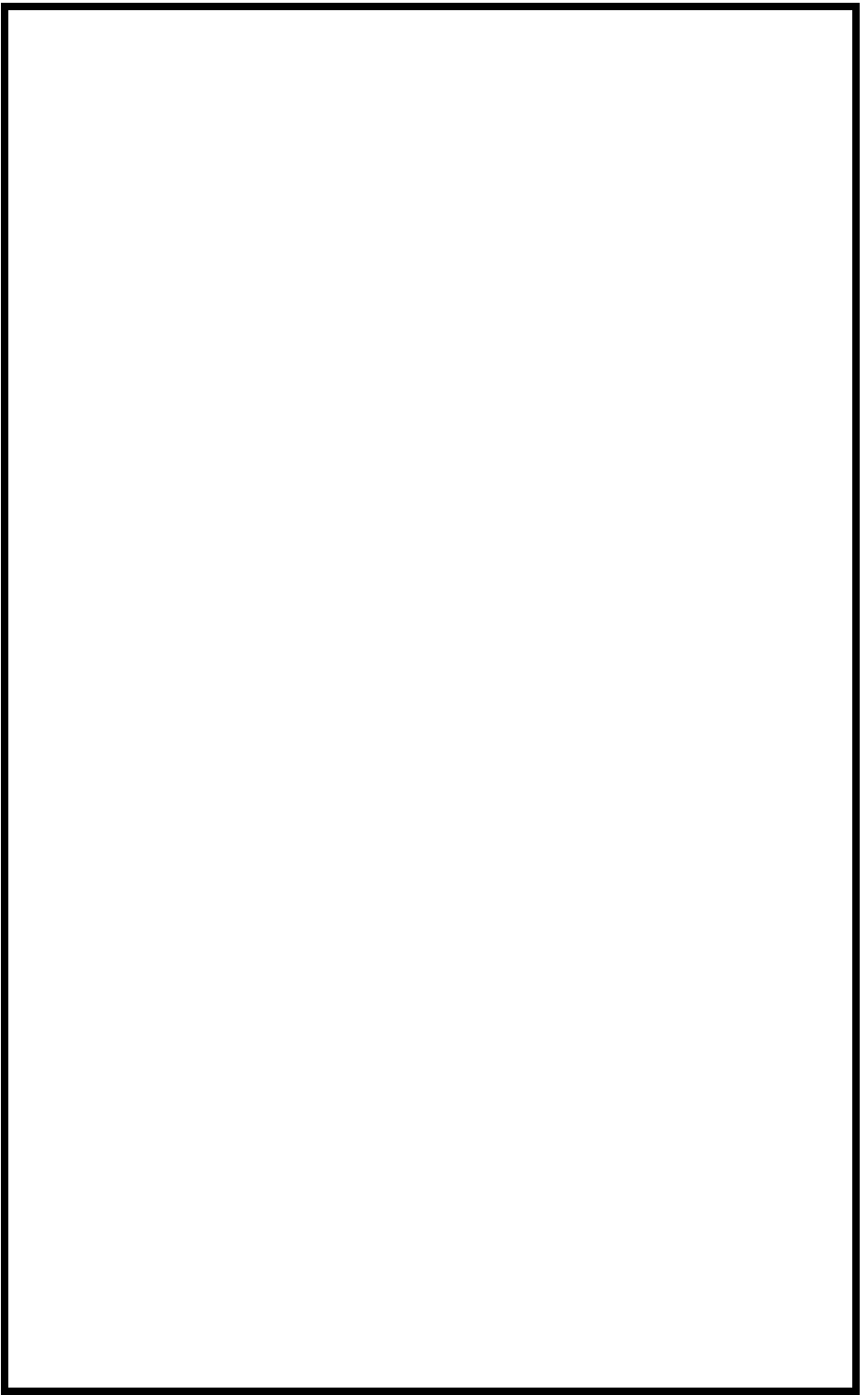


**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
HONORS RECEPTION**



**MAY 16, 2025
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PROGRAM

Refreshments

Compliments of College of Agriculture Alumni

Welcome and Introductions

Dan Moser, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture

Remarks

Ernie Minton, Dean, College of Agriculture

Reflections

Madison Bruna, Honors Graduate,
Animal Sciences and Industry

Presentation of Honors Cords

Deana Core, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture
and Faculty Advisors

