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## **\$4,620 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant Awarded to Iowa State University**

TUCKER, Ga. – Dec. 17, 2020 – The USPOULTRY Foundation recently awarded a \$4,620 student recruiting grant to Iowa State University. The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from West Liberty Foods and was presented by Paul Hill, chairman of West Liberty Foods and USPOULTRY board member, and Morgan Minnehan, director of communications for the Iowa Turkey Federation, to Dawn Koltjes, adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science and advisor for the Poultry Interest Group.

The USPOULTRY Foundation student recruiting grant funds help the university host their annual FFA Poultry Career Development and Educational Competition, as well as support their 'Flock to Your Future' event, held in conjunction with the Iowa Egg Symposium. Funds will also allow the university's Animal Science Department to recruit students with an interest in the poultry industry, enabling students to access the diverse education and leadership opportunities available through the university.

The USPOULTRY Foundation board recently approved student recruiting grants totaling \$275,663 to 26 colleges and universities across the United States with a poultry science department or industry-related degree program. The USPOULTRY Foundation provides annual recruiting funds to colleges and universities to attract students to their poultry programs. The grants are made possible by gifts to the Foundation from companies, individuals and families, in addition to funds earned over the years from the International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo.

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The USPOULTRY Foundation's mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.



**Photo Caption:** (From left, front row) Paul Hill, chairman for West Liberty Foods and USPOULTRY board member; Katelyn Boeding, student and president of the university's Poultry Interest Group; Morgan Minnehan, director of communications for the Iowa Turkey Federation. (From left, back row) Camille Maurer, student; Dawn Koltes, adjunct assistant professor for the Department of Animal Science and advisor for the Poultry Interest Group; and Grace Mercer, student.