



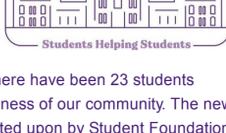
September 2020 Newsletter

Student Foundation

Welcome to our Newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to connect current Student Foundation members with the alumni that have gone before them. Each month we will send updates on alumni, current members, campaigns, and philanthropy events put on by Student Foundation. If you would like to be featured in a future newsletter, or want to suggest a future article, please reach out to us through this [form](#). Leave feedback at the bottom! Enjoy!

Student Opportunity Award Update



The Student Foundation has truly made an impact during the era of COVID: since the pandemic began, there have been 165 SOA applications, of which 118 students were awarded over \$167,000. So far this fall, there have been 23 students awarded over \$23,000 thanks to the generosity and kindness of our community. The new K-State Proud logo (shown above) was designed and voted upon by Student Foundation members and K-State students this fall as well.

These awards are now more important than ever for allowing students to remain at K-State. While the Student Foundation has been working hard to raise money for the Student Opportunity Awards, applications will soon be closing due to a lack of funds. Despite the challenges, the Student Foundation has already supported a great number of students during this difficult time, and with hard work and support from alumni like you, we will certainly be able to benefit many more!

If you wish to donate to help students remain at K-State, please do so using the Donate button below! We know that finances may be tight during this time, but there are countless ways to support our mission. Please spread the word about K-State Proud to your family and friends, and share this donation link when possible!

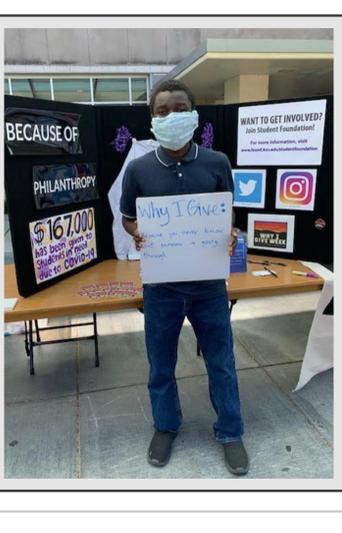
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Why I Give Week Breakdown!

This year, Why I Give Week was September 21-25. While it looked different than in previous years, members were excited to get out and advocate for philanthropy on K-State's campus! Instead of having a different theme every day, each day focused on the same theme: the importance of giving. To promote this, Student Foundation members tabled outside of the Union, talking to those who stopped by about philanthropy in the K-State community and the mission of the Student Foundation. StuFo members gave out Little Debbie snacks and other goodies (including hand sanitizer), all with the Why I Give Week logo. Postcards were also handed out, which students used to write thank-yous and spread positivity throughout the week.

According to Leah Wethington, vice president of outreach, "Now more than ever, we need to inspire a philanthropic mindset for our students." Not only did this week provide an excellent opportunity to educate K-State students on philanthropy, but it was also used to promote other ways of giving back to the community. Students were provided with names and contacts to organizations where they can donate their time, instead of money, to give back to the Manhattan community without donating money. After all, donating time to the community helps foster more interpersonal relationships and benefits everyone involved!

Overall, it was an amazing week of spreading awareness and encouraging kindness. Thank you to Leah Wethington and her committee for planning a great Why I Give Week!



Student Foundation Director Spotlight

Luke Prohaska is a senior from Wichita, Kansas, double-majoring in Biochemistry and Spanish. He is currently the director of Why I Give Week in the Student Foundation and played an important role in the success of this year's event!

When asked about his experience planning Why I Give Week, Luke responded, "I worked with Leah Wethington, the vice president of outreach, a lot on the logistics of Why I Give Week. We focused, as always, on how much of what makes K-State great depends on financial contributions from donors and how students can give of their time, talent, and treasure. However, this year obviously looks different, so we especially focused on reaching students through social media to ask for donations to replenish our very depleted SOA fund to support the students on campus going through extra financial trials due to coronavirus. We worked with K-State Facilities to place signs around campus showing how important donations are to the success of K-State and tried to encourage positive interaction at our table at the Union to engage in discussion about philanthropy through fun (and safe!) giveaways."

Luke's favorite thing about Student Foundation is our mission. "Through the generosity of K-State students, we have the funds to make a dramatic impact on K-State students in extreme financial distress, which could potentially affect their entire future. To help students achieve their goals of a degree and be able to stay in the K-State community when they otherwise might have not been able to without StuFo and K-State Proud is very rewarding."

His dream job is to work as a physician in a Spanish-speaking context.

According to Luke, "My favorite K-State memory is upsetting Oklahoma in football last year and storming the field afterward. I almost didn't go to that game because I didn't expect a great outcome, and my expectations were very pleasantly shattered."



Luke Prohaska

Meet the 2020 Student Foundation Executive Board!



President - Maggie Malmberg

Maggie is a senior from Phillipsburg, Kansas, majoring in Biology. According to her, her dream job would be: "To own a food truck! I would love to drive to different cities and sell pastries."

Vice President of Outreach - Leah Wethington

From Lawrence, Kansas (but go Cats), Leah is an elementary education-special education major in her junior year at K-State. Regarding her dream job: "I would love to start a life-skills after-school program for students with disabilities. Our school system does so much to promote curricular learning, but sometimes misses the mark when preparing students who have disabilities for the real world. I plan to go back to get my masters in SPED, and then would love to pick up a business minor to make this dream a reality."



Vice President of Finance - Isaac Sunderland

Isaac is a junior from Sabetha, Kansas, studying agribusiness at K-State. He hopes to become a grain merchandiser following his college education.

Vice President of Campaigns - Shay Duer

Shay is a senior at K-State majoring in agribusiness. She grew up on a small farm outside of Onaga, Kansas, just 45 minutes from Manhattan. Regarding her dream job: "I am extremely excited to start my career next year with Cargill, where I hope to make a small difference in the agricultural industry. Although I do not have a specific job in mind as my dream job, I know it will have something to do with agriculture, data, and efficiencies!"



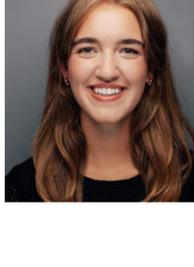
Student Opportunity Awards Chair - Claire McClellan

Majoring in bakery science and management, Claire is a senior from Plainville, Kansas. Her dream job is to become a food product developer after her time at K-State.



Vice President of Communications - Bea Kapple

From Overland Park, Kansas, Bea is currently pursuing an interior design major, and also plans to minor in business. This is her second year at K-State, but my first semester in the Interior Design program. When asked about her dream job, Bea said: "I am passionate about people and the spaces they inhabit. I would love to work as a corporate designer and have dreams of drafting floor plans and buying furniture for Starbucks Coffee shops. Oh, to be on the team that creates those spaces!"



Vice President of Membership - Garrett Craig

From Clay Center, Kansas, Garrett is an agricultural education major with a secondary major in global food systems leadership, and a minor in horticulture. His dream job is to be a high school teacher rural policy consultant.

Upcoming Dates

10/3 - K-State Proud football game vs Texas Tech at 2:30 PM

10/5 - Early Edition Kickoff

10/18-10/24 - Homecoming week

10/24 - Homecoming football game vs KU, TBD

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