

# student foundation

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# meet exec

testimonies from members of Student Foundation



maddy mccllellan  
president

*"She has a heart for helping others, she emulates servant leadership with everything she does."*



anna meissbach  
vice president of campaigns

*"Anna is a combination of logistical expertise and pure heart, her passion for giving is evident in the work she does for K-State Proud."*



lane coberly  
vice president of membership

*"Lane leaves no stone unturned in the pursuit and development of stellar members. He is a connector and is passionate about the people he serves."*



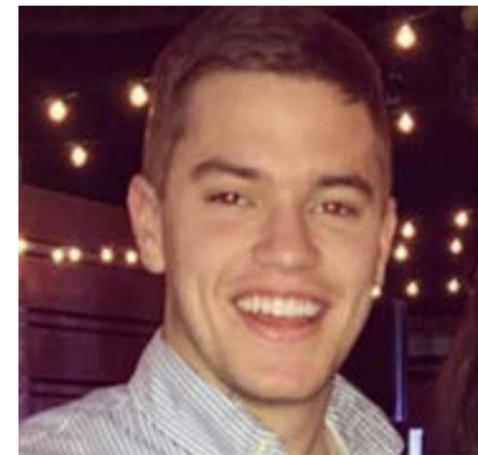
max meyer  
vice president of outreach

*"If you need it, Max can get it done. He is always prepared, an idea man and an 'I'll get this done' man."*



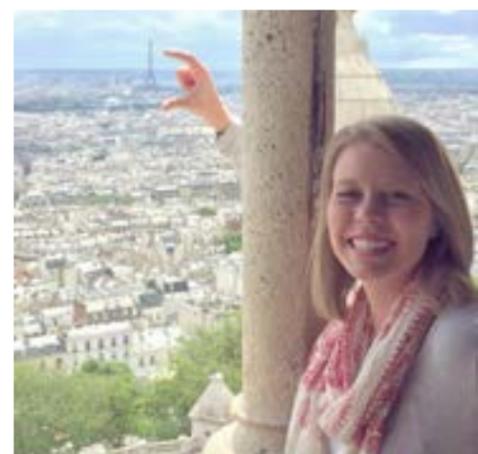
ethan kallenberger  
vice president of communications

*"Ethan is not afraid to push the envelope. He's ready to take risks and always follows through with his goals."*



