

Katie Lybarger

Kansas State University

Animal Sciences & Industry

Don & Jane Good Outstanding Senior 2021



Katie Lybarger, Garnett, Kansas, has a passion for the meat industry and helping people. Her service to K-State and youth along with her efforts to understand agriculture abroad were key to her selection as the 2021 Don & Jane Good Outstanding Senior.

Katie was a member of the 2020 Champion ASI Academic Quadrathlon Team, 2019 Reserve National Champion Meat Judging Team, 2020 Meat Evaluation Team and 2019 Meat Science Quiz Bowl Team.

Previously recognized for her excellence, she was awarded the American Meat Science Association Undergraduate Scholastic Achievement Award, the American Society of Animal Science Undergraduate Scholastic Achievement Award, the K-State Meat Judging Vision of Excellence Award and the Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship.

She was also a member of the College of Agriculture Ambassadors. She joined the group in 2018 and has served as the director of alumni & outreach, activities coordinator and the selections coordinator. She has also devoted many hours to volunteer work. She is a Purple Cat Buddy in the Manhattan community, a volunteer with the Kansas FFA Association and a research volunteer with the Meat Science Group.

Following graduation, Katie plans to pursue her master's degree in meat science from K-State.