

Keayla Harr

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Don & Jane Good Outstanding Senior 2019



Keayla Harr, Jeromesville, Ohio, transferred to Kansas State University from Casper College with plans of pursuing a future in ruminant nutrition. However, her participation on the meat judging team prompted a new passion that changed her career path.

Keayla was a member of the 2019 Reserve National Champion Meat Animal Evaluation Team, 2018 Meat Judging Team, and the 2019 Livestock Judging Team.

Keayla was active in several campus organizations, including Block & Bridle and KSU Meat Science Association (MSA). She served as the MSA vice president. She was also active and competitive in the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and Ohio Buckeye Junior Hereford Association. She has been recognized many times for her scholarship and leadership achievement, including the Fall 2018 K-State ASI Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award, 2019 Gardiner Angus Ranch Scholarship, and the NJHA Golden Bull Achievement Award.

“My hope is that combined with my practical, production agriculture background that I can take a master’s degree in meat science and relate to both producers and consumers in order to make meat animal protein a valued part of people’s diets for years to come,” she said. After graduation in December 2019, Keayla plans to stay in Manhattan and pursue a master’s degree in meat science with Dr. Travis O’Quinn.