

Current Student Testimonials

Kathryn Ellis

Hometown

Wilmington, Ohio

Background

I grew up on a crop and livestock farm in Southwest Ohio.

Why did you select the Agribusiness major?

First, I wanted to stay connected to the agriculture field because it has had such a great, positive impact on my life and there's no doubt that it's an important part of our country today and its future. Second, I wanted to be a part of a major that provided me with an array of employment opportunities. I believe that business is the foundation of any career. Also, both of my brothers and my father graduated from Ohio State with degrees in agriculture and I wanted to keep that tradition alive!

What is your minor?

My minor is International Studies. I selected my minor because studying abroad in Brazil opened my interest in learning about other parts of the world and also how it impacts our society. I believe that it is essential to learn about other countries and cultures in today's world in order to be successful in any career.

Impressions of being in the College and at OSU

I believe that our College is the right fit for me; I get the feel of still being in a small town because I see familiar faces everyday and I am fortunate enough to have professors and advisors that really care.

Internship experience

In the Summer of 2005, I interned with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. I planned and implemented the OFBF building at the Ohio State Fair. In the Summer of 2006, I interned with Heartland Agdeavor Association. I designed spreadsheets that help relay the return on investment for various projects, helped with the membership drive, accounting, and various other tasks.

Study Abroad Experience

I went to Brazil in the Winter of 2006. I was so fortunate to have the opportunity to be exposed to a different culture and witness that country's agriculture first-hand. I spent time with a Brazilian host-family while I was there and there could not have been a better opportunity for me to be engulfed into the Brazilian culture. I am now more open to learning about other cultures and eager to travel to other countries.

Career path after graduation

I hope to attend graduate school here at OSU, continuing in Agribusiness. A goal of mine is to eventually co-own and manage a greenhouse and nursery with my twin sister, who is currently in the landscape horticulture program at OSU.

Craig Rismiller

Hometown

Versailles Ohio

Background

I grew up on a grain and beef farm.

Why did you select the Agribusiness major?

I have always been interested in business. Agribusiness combined both my business interest and my background.

What is your minor?

I felt that the Ag Production minor would complement my degree. Many of the large agribusinesses are looking for individuals that understand the producer, and that is what I wanted to gain from my minor.

Impressions of being in the College and at OSU

CFAES is great. The professors are great educators and friends. OSU is a great campus that combines beauty, pride and endless opportunities.

Internship experience

I had internships with the following organizations:

Campbell Seed: I worked closely with the sales staff promoting product lines, and providing customer support.

Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch: I worked on a guest ranch and assisting in caring for the cow/calf herd.

Cargill: I travel throughout several facilities providing support in marketing, sales, and project management.

Study Abroad Experience

I traveled to the Dominican Republic. It was great to see agriculture in another country. It was also great to see how other countries function and how Americans are viewed from a different perspective.

Career path after graduation

I am exploring several opportunities with grad school. Hopefully, I will get a masters degree in agricultural economics and an MBA.

Kathy Michael

Hometown

Urbana, Ohio

Background

Grew up on a vegetable farm

Why did you select the Agribusiness major?

I selected the Agribusiness major because I have always enjoyed agriculture and I wanted to continue to be involved in it. I particularly was attracted to the variety of classes offered within the major and the many career opportunities.

What is your minor?

I selected International Studies as my minor because I love to travel and I could complete my minor by participating in two study abroad programs.

Impressions of being in the College and at OSU

I love CFAES because even though OSU is large, the College is very personal and the people are great! I bleed Scarlet and Grey because of tradition and the reputation of the university. It is the best of both worlds because you get big university opportunities in a personal College atmosphere.

Internship experience

I had an internship with Syngenta Crop Protection under a sales representative. I have learned so much this summer through contacting retailers and growers for the company, pitching a new product versus a competitor's, and planning field days and events with my representative.

Study Abroad Experience

I studied abroad in BRAZIL! It was amazing. I learned so much more than I could from a text book; the language, culture, agriculture concepts, etc. I also had the opportunity to live with a Brazilian host family for a weekend.

Career path after graduation

I hope to pursue a masters degree in public relations and then pursue a career in sales or human resources for an agribusiness.

Monica Skolmutch

Hometown

I grew up in Big Prairie, Ohio

Why did you select the Agribusiness major?

I knew it would give me a flexible base to adjust to almost any job, while having curriculum related to subjects that interested me.

What is your Minor?

I chose the animal science minor, because I hope to work in the meat or livestock industry one day.

Impressions of being in the College and at OSU

My favorite part about being a buckeye is the strong tradition and loyalty that follows the university. I am always amazed that no matter where I go, I can always find an OSU fan or alumni. CFAES faculty, staff, and fellow classmates are really what have made my experience so enjoyable. I have memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

Internship experience

My internship was with Valent USA Corporation in Walnut Creek, CA. I was a marketing intern. Some of my projects included: creating business management templates and reports, conducting market research on insecticides, planning company booth and programs for the World Potato Congress, conducting product promotion evaluation, and creating a photo library for all company photos.

Study Abroad Experience

I participated in a study abroad program to Brazil. The program focused mostly on its agricultural production. We were able to tour many different areas within the industry, including soybean, beef cattle, fish, coffee, and orchard operations. We also did some snorkeling, white-water rafting, and a home stay with a host family.

Career path after graduation

I hope to ultimately work in the field of agri-marketing and plan to attend graduate school at some point.