

Iowa State University

Dairy Science Student Profile



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Class Size: 40
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Major: Agricultural Business

Why did you decide to attend ISU? I decided on Iowa State because it is one of the most highly regarded agricultural colleges in the nation. I knew that Iowa State would not only offer me an academic degree that is so highly-sought after by many companies in the ag industry, but also the countless extracurricular opportunities that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to take part in anywhere else. Additionally, Iowa State's beautiful campus and top-notch faculty truly lead to a quintessential learning environment.

What has been your most memorable college experience? My most memorable experience was watching the homecoming fireworks near the Campanile. (The "Alternative" to the Midnight Curtiss to Beardshear Run)

What has been your favorite course? My favorite course has probably been Econ 235. Intro to Ag Markets really opened my eyes to way producers, cooperatives, corporate buyers, and brokers interact in the commodity markets. Learning about things like basis, hedging, and options allowed me to gain a better understanding of how to make effective marketing decisions in the futures market. A semester-long project allowed for a more in-depth insight of the recent trade war with China and its effect on commodity prices.

What are your future career goals? Upon graduation, my plan is to return home to the family farm and grow my existing business! With the help of a program at Iowa State called AgEI, last summer I was able to establish my own business called Hightail Ice Cream. I plan to build the operation and hope to eventually use milk processed on our farm. My ultimate goal is to put up an on-farm creamery and educate the public on the awesomeness of the dairy industry!

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