kevin kellerman  
student opportunity award chair

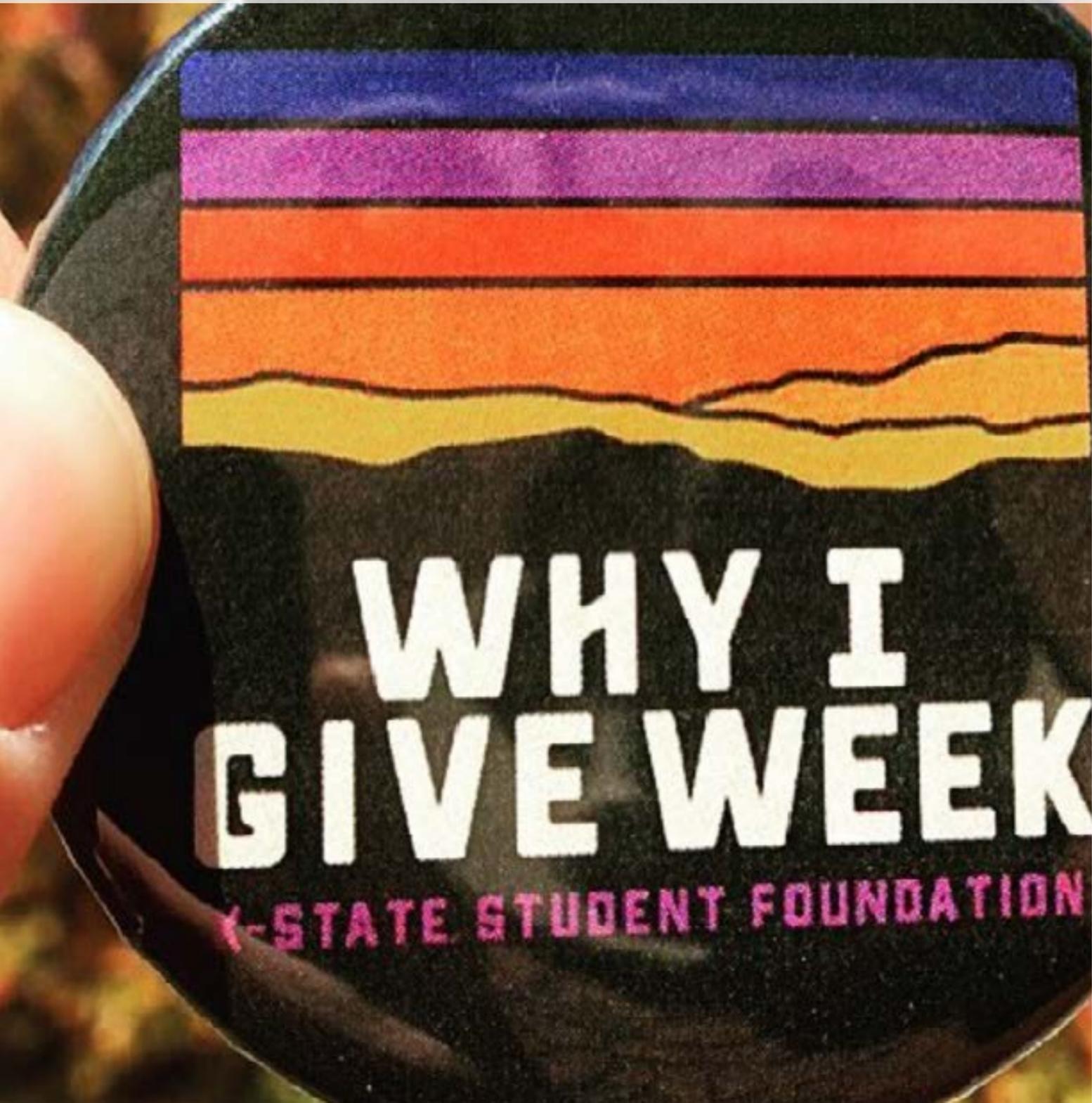
*"Kevin is compassionate and works to serve the students on campus. He is so dedicated to Student Foundation and K-State Proud."*



elizabeth patton  
secretary

*"Elizabeth has taken this position and grown it tenfold. She is a calming presence amidst exec and Student Foundation as a whole."*

# leaving a legacy of philanthropy



Student Foundation hosts Why I Give Week as a celebration that highlights the importance of philanthropy. This week, we educate students on how philanthropy affects their everyday lives and thank donors for making the K-State experience possible.

## treasure

With M&M filled columns and flag displays in the quad, Student Foundation depicted the generosity of donations that support K-State and our fellow students. Banners around campus indicated buildings made possible by the support of K-State donors.

## thanks

Students had the opportunity to write thank you notes to their favorite faculty member in exchange for a cookie. They also signed a giant banner that will be displayed at future donor events. In the evening, students joined us for a donor panel where they heard from Larry Moeder, Barry Flinchbaugh, and Mary Ice about their philanthropic journeys.

## talent

Student Foundation distributed "Because of Philanthropy" buttons to faculty and staff as a way to thank them for their donations of "talent" to our university.

## time

To represent the value of "time" contributed, students had the opportunity to stop by our booth and donate their own time by making care packages for soldiers in honor of Veterans Day and our neighbors at Fort Riley.

## testimony

Testimony day offered a chance for students to share the reasons why they donate their time, talent and treasure. Whiteboard testimonies told us where, how and why our peers give to causes.



“We have this in common...the understanding that we are called to give back.”

# trustee mentoring

**Contributing Writer**  
**From Good for K-State Magazine**

What to do with a life's work devoted to public service when retirement arrives? For Diane Patrick, 1970 K-State graduate in political science and KSU Foundation trustee, she answered the call to mentor a K-State student. She was matched with Tori Thomas, junior in biological systems engineering and Spanish, to offer skills or knowledge she had as an inspired way to advance her alma mater.