Recognition of Honors Program Graduates

Jennifer Bormann, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture
and Project Advisors

Reflections

Annika Bhatt, Honors Graduate,
Food Science and Industry

Recognition of Outstanding Seniors

Dan Moser, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture

MAY 2025
ACADEMIC HONORS GRADUATES

Cum Laude Graduates – 3.750-3.849

Reece Adams	Animal Sciences and Industry Cassandra Jones
Kiley Andersen	Animal Sciences and Industry Joann Kouba
Dalton Carey	Agricultural Economics Brian Coffey
Erin Deters	Agricultural Education Jonathan Ulmer
Adelaide Easter	Agricultural Economics Andrew Barkley
Christopher Faller	Agricultural Economics Elizabeth Yeager
Meghan Garren	Animal Sciences and Industry Robert Goodband
Hannah Gilpatrick	Animal Sciences and Industry Casy Winn
Braden Hudelson	Agronomy Nathan Nelson
Camdyn Kluis	Animal Sciences and Industry Robert Goodband
Bailey Lavender	Agricultural Economics Brian Coffey

Abigail Lillard	Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Nellie Hill-Sullins
Parker McDaniel	Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management Joe Gerken
Lindsay Miller	Animal Sciences and Industry Megan Rolf
Quinna Molden	Animal Sciences and Industry Payton Dahmer
Brenna Oshel	Animal Sciences and Industry Karol Fike
Neva Roenne	Agribusiness Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Katie Starzec
Will Schreiner	Animal Sciences and Industry Megan Rolf
John Stoecker	Agricultural Economics Aleksan Shanoyan
Miles Stum	Animal Sciences and Industry Joann Kouba
Rayleigh Wittman	Animal Sciences and Industry Cassandra Jones

Magna Cum Laude Graduates – 3.850-3.949

Maci Behrnes	Agribusiness Kara Ross
Kylie Deere	Animal Sciences and Industry Karol Fike
Edward Grubb Jr.	Animal Sciences and Industry Cassandra Jones
Marlea Harlan	Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Katie Starzec
Kelsey Hilderbran	Animal Sciences and Industry Deanna Retzlaff
Abigayle Mahurin	Animal Sciences and Industry Joann Kouba
Sadie Marchiano	Animal Sciences and Industry Payton Dahmer
David Martell	Animal Sciences and Industry Karol Fike
Kylie Mazur	Animal Sciences and Industry Elizabeth Boyle
Lauren Nieder	Animal Sciences and Industry Scott Beyer
Jioh Park	Agricultural Economics Aleksan Shanoyan
Ava Perrier	Animal Sciences and Industry Travis O'Quinn

Molly Smith	Agricultural Education Brandie Disberger
Anna Staley	Bakery Science Management Aaron Clanton
Berren Strope	Agricultural Economics Logan Britton
Griffin Stuewe	Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management Joe Gerken
Emerson Tarr	Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Nellie Hill-Sullins
Katrina Turner	Animal Sciences and Industry Travis O'Quinn
Chevy Vaske	Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Nellie Hill-Sullins
Paige Vulgamore	Agricultural Economics Elizabeth Yeager
Annika Wiebers	Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Nellie Hill-Sullins

Summa Cum Laude Graduates – 3.950 – 4.0

Sadie Arnold	Animal Sciences and Industry Joann Kouba
Jackson Barnes	Horticulture Kim Williams
Annika Bhatt	Food Science and Industry Abbey Nutsch
Madison Bruna	Animal Sciences and Industry Travis O'Quinn
Talia Clanton	Bakery Science Management Hulya Dogan
Noelle Collins	Animal Sciences and Industry Scott Beyer
Natalie Delgado	Food Science and Industry Abbey Nutsch
Olivia DeWolf	Horticulture Kim Williams
Anya Dunn	Food Science and Industry Abbey Nutsch
Kylie Mac Ewen	Entomology Jeremy Marshall
Lauren Gatz	Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Nellie Hill-Sullins

