



My sister Jennie Savits giving me advice my first year of showing sheep.

My name is Megan Osborn and I am thrilled to be awarded the ISIA Scholarship in 2019. I'd like to thank the committee for this opportunity to further my education at Kirkwood Community College to study Ag Production and play volleyball. After my associates degree, I plan to transfer to Iowa State University to study animal science. I graduated from Boone High School, Boone, Iowa on May 19, 2019. My sheep experience began when I was born. My Mom has raised sheep for over 30 years. We have been members of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association for many years. I have tagged along with my mom and family working the ISIA Iowa State Fair food stand since I can remember. It was always a treat to "get to work" in the food stand. I have grown up in the sheep barn at our county Fair, as my mom has been Boone County Sheep Superintendent for many years. I have helped assemble and grill lamb kabobs the day of the sheep show. I enjoy promoting our products. I have worked at the ISU Animal Learning Day, sponsored by Block and Bridle at Iowa State promoting American Lamb, and handing out leg of lamb samples for the past 3 years with my Mom and brother. I started raising sheep when I was

just walking. I would help my older brother and sisters walk their sheep and get them ready for fair. My brother Kevin's last year of showing was in 2009 when I was 9 years old. I remember he had to work the day before the show, so I slick sheared his sheep with my mom and I washed and got them all ready for showing the next day. The next year, I was ready to show. The above picture I'm pictured with my oldest sister Jennie giving me pointers on my first year in the ring. Most years I show 6 market lambs and 2 commercial ewes. I usually bring back a yearling the following year. I have been a youth member of the Boone County Sheep committee for about the past 6 years. I don't think I've ever missed a weigh-in during April or at the fair. My life has revolved around the sheep. I've done everything from giving shots, to assisting ewes with lambing problems. I have to help my little brother with his sheep now. He is in his third year in 4-H. He has Down syndrome, so it takes a little more effort on my family's part to assist him at home, but he's doing really well, and enjoys the sheep. I'm picture off to the right side with my brother. Now I'm the one giving him pointers on how to show his sheep.



My brother Tyler, getting some showing Pointers from me at his first show.

I was very involved in my school and community. I played volleyball, basketball and tennis for Boone High School. In 2018 I joined an Iowa Heart Club Volleyball Team. In 2019 I helped to coach an Iowa Heart Club Volleyball Team. I am a member of the FUMC Youth group, and have participated in week long mission trips to St. Paul, MN, Madison, WI, Houston, Texas, and Rapid City, SD in summer 2019. In FFA, I held the office of President and Reporter and in 4-H I have been the Harrison Hilltop Hustlers president for several years. I participated in swing choir at Boone High School, and sing for many venues. I was inducted into the National Honor Society at Boone High School in 2017. I received my Iowa FFA Degree in 2017. I also show Milking Shorthorn Dairy Cattle, and serve as the Iowa Milking Shorthorn Queen. Through 4-H and FFA I have also shown beef cattle, dog, and poultry.



My 4-H and FFA experience has been amazing. It has taught me to keep very detailed records, to become a global citizen, and how to participate in community service opportunities. I spend a lot of time explaining Agriculture to my peers, as well as others. Serving as president of my 4-H club at an early age as really given me the opportunity to grow my speaking ability and poise at an early age. Serving as President of my FFA Chapter has continued my leadership growth. Through my 4-H and FFA experience I've expanded my flock to 12 ewes. When I go to college, Mom will manage the breeding and lambing. I am grateful to be able to apply for the ISIA Scholarship and be a recipient for 2019.