The KSU Foundation Trustee-Student Foundation Mentor Program links members of Student Foundation with members of the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees — an innovative approach to fostering lifelong philanthropy through relationships and by providing students a practical application of networking skills, as well as personal and professional growth.

“I felt as a trustee, if I was able to meet regularly, I should respond to the invitation to mentor,” Diane said. “I wanted to learn about K-State from a student's perspective.”

“Diane and I have this in common,” Tori said, “the understanding that we are called to give back.”

Diane understood that it is sometimes hard for a student to reach out so she emailed Tori. They agreed to set goals and connect monthly, either in person or by phone.

“My strength would be as a connection;” Diane said, “a resource to add value as she applied for internships, wrote cover letters and résumés and began networking.”

“I'd email her for help with my internship application and she'd proofread it, offering suggestions,” Tori said. “Diane connected me with people in my field like Kate Corwin, founder of Green Works in Kansas City. She also affirmed my ideas and confirmed there are ways to live philanthropically and give back to what is meaningful for me, both in my career and outside of work.”

Both Diane and Tori mentioned they would like to continue to build the relationship even after Tori graduates.

“It has been so fun, so valuable to have someone different — outside my normal experience — to talk to,” Tori said. “And this mentoring relationship not only ensures traditions and values are not lost, but carried forward.”

“With Tori, I felt it was a partnership and it has been very rewarding,” Diane said. “Meeting Tori's family was a high compliment. Tori's mom told me how much they appreciate having a trustee — someone at the university — on Tori's team.”

Mentoring is more than a good idea, a bold pathway to a lifelong friendship.



The Trustee Mentor program is an amazing opportunity for Student Foundation members to seek advice from members of the K-State Board of Trustees. Many of our members have had unbelievable experiences getting to know their mentor - whether they are seeking career advice, friendship, or fun adventures!

Student Foundation Member, Elizabeth Meyer met her mentor, Mark Coberly for the first time in person when he offered to fly her and her friends to the K-State vs Texas Tech game this fall.

“He's incredibly generous and a hoot and a half. I could tell you a million stories - but mostly he's just amazing.”

As we enter our 12th year of students helping students, K-State Proud is excited to announce the 2017-2018 logo designed by junior, Bailey Driver.

In November, we successfully completed our first ever Early Edition program, raising over \$10,000 dollars from various Student Organizations and Greek chapters.

Co-Chairs Baylee Heitschmidt and Gaby Riggs, along with the rest of the Campaign Planning Team, are ready to implement new programs and methods of donations.

Not only do students have the opportunity to donate for the new shirt, but also for the first ever K-State Proud hat.



### **Campaign Planning Team**

#### **VP of Campaigns**

*Anna Meissbach*

#### **Co-Chair**

*Baylee Heitschmidt*

#### **Co-Chair**

*Gaby Riggs*

#### **VP of Communications**

*Ethan Kallenberger*

#### **President of Student Foundation**

*Maddy McClellan*

### **K-State Proud Directors**

#### **Director of Events**

*Nicholas Meyer*

#### **Director of Volunteers**

*Abby Hershenow*

#### **Director of Early Edition**

*Tori Thomas*

#### **Director of Outreach**

*Avery James*

#### **Director of Communications**

*Carolina Mach*

#### **Director of Campaign and College Weeks**

*Kaylor Nordhus and Alyson Stewart*



# students helping students

To donate, or for more information on K-State Proud, please visit our website [www.k-stateproud.org](http://www.k-stateproud.org).

# CASE



# ASAP

Every year, Student Foundation submits nominations for awards, as well as presentation proposals to the Center for Advancement and Support of Education | Affiliated Student Advancement Programs. Last year, we were able to take home district awards for Outstanding Student Organization, Outstanding Student Advancement Program for Why I Give Week, and Outstanding Student Member - Maggie Meyer.