Monica Hammeke	Bakery Science Management Milling Science and Management Hulya Dogan
Lauryn Karr	Agribusiness Andrew Barkley
Emma Kasselmann	Agricultural Economics Kara Ross
Lane Klepper	Agricultural Economics Elizabeth Yeager
Emily Leihnsing	Bakery Science Management Aaron Clanton
Hannah Macke	Agribusiness Andrew Barkley
Kyla Mennen	Agribusiness Jason Bergtold
Hannah Moyer	Animal Sciences and Industry Megan Rolf
Tyler Parkhill	Parks Management and Conservation Brian Peterson
Kylie Schakel	Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications Katie Starzec
Samantha Schwindt	Animal Sciences and Industry Karol Fike
Rachel Sebesta	Agricultural Education Gaea Hock

Carissa Sohm

Agronomy
J. Anita Dille

Ellise Swihart

Animal Sciences and Industry
Robert Goodband

Landon Trout

Agronomy
Colby Moorberg

Grace Walenta

Agricultural Economics
Nathan Hendricks

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Annika Bhatt

Food Science and Industry

Formulation and Scale-Up of Plant-Based Lasagna

Project Advisor: Kelly Getty

Academic Advisor: Abbey Nutsch

Adelaide Easter

Agricultural Economics

**Developing a Global Food Systems Leadership Major and
Graduate Certificate**

Project Advisor: Mary Kay Siefers

Academic Advisor: Andrew Barkley

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Lauryn Karr – Agribusiness

Lauryn Karr is a senior studying Agribusiness with a minor in Business. Originally from Gardner, KS, and now residing in Chicago, Lauryn developed her passion for agriculture through the influence of her grandfather. During her time at Kansas State University, she served as President of the Ag Econ/Biz Club, where she enhanced her leadership abilities and built strong connections within the agricultural community. Lauryn is known for her enthusiastic approach to learning and her commitment to growth both personally and professionally. After graduation, she will begin her career as a customer experience specialist with Frontier Farm Credit, where she looks forward to making a positive impact in the agriculture industry.

Kylie Schakel – Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications

Kylie Schakel was selected as the Outstanding Senior in Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications based on her academic achievements as well as her service to the program and work experiences. Kylie is from Atlanta, IN, and transferred to Kansas State after attending Lincoln Land Community College. She has completed communications internships with the American Farm Bureau Federation, K-State Research and Extension, and the Indiana Department of Agriculture, among others. A member of the K-State Livestock Judging Team, Kylie has also been co-director of the College of Agriculture, Agricultural Leadership Program, an ongoing member and leader in Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, and part of the leadership teams for the K-State Agriculturist magazine and Royal Purple Yearbook. After graduation, Kylie will move to Washington, D.C., to work for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Paige Vulgamore – Agricultural Economics

Paige Vulgamore, from Scott City, KS, is majoring in Agricultural Economics and Global Food Systems Leadership. At Kansas State University, she has taken on leadership roles through the College of Agriculture and been actively involved in organizations such as the Student Governing Association and Student Alumni Board. Paige has participated in agricultural study abroad programs that have strengthened her global perspective and leadership skills. She is passionate about agriculture policy and plans to continue her education at Texas A&M University, where she will pursue a master's degree in Agricultural Economics with a focus on policy.

Alicia Hendron – Agricultural Education

Alicia Hendron is the Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Education based on her academic achievements, career-related experience, and outstanding service to the department and College. Alicia is from Plano, IL, and was a graduate of Somonauk High School. As a student, she served on the state-wide Teach Ag Students of Kansas (TASK) Force, was a leader in the Sigma Alpha Sorority, and traveled with the department on a study abroad trip to Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic. She has also represented the College of Agriculture at the National FFA convention and served as a special events assistant for the Kansas FFA Convention. Alicia recently completed her student teaching internship at Atchison County High School. Following her graduation, Alicia will stay in Kansas as one of the agriculture teachers at Tonganoxie High School.

