This fall, I will be a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I am pursuing two degrees, one in Agronomy and the other in Agricultural Business Management, complemented by certificates in Environmental Soil Science, Entrepreneurship, and Fermented Foods and Beverages. Upon graduation, I plan to become an agronomist to help Wisconsin farmers continue improving their farming practices, profitability, and sustainability on their operations. I also plan to take over my family's farm and use my knowledge to continue to improve my family's crop production and beef operation. I am also considering pursuing a master's degree in Agronomy.

Growing up, my interest in working with plants and the soil was rooted in working in the family garden. I began with simple tasks such as watering the plants and pulling the weeds. From a young age, I joined 4-H and in high school, FFA. Through these organizations, I had many amazing experiences that expanded my passion for a career in agriculture. I not only competed at the county level with my 4-H projects but also participated in plant- and soil-related events at the state and national levels through FFA, including earning the right to compete nationally with my agriscience fair projects and diversified crop proficiencies. As I got older, I became more involved with growing many of the grain and forage crops on my family's farm. I now help manage and care for our large garden and the farm's crops, where I implement sustainable and conservation practices, such as no-till and crop rotation.

Being part of these organizations has led me to become involved with many UW-Madison organizations, such as Collegiate Farm Bureau, where I have a voice in agriculture, and the Badger Crops Judging team, where I participate in many national collegiate judging contests. Due to my passion for agriculture, I plan to continue my involvement with various agricultural organizations.

My interest in agronomy and plants has also led me to do research in this field. My FFA agriscience project was on how tillage and cover crops affect spring soil temperatures, and I have been working for the last two years in the UW-Madison Steven Hall Agroecosystem Water Quality Lab, researching how manure affects nitrate testing.

Last summer, I was an Agronomy Intern for Insight FS in Mapleton, Wisconsin, and this summer I will be a Precision Technology Intern at Insight FS, in Jefferson, Wisconsin. In this position, I am looking forward to helping farmers use precision technology and data to help them make decisions on their farms.