During CASE ASAP, we have the opportunity to hear from other incredible student organizations, as well as present our own ideas. At nationals, we were selected to present on both Why I Give Week and Stufo 2.0, our new structure. Anna Meissbach, Ethan Kallenberger, Max Meyer, Elizabeth Patton and Lane Coberly all represented K-State Student Foundation at nationals in Columbus, Ohio this past summer.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Political Science & Global Food Systems**  
**Graduating May 2019**  
**Manhattan, Kansas**

## lane coberly

Lane currently serves as Vice President of Membership for Student Foundation. This year, he has spearheaded the change in membership application process, allowing StuFo to select the most qualified, passionate applicants. He is dedicated to the development of our current members. Lane is a true example of servant leadership and we can't wait to see how his leadership continues in the future.



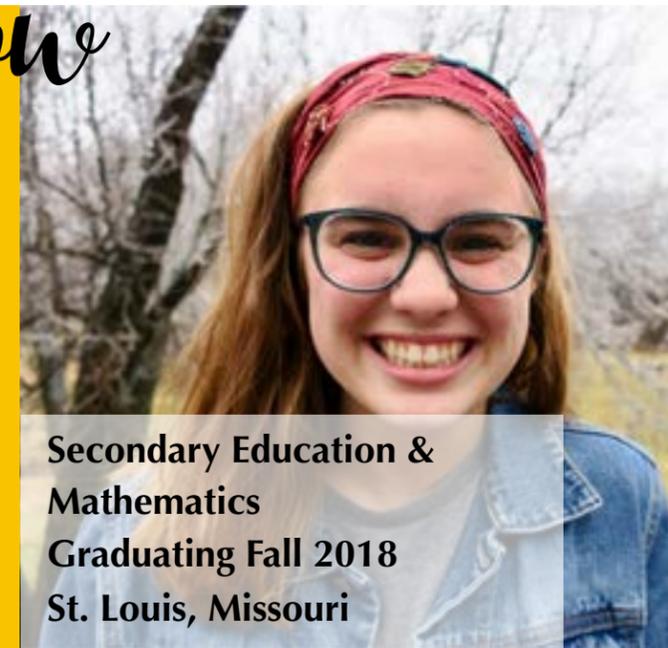
**Biological Systems Engineering**  
**Graduating December 2018**  
**Tampa, KS**

## nick meyer

As last year's Student Foundation Member of the Year, Nick Meyer exemplifies the mission of our organization by constantly donating his time and talent to K-State. Nick is genuine and consistent. As Director of Events for K-State Proud, he has led many successful K-State Proud events already this year. Nick is someone that anyone in Student Foundation can lean on when they need last minute help, or just a friend to talk to.

## abby hershenow

Abby Hershenow has been a continuous member of the SOA committee - where she helps allocate awards for students in financial distress. This year, Abby serves as Director of Volunteers for K-State Proud where she, alongside her committee, held the first ever Fall K-State Proud Volunteer Training with over 60 students in attendance. Abby's caring heart allows her to connect the message of philanthropy with students and alumni alike.



**Secondary Education & Mathematics**  
**Graduating Fall 2018**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**

## tracie thibault

As a senior, Tracie is currently participating in her third and final year of Student Foundation. While she doesn't have a leadership title, this hasn't stopped Tracie from empowering others to be philanthropic, empathetic and kind. Each meeting, Tracie leads "locker room chats" where members are able to get to know each other - a tradition that Tracie started this year. Tracie is our go-to member for connecting students with the mission of our organization.



**Biological Sciences**  
**Graduating May 2018**  
**Salina, KS**

## Student Foundation new member class

|                     |                    |               |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Jansen Penny        | Elizabeth Patton   | Jacey Goetz   | Kaylor Nordhus      |
| Katelyn Bohlenblust | Ethan Kallenberger | Michael Brown | Melanie Wertzberger |
| Colby Works         | Elizabeth Meyer    | Blake Medley  | Kelly Wilkerson     |
| Max Meyer           | Jaiden Ochoa       | Zac Donley    | Avery James         |
| Alyson Stewart      | Kaine Fredrickson  | Kylee Mernagh | Grace Volker        |