Ashlynn Hartman – Agronomy

Ashlynn Hartman was selected as the Outstanding Senior in Agronomy based on her academic achievements, work experiences, and her service to the department and the College of Agriculture. Ashlynn is a native of Pawnee City, NE, and has completed internships with a Weed Science Lab under the Department of Agronomy at K-State and Syngenta Crop Protection during her time in college. She has been the vice president of the Wheat State Agronomy Club, a College of Agriculture Ambassador, an Agronomy Ambassador, and is the current National President of the Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences while competing on the Crops, Weeds, and Forage Bowl teams. Following her graduation, she plans to find a position as a crop protection agronomist and eventually work in agricultural policy in the herbicide regulatory space.

Anna Staley – Bakery Science and Management

Anna Staley was selected as the Outstanding Senior in Bakery Science and Management based on her academic achievements as well as her service to the department and work experience. Anna is a native of Lenexa, KS, and has completed various internships with ADM and Corbion during her time in college. She has also been an active member of Alpha Mu, Bakery Science Club, K-State Rowing team, and was as a teaching assistant for bakery science courses. She also served in leadership roles as production manager and president of the Bakery Science Club. Following her graduation, Anna will be moving to Lenexa, KS to join the Bakery Technical Service team at Corbion.

Emily Sur – Entomology

Emily is brilliant, a leader, and will contribute significantly to the future of Entomology. As a transfer student, Emily excelled in every course, has tutored students in a wide range of courses, is a leader in the Popenoe Entomology club (which was awarded Most Outstanding Club on Campus this year), has done outreach work with Dr. Cassandra Olds in Vet Med Entomology, and is working with our department head's Dr. Brian McCornack, Digital Agriculture Laboratory where she will start a master's program in Summer 2025. Emily defines excellence at the undergraduate level.

Landon Roberts – Feed and Pet Food Science

Landon Roberts was selected as the Outstanding Senior in Feed and Petfood Science based on his academic achievements as well as his service to the department and feed industry experiences. Landon is a native of Hillsboro, KS, and has completed feed manufacturing internships with Land O'Lakes Purina in Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Texas during his time in college. He has also been involved with the Feed Science Club, K-State Feed Mill, and K-State Club Baseball team. Following his graduation, Landon will be moving to Waco, TX to serve in the Mill Manager Training Program for Land O'Lakes Purina.

Anya Dunn – Food Science and Industry

Anya Dunn, a native of Kearney, MO and 2021 graduate from Kearney High School, has been selected as the Outstanding Senior in Food Science and Industry based on her excellent academic achievements, her service to the program, and her work experiences. During her time at K-State, Anya has been actively involved in Food Science Club, including serving as vice president, and has been an invaluable ambassador for the food science program, enthusiastically engaging and sharing her experiences with underclassmen and new students. Anya has been involved in the campus community, serving on the leadership team, going on a mission trip, and participating in a Bible study at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center. She has also been involved as a member of the K-State Women's Club Soccer Team and Chimes Junior Honor Society. Anya completed food science summer internships with Riega Foods in both 2023 and 2024, serving as a Quality Assurance Intern in their Kansas City, MO location. Following graduation, Anya has accepted a position as a Quality Assurance Specialist with Riega Foods in Kansas City.

Olivia DeWolf – Horticulture

Olivia, a horticulture major with a specialization in production, undergraduate achievements include exceptional academic performance in her major while also earning a double minor in entomology and plant pathology. She conducted research projects within horticulture and plant pathology, and served as an undergraduate teaching assistant for two courses. She also completed a nationally-competitive internship in greenhouse production.

