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ASI Mentors Seniors recognized, sixteen new members welcomed

Eleven Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry (ASI) seniors were recognized Thursday, May 2 for their service as K-State ASI Mentors.

The students were honored during the ASI Mentor Annual Banquet at the Stanley Stout Center. The graduating seniors were acknowledged for their dedication to creating a welcoming environment for prospective students and their families, as well as during events hosted by the department.

Congratulations to the following graduates on their future plans.

- **Tate Anderson**, Overbrook, KS – K-State College of Veterinary Medicine
- **Alicia Bohren**, Longmont, CO – master's in Dairy Reproductive Physiology at University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.
- **Morgan D'Albini**, Spring Hill, KS – K-State College of Veterinary Medicine
- **Kristen Kahler**, Bonner Springs, KS – master's at K-State in small ruminants under Dr. Payton Dahmer
- **Katie Krejci**, Frisco, TX – Ross University College of Veterinary Medicine
- **Brody Nemecek**, Iola, KS – master's in business administration at K-State
- **Chanae Parker**, Manhattan, KS – master's degree in Muscle Biology from K-State
- **Jade Parrish**, Parrish, FL – Associate Territory Manager for Pioneer Seed in Spirit Lake, Iowa
- **Audrey Tarochione**, London Mills, IL – master's in Breeding & Genetics with a beef cattle focus from Iowa State University
- **Katrina Tucker**, Hopkins, MI – Formulation Management Team at Cargill in Kansas City, Missouri
- **Rylee Chapman**, Corona, CA – Will be graduating in December 2024

Throughout the 2023-24 school year ASI Mentors shared their experiences during approximately 235 prospective student visits, at 12 youth and stakeholder events and have written more than 2,300 congratulation cards.

“This past week we were able to celebrate an outstanding set of seniors within the ASI mentor program. These young adults have dedicated a lot of their time and energy into the current and future of our department. We appreciate everything they have done to support and grow this program,” says Emily Grund, ASI Mentor advisor. “Likewise, we are excited to welcome in a new group of mentors. I am anxious to see the lasting impression they will leave during this exciting time in history for the ASI department.”

The ASI Department has selected 16 students to serve as ASI Mentors. The following members were welcomed to the organization during the annual banquet: **Emma Balisky**, Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada; **Kate Colgan**, Laura, IL; **Carson Corwin**, Buckner, MO; **Conner Dinkel**, Hill City, KS; **Wyatt Dooley**, Yellowstone National Park, WY, **Kit Farran**, Rogersville, MO; **Meghan Garren**, Penn Valley, CA; **Kennedy Holstein**, Scott City, KS; **Thomas Koontz**, Louisburg, KS; **Olivia Macomber**, Morgantown, PA; **Claire Norris**, Eudora, KS; **Nissa Olsen**, Manhattan, KS; **Callie Reward**, Colorado Springs, CO; **Ainsley Stiles**, Topeka, KS; **Cecillia Newby**, Oswego, KS; and **Lauren Wolter**, Aviston, IL.

Returning members for the 2024-25 school year include **Korben Clawson**, Meade, KS; **Grace Fike**, Westmoreland, KS, **Ella Jordan**, Savannah MO; **Ethan Kunkel**, Peck, KS; **Rhyan Marshall**, Attica, KS; **Emma Neal**, Cedar Point, KS; **Ava Perrier**, Eureka, KS; **Weston Schrader**, Wells, KS; **Samantha Schwindt**, Hillsboro, KS; **Miles Stum**, Nickerson, KS; **Emma Sutherly**, Troy, OH; **Lauren Thompson**, Woodville, WI; **Kaylynn Vogts**, Waverly, KS; and **Katelynn Wallace**, Casstown, OH.

To learn more about the ASI Mentor program, visit asi.ksu.edu/asimentors.

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