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Outside activities should include an area of community service

- Outside of class Ben does intramural sports, works for a farmer near Ames, and raises a small herd of cows at home. In his home community he helps chaperon at the 4-H County Council leadership retreat, which is held once a year.

Student activities showing student's participation as a member and leader

- Sac County, Iowa Farm Bureau
- Iowa State Agronomy Club, 3 yr, serving as Popcorn and Donut Stand Committee Co-Chair
- Iowa State Collegiate Cattlemen, 3 yr
- Iowa State Beginning Farmer's Network, 3 yr, serving as CALS Council Representative
- Iowa State CALS Council, 1 yr, serving as Special Events Co-Chair

Goals and career plans upon completion of college

- After Ben receives his BS degree he would like to pursue a Masters degree in agronomy, because of his interest in a career in agronomic research. He would like to continue to farm, as well.

Scholarship, grade point average, and honors received should show student's aptitude for success

- Iowa State University majoring in Agronomy and Seed Science, minoring in Agricultural Systems Technology
- 3.66/4.00 GPA
- Iowa State Dean's List, 3 Semesters
- Private First Class in Iowa National Guard
- Hold Iowa Degree in FFA, receiving the American Degree Nov2019
- Various officer positions in local 4-H club and county council; various officer positions in local FFA chapter
- Involved in judging team with local 4-H and FFA clubs
- Letter Winner in Football and Baseball

Other criteria should include work experience, family need, and potential

Work experience both during the school year and during the summer:

**Klein Management and Research** (712) 790-0643 **Kyle Klein** **2019 Summer**

- *Assist with planting by driving planter tractor, shuffling seed, and putting in plot stakes*
- *Take stand counts of each plot, plant samples and root digs of certain plots, and chlorophyll readings*

- *Breed corn in Nursery including selfing and crossing inbreds*

**Herrstrom Farms** (515) 230-1193 *Jason Herrstrom* **2018 Fall to Present**

- Field Hand- run grain cart and silage wagons
- Work with cattle

**Tucker Consulting Inc.** (712) 210-2204 *Trent Siebrecht* **2018 Summer**

- *Crop Scouted- took stand counts, aphid counts, monitored crop health and took disease ratings*
- *Operated work pick-up and ATV*

**ISU Agronomy Department** (515) 294-2628 *Dr. Renuka Mathur* **2017 Fall**

- *Prepared lab for the class experiments*
- *Used chemicals to wash equipment and glassware*

**Iowa National Guard** (712) 542-0829 **January to August, 2017**

- *Performed physical tasks and drills*
- *Trained in the basics of map reading, repelling, weapon management, and medical care*
- *Medically discharged for eye problem*

**Hunziker Construction** (712) 830-2896 *Eric Hunziker* **2017 Summer**

- *Operated skid steer*
- *Prepared roof for shingling and haul waste to landfill*