Monica Hemmeke – Milling Science and Management

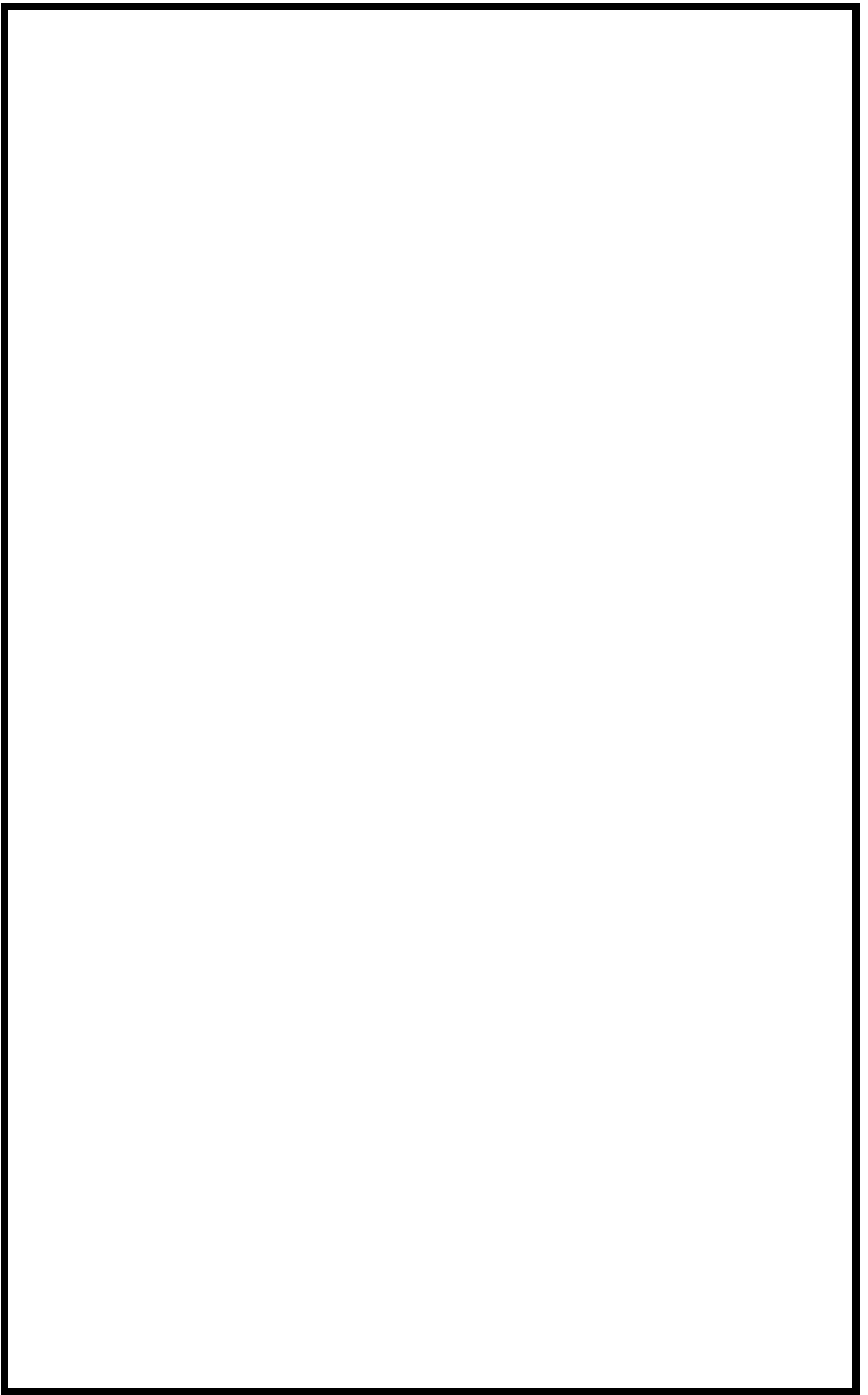
Monica Hemmeke was selected as the Outstanding Senior in Milling Science and Management based on her academic achievements as well as her service to the department and work experience. Monica is a native of Ellinwood, KS, and has completed milling internships with the Amber Wave and General Mills during her time in college. She has also been a leader of the Milling Science Club, an ongoing member of Alpha Mu, and served as a Grain Science Ambassador. Following her graduation, Monica will be moving to Buffalo, NY to serve as a quality engineer for General Mills in the Quality Associate Development Program.

