

Iowa State University

Dairy Science Student Profile



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High School: Clinton High School
Class Size: 400
Farm Name: Blue Hyll Dairy
Major: Animal Science **Minor:** Agronomy

Why did you decide to attend ISU? I chose Iowa State University for their well-known agricultural program. Iowa State has a variety of well know professors in a magnitude of different fields that I was interested in, some of those being both nutritional and reproductive fields. Another aspect that drew me to Iowa State was the number of teaching farms that they run and operate. My family are all Iowa State alumni, so I wanted to carry on the family tradition!

What has been your most memorable college experience? My favorite college experience is being selected to go on an Animal and Dairy Science study abroad to the Netherlands. This was truly an unforgettable trip where I was able to how dairy farming differs from country to country. I was also able to see new innovations within the industry, one of those being the Floating Dairy Farm.

What has been your favorite course? My favorite course that I have taken would be Domestic Animal Anatomy and Physiology Lab. I really enjoyed this class because it was very hands on, and we were able to cover and learn about multiple different species. This class was very beneficial in helping with other classes because of the array of topics we covered in terms of nutrition and reproductive aspects. I enjoyed this class so much that I helped teach the class for two semesters.

What are your future career goals? My future career goals are still undecided. I'm not sure what exactly I want to do but I know it will be something related to the dairy industry. Long term career goal would be to come home and take over and run my families dairy farm, but I'd like to go into the industry for a few years before I decide to do this.

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