# Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation 2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT

August 31, 2019

# Building for the Future of Nebraska's Agricultural Cooperatives

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation is organized as a 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code. It has been established by the Nebraska Cooperative Council for the purpose of enhancing the educational offerings for the cooperative industry.

Specific allowable uses of Foundation funds are:

- College scholarship programs for students to continue their education at Nebraska post-secondary institutions that provide agribusiness management programs.
- Continuing education programs for local cooperative directors and employees.
- Youth education programs for projects such as curriculum development or co-op day camps.
- Travel/study scholarships for cooperative employees to attend programs such as the Graduate Institute of Cooperative Leadership or other cooperative education events.
- Intern scholarships to allow students to explore cooperative career opportunities and conduct research projects for cooperatives.

 Special educational projects that would enhance the cooperative movement in the state.



### 2018/19 FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

- In partnership with the CHS Foundation, the NCC Education Foundation and the Council provided information on cooperatives to 289 high school and college students through presentations and speaking contests.
- Through our curriculum projects we indirectly reach an additional 9,000 students through the Nebraska FFA.
- For the 2019/20 academic year, the Foundation provided 9 scholarships totaling \$21,500 to students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Curtis, and the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation awarded 9 scholar-ships totaling \$21,500 for the 2019/20 academic year to students at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL) College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis, and the University of Nebraska - Kearney (UNK).

The scholarship program was initiated in the 1993/94 academic year with voluntary contribution funding from cooperatives which are members of the Council. Since the program's inception, 198 scholarships totaling \$220,600 have been awarded.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must be majoring in agribusiness or agricultural economics at UNL, agribusiness or ag production systems at NCTA, or agribusiness at UNK.

"The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation is honored to provide students with financial support, allowing them to be able to study agricultural business/economics. Education is one of the fundamental cooperative principles, and this program continues to be an important part of our efforts to help youth understand the cooperative way of doing business and interest them in pursuing careers in the agricultural industry here in Nebraska."

- Gerald Schmidt, NCCEF Board Chair

# Recipients for the 2019/20 Academic Year

The Foundation awarded seven \$2,500 scholarships at UNL (one to an incoming student and six to upperclass students), one \$1,500 scholarship at NCTA, and one \$2,500 scholarship at UNK.



College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources University of Nebraska-Lincoln

NCCEF Scholarship in Honor of Robert C. Andersen

**Austin Harthoorn**, son of Barry & Sue Harthoorn of Ainsworth, is a senior at UNL majoring in agricultural



economics. The Harthoorn's are members of Farmers/Ranchers Co-op Assn headquartered in Ainsworth, CVA headquartered in York, and

Farm Credit Services of America in Omaha.

NCCEF Scholarships in Honor of Michael S. Turner

#### Callie Dethlefs.

daughter of Gary & Darlene Dethlefs of Rockville, is a junior at UNL majoring in agribusiness. The Dethlefs' are members of



Farmers Co-op Assn headquartered in Ravenna.



Maria Harthoorn, daughter of Barry & Sue Harthoorn of Ainsworth, is a sophomore at UNL majoring in agricultural economics. The

Harthoorn's are members of Farmers/ Ranchers Co-op Assn headquartered in Ainsworth, CVA headquartered in York, and Farm Credit Services of America in Omaha.

**Kyle Leners**, son of Scott & Laurie Leners of Filley, is a junior at UNL majoring in agribusiness. The Leners' are members of Farmers Co-op head-quartered in Dorchester.



**Brent Miller**, son of Roy & Sarah Miller of Oakland, is a senior at UNL majoring in agribusiness. The Miller's are members of CVA

headquartered in York.

### Elizabeth Yrkoski,

daughter of Joseph & Mary Yrkoski of Fullerton, is a junior at UNL majoring in agricultural economics. The Yrkoski's



are members of CVA headquartered in York.

**Valerie Bohuslavsky**, daughter of Jeffrey & Dawn Bohuslavsky of David

City, is a freshman at UNL majoring in agribusiness. The Bohuslavsky's are members of Frontier Co-op headquartered in Brainard, CVA headquar-



tered in York, and the Aurora Co-op Elevator Co. headquartered in Aurora.



**Ethan Aschenbrenner**, son of Gary & LaDonna Aschenbrenner of

Scottsbluff, is a second year student at NCTA majoring in ag production systems. The Aschenbrenner's are members of Westco headquartered in



Alliance and Pahhandle Co-op Assn headquartered in Scottsbluff.

# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA KEARNEY



**Drew Hofman**, son of Brent & Deb Hofman of Indianola, is a sophomore at UNK majoring in agribusiness. The Hofman's are members of Ag

Valley Co-op headquartered in Edison and Frenchman Valley Farmers Co-op headquartered in Imperial.

"The College is very fortunate to have supporters that value higher education. The generosity of scholarship donors makes college a reality for many students who will ultimately make discoveries, develop innovations and create solutions that will change the world's future. Thank you again for your generosity and investment in our students and their future."

- Tiffany Heng Moss, Dean, UNL College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

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September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019

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### 2018/19 FINANCIAL REPORTS

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION August 31, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS	2019	2018	
Current Assets:  Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Restricted	\$ 80,591	\$ 81,018	
Mutual Fund Investments - Restricted	597,325	586,756	
KRVN Golden Notes - Restricted Accrued Interest Receivable - Restricted	3,760	2,500	
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Investments:			
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Net Assets - Restricted	<u>\$ 681,774</u>	<u>\$674,173</u>	
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	2019	<u>2018</u>	
Revenue and Support:	2019		
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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Rod Schroeder (Sec) -- Ashland
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## **RECOGNIZING MAJOR LIFE EVENTS**

There are many life events that occur within the cooperative family. If you would like to provide a memorial or honorarium gift to the Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation, please fill out the information below and submit the form along with your check to:

Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation 134 South 13th Street, Suite 503 Lincoln, NE 68508

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The mission of the NCC Education Foundation is to promote and encourage high school graduates to pursue higher education in the agricultural and agribusiness fields through scholarships and the implementation of school-to-work programs with participating Nebraska cooperatives, to encourage high school graduates to remain in Nebraska in agricultural pursuits all of which will result in community betterment, and preservation of agriculture as a way of life. The corporation is to further promote, support and sponsor continuing education programs in the agricultural and cooperative industries and assist in the development of value added and other cooperative ventures and related business organizations in the agricultural industry.