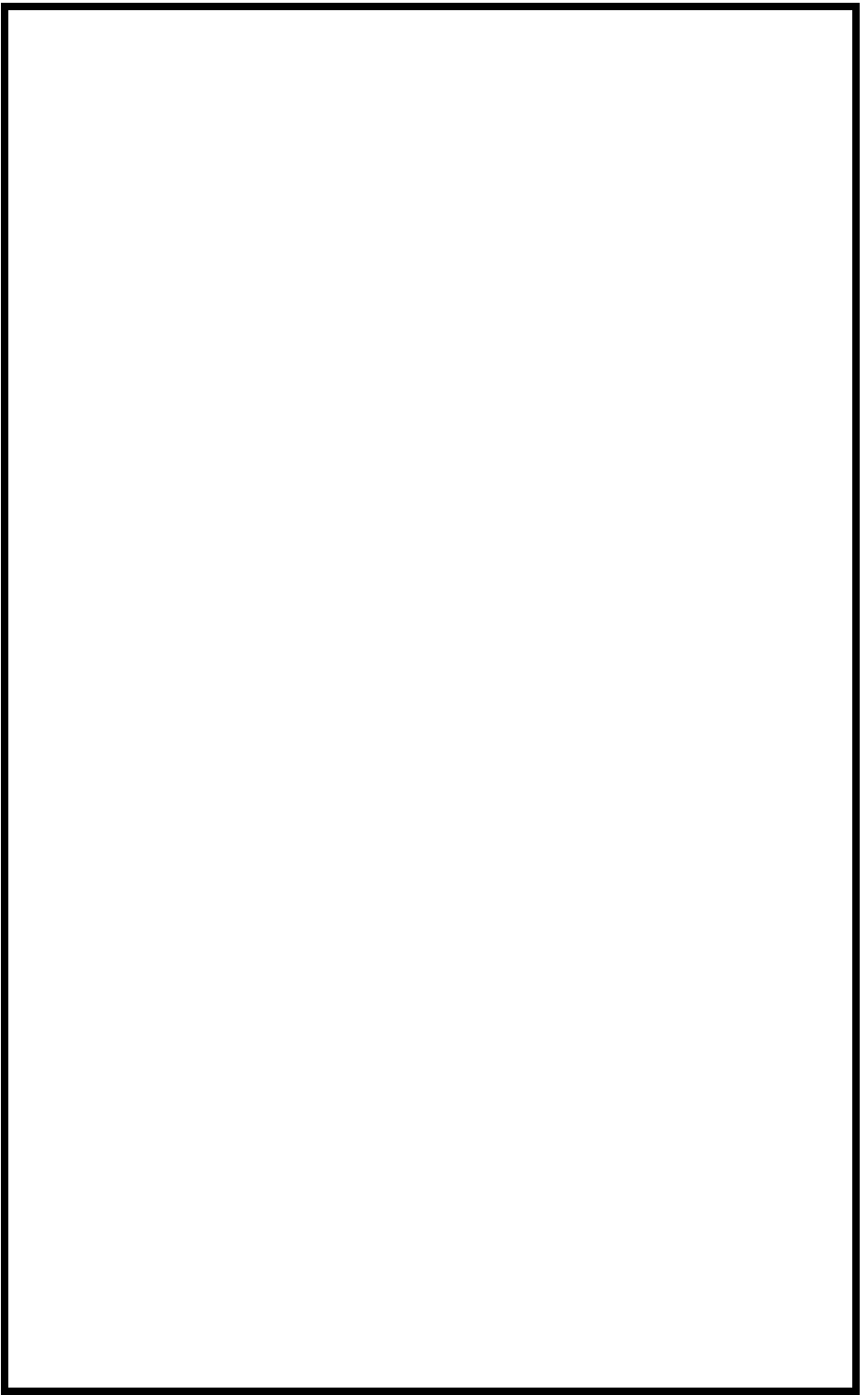
Izzy Haake – Park Management and Conservation