# more than a t-shirt

## **Recipients of Student Opportunity Awards have shared their stories with us to help spread the message of Students Helping Students. We are more than just a t-shirt.**

"In 2015, I had to retire from the Arlington Texas Police Department due to major injuries suffered in the line of duty. I lost my income, health insurance, and the job that I dedicated my entire adult life to my community... I decided to enroll at Kansas State University and utilize my military and police career to further my education and be competitive in the job market. At my age, 47, it has been extremely difficult. In November 2015, I had surgery on my left wrist due to a gunshot wound which left me unable to utilize my hand and forced me to retire early. My wife was still looking for work and I informed her of my school schedule and that I would have to live in Kansas for a semester to take classes to finish my degree. We have relied on financial aid that helped cover expenses for two households since I had to live temporarily in Kansas while my family stayed in Texas...I was granted an extension on my hours to complete my dual degree in Political Science and Sociology, however, I can't qualify for grants or more financial aid due to this being my second Bachelor's degree and still have to pay out of state tuition (14k per semester) because of my permanent residency being in Texas. To complete my degrees, I have to come back to Kansas to complete on-campus courses to finish my degree plan

I have one more semester, fall of this year, at Kansas State, and I will be finished with school. I applied for financial aid and let the advisors know that I would be living in Kansas and would need to support two households. My wife worked for a year and lost her job several days ago. Now, we are going to be struggling even harder as I cannot receive any more aid from either Kansas State or through grants. I turned to you to ask that you please help my family as we go through this difficult time. The extra support would mean the world to us. The stress of not having enough to complete my degree is hard enough, but with programs such as this; this stress would be relieved in so many ways."

### **- Student Opportunity Award Recipient Application**

"I have been going to school for what feels like an eternity now. After becoming a single mother out of high school it has been quite the rollercoaster. I am now a mother of 3 wonderful little boys and I am married to an amazing man, however I am currently on maternity leave and financially we have been struggling to come up with the financial aspect of things with school. Life happened and we've been faced with many obstacles financially that without help I may not be able to continue on my next and final semester here at K-State. I am a full-time student, mommy, employee and everything that entitles having a family, for this reason I attend K-State Global and it has been such a blessing to my family and I. The structure that this school has showed me in my time at school here has been so amazing, from the communication within the professors, advisor, and overall experience with the classes I have been able to continue on with my education and hopefully be a prime example to my children and family that with effort and dedication, even with a lot on your plate, you can accomplish anything that you set your mind to. I want to graduate from K-State with a bachelor's degree and be the first generation college graduate. When I achieve this goal and find a job that I can succeed in, we can look back and see that everything we had gone through was only something temporary. Like I said above, life happened, we got a little baby (unplanned) but received with arms wide open, and we haven't been able to financially get ahead of ourselves. The help that I would receive through here would be tremendously appreciated, I would be able to turn my focus on school and have one less thing to stress about with my husband. I am just a mother looking to further her education and provide the best that I can for my family."

### **- Student Opportunity Award Recipient Application**

*These excerpts were taken directly from the applications of the Student Opportunity Award Recipients. They have not been changed in any way.*

# We Like You

Will You Like Us Back?



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For more information, please contact Gaby Riggs.  
gabyriggs@ksu.edu

## **Future Dates - K-State Proud:**

Feb 5-9 College Week

Feb 12-16 Campaign Week

Feb 17 K-State Proud Basketball Game

**interested in attending an event or speaking with student foundation?**

email us at [studfn@found.ksu.edu](mailto:studfn@found.ksu.edu).

**haven't donated for your K-State Proud shirt?**

find methods of donating at [www.k-stateproud.org](http://www.k-stateproud.org)

**know someone who would make a great Student Foundation member?**

applications can be found at <http://www.found.ksu.edu/student-foundation/>

**great photos of you and your family in Proud shirts?**

send them to Gaby Riggs at [gabyriggs@ksu.edu](mailto:gabyriggs@ksu.edu) and you might be featured on our social media

**know someone who would benefit from a Student Opportunity Award?**

submit a nomination at [k-stateproud.org](http://k-stateproud.org)