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Alpha Beta Chapter Awards Grants and Zooms Meetings

Despite the COVID-19 situation, Alpha Beta Chapter awarded two \$200 recruitment grants to Pontiac High School graduates Marley Noles and Skylar Johnson in May, and their candidate Kylie Miller was a recipient of the a state Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant in the amount of \$2,000 in April. In the past five years each of the four nominees from Alpha Beta has been selected as the winner of the Cook grant.

Marley Noles, Odell, will be attending Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and plans to major in secondary education with a concentration in social studies. She became committed to becoming a teacher while working at the Preschool Lab in high school as a junior and having an internship at a local elementary school as a senior. Marley stated that her desire to teach “was inspired by the education I received at Pontiac High School,” and she “hopes to make an impact on a teenager’s schooling and life.”

Skylar Johnson, Pontiac, who will be attending Indiana State University in Terre Haute will major in music education and seeks to someday teach high school choral music. She participated in band and choir for four years along with earning many district and state awards. Skylar shared, “I have had many teachers who have impacted and changed my life for the better...I hope to inspire students to become the best people they can possibly be.”

Kylie Miller, Cropsey, and a graduate of Prairie Central High School, attends the University of Illinois where she is majoring in Agriculture Education. At the U of I she has earned many achievements, some of which include one of the top 10 out of 25 Future Farmers of America Presidents in Illinois, membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and placing with her Professional Agriculture Student swine team. Kylie hopes to teach high school agriculture classes and serve as advisor for the school’s Future Farmers of America.

Co-President Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) and Alpha Beta committee leaders planned the coming year’s meetings via Zoom. Also, members learned a number of skills through watching Illinois DKG Zoom sessions. On September 12 the breakfast meeting at Edinger’s Restaurant in Pontiac will feature Carol Hughes (Roanoke) leading the discussion of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. The restaurant’s large meeting room allows for social distancing.

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