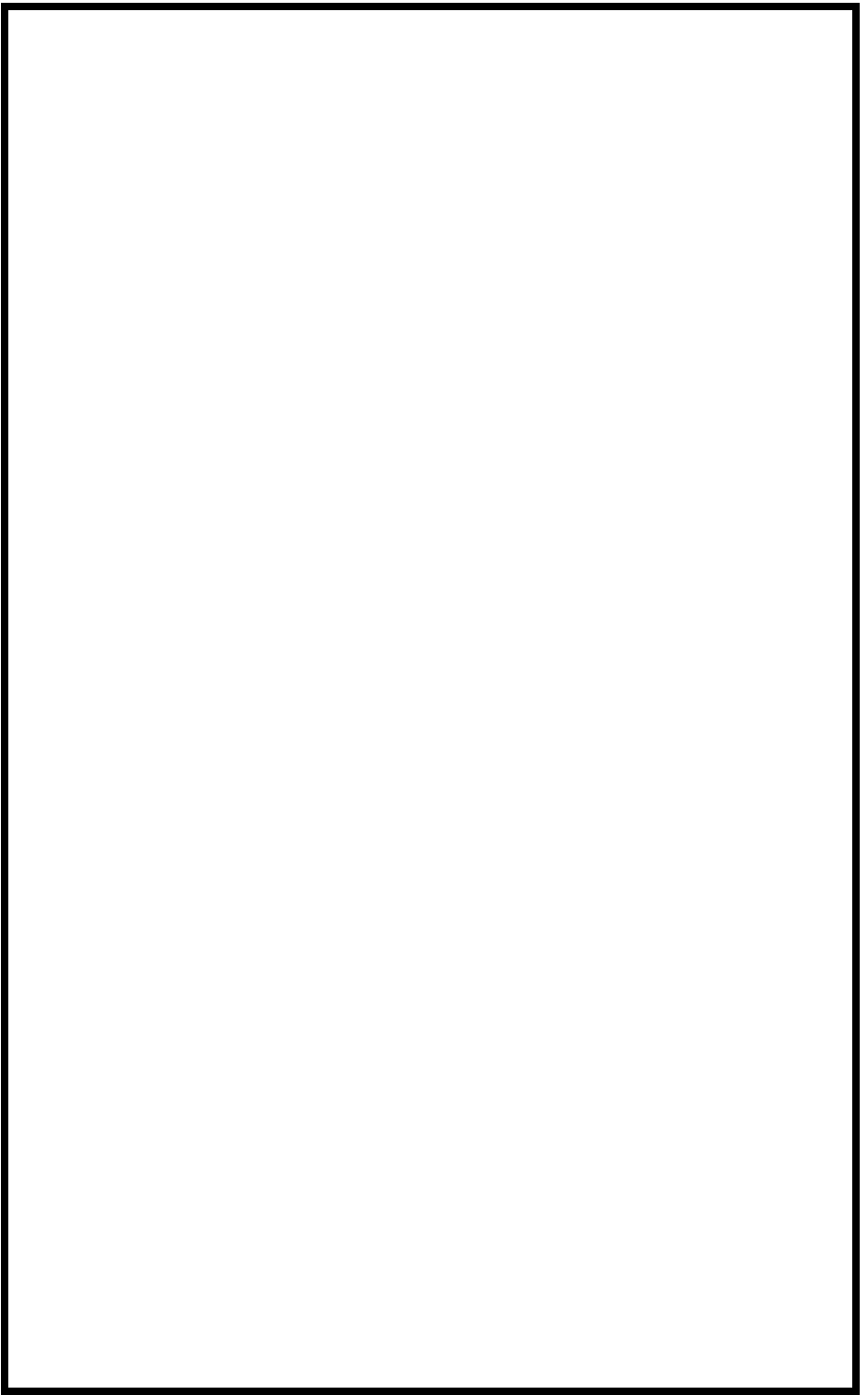
Izzy is from De Soto, KS and began their education at Kansas State in the fall of 2021. They have been involved as a resident assistant, an Ag Ambassador, the president and founder of Cultivating Change: an organization that supports LGBTQ+ agriculturists and allies, a LEAD 212 Class leader, a Bill Snyder Leadership Legacy Fellow, and the student assistant for the Horticulture and Natural Resources Department. They will graduate with a degree in Park Management and Conservation, a secondary major in Natural Resources and Environmental Science, and minors in Entomology and Leadership. They will be attending Clemson in the fall to pursue their master's degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management. They will also be working as a research assistant for the Clemson Leisure Skills Program.

Lilly Nelson – Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management

Lilly Nelson, from Overland Park, KS, is the daughter of Marc and Stacie Nelson. She is graduating with a degree in Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management and a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Throughout her time at Kansas State University, Lilly has been an active leader, serving as the president of the Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management Club and as an ambassador for both the College of Agriculture and the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources. Outside of K-State, she has served as the program director of the NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp for two years. Lilly is passionate about the outdoors and enjoys hunting, traveling, and exploring new places in her free time.







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