

# Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation

## Report to Donors & Contributors

### Student Scholarship Programs

The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation offers several scholarships to students in the area. The available scholarships are described below:

Established in 2001, the **John Buck Memorial Scholarship** is awarded in the amount of \$1000 to a student from Kane, DeKalb, McHenry, Boone, DuPage, Will or Lake counties pursuing higher education in an agriculture field. Since its creation, this scholarship has been awarded to students in Kane, McHenry and Boone Counties.

The **Clyde Hagemann Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a student in the amount of \$1250. This scholarship has been offered for ten years in honor of a past Farm Bureau President instrumental in the Foundation's establishment.

**Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation General Scholarships** are awarded to students whose parents have been Kane County Farm Bureau members for at least the past two years. The number of scholarship winners varies based on applications, each will receive \$1000. In the past five years \$44,000 has been awarded to local students through this scholarship. In 2005 and beyond, the most outstanding application from a high school senior will be awarded a \$1500 Presidential Scholarship.

The **Chris Feldott Memorial Scholarship** was a one time scholarship awarded in honor of a past Farm Bureau member in the amount of \$1000. One time and endowed scholarships can be arranged by contacting the Foundation at 630-584-8660.



Directors Jim O'Connell, Eldon Gould and Steve Pitstick at the annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing. An endowment to the Foundation supplemented by the annual golf outing and raffle of a John Deere "Gator" provides funding for the John Buck Memorial Scholarships.



Shannon Smith of Woodstock, 2004-05 recipient of the John Buck Memorial Scholarship, used the funds for undergraduate study in veterinary medicine at the University of Illinois

**THE KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS. OVER \$50,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE FOUNDATION SINCE 2000.**

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### Ag-in-the-Classroom

The Foundation considers grant requests to teachers for innovative classroom agriculture programs. Since 2001 the Foundation has awarded ten scholarships to Kane County teachers who were also members of Farm Bureau to fund Ag-in-the-Classroom programs.



**Kane County Ag Literacy Coordinator Suzi Myers (r) helps students with an Ag-in-the-Classroom project.**

### Ag Literacy Programs



**These books about agriculture and many others are now available for teachers and members to check-out from the Kane County Farm Bureau.**

The Foundation helps to fund the Kane County Ag Literacy Program. The new Ag Literacy Library located in the Farm Bureau, is one example of how the Ag Literacy funds are spent. The new Farm Bureau Library has books for all ages and interests available for check-out by Farm Bureau members & Kane County teachers.

## Internships to Meet Student Needs



**Julie Drendel of Hampshire, a student at the University of Illinois, was the summer 2005 intern for the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.**

Internships are offered by the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation to students who have completed at least 30 undergraduate hours.

Student interns are responsible for many tasks and internships are structured to meet student needs. The Foundation offers summer, winter and mid-term

internships. Interns help coordinate Ag-in-the-Classroom projects, county fair activities, media relations and assist in developing grant requests for the Ag Ed program in Kane County, with P.R. efforts, newsletters, press releases and other correspondence.



**Kristen Anderson of Richmond, a student at the University of Illinois, was the 2005-2006 winter intern. This was the first time the Foundation offered a winter internship.**

## Adult Scholarships



**Leadership development programs supported by the Foundation help train new leaders in agriculture and industry to meet tomorrow's challenges.**

Foundation Scholarships are also available to adults. Five scholarships have been awarded in recent years for college courses and for leader-

ship development programs in agriculture. Each application is considered on an individual basis and the amount of the scholarship varies based on the curriculum or program and tuition or fees. Past

scholarships have gone toward post graduate foreign travel study in Brazil and agricultural leadership development programs like the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program, (IALP) and Illinois Farm Bureau's A LOT, Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow.



**Adult Scholarships have helped expose recipients to various cultures and ag production systems.**

**Gifts to the KCFB Foundation support local education and leadership development for the future of America's most essential industry, Agriculture!**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_ \$75    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_ Other

**Payment Information** - Please make checks payable to:

**KCFB Foundation, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174**

The KCFB Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports education, leadership development, research and charitable activities for the benefit of agriculture and farm families.

## "FUN"draising

☛ **Farm Bureau dues notices**— an agreement between the Foundation and the KCFB allows for Farm Bureau member contributions to be made to the Foundation along with annual dues to KCFB.



**The Kane County Fair 'Country Store' helps raise funds for Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholars.**

☛ **Country Store**— The Kane County Fair provides the Foundation the opportunity to raise funds and friends by offering unique hand crafted items and farm themed gifts. Buck Bros, Inc of Hampshire and DeKane Implement of Big Rock cooperate in this effort by allowing the Foundation to sell farm toys on consignment. Area merchants also donate items to the Foundation for an annual "Bucket Raffle" at the fair to raise money for scholarship programs.

**Silent Auctions at farm meetings are also a source of Foundation funds, & friends !**



☛ **Silent Auction**— The Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting helped raise \$ 4300.00 through generous donations of 50+ area merchants and members attending and participating in the Silent Auction.

☛ **John Buck Memorial Golf Outing**— The proceeds raised from this annual benefit go towards the John Buck Memorial Scholarships.