The bank operates on a cooperative basis and, historically, a substantial portion of earnings is returned to the bank's owners in the form of patronage refunds. COBANK has offices throughout the U.S. and representative offices around the world. The national office is located in Denver, CO.

"Additional contributions by those who want to support the purposes of cooperative scholarships are welcome," Briggeman 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 Brian Briggeman at the same address or e-mailing, [bbrigg@ksu.edu](mailto:bbrigg@ksu.edu).

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