

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU

# NEWS

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## Young Leader Conference Proves Valuable for Rock Island Member

By Jennie Abbott



I left the ILFB Young Leaders Conference feeling enthusiastic and hopeful about the future of agriculture. Being surrounded by a room full of unique students coming together to learn more about their shared passion for agriculture was an incredible feeling. Throughout the conference, I gathered new knowledge to help me be a more educated young leader and developed connections to share and grow my passion for agriculture.

One of the highlights from the conference was hearing keynote speaker Eric Snodgrass, a former University of Illinois professor, share his expertise on atmospheric science. He explained how the future of

corn markets around the world, specifically in Brazil, are changing and how this will affect the future. In breakout rooms, I chose to attend a panel of four young farmers sharing their unique experiences and tips for the first five to ten years on the farm. I paid close attention, taking notes to save for the coming years when I graduate from college and move close to home to help on my own family farm in Orion, IL. Similarly to how FFA benefited me in high school, Collegiate Farm Bureau and conferences like ILFB Young Leaders have helped me build a strong network with students from other chapters and industry professionals with experience to share. I saw many of the same familiar faces at the Young Leaders Conference that I did in December at the Annual Meeting, and I am looking forward to seeing them at future events and continuing to strengthen our connections.



## Freezer Meal Fundraiser to Benefit Foundation

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is hosting its Spring Freezer Meal Fundraiser. Proceeds benefit the Foundation for scholarships and Ag In The Classroom programming. Meals are prepared by Custom Catering & BBQ. All ten meals will be frozen – all you have to do is cook them! A meal set includes (10 meals) includes one of each item on the menu – no substitutions. Each meal feeds 3-5 people, depending on your eaters. Menu includes the following items:

**Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork • Hickory Smoked Pork Loin  
Smoked Sausage with Peppers and Onions • Chicken Teriyaki  
Pork Fritters with Mixed Veggies • Ham Steak with Mashed Potatoes  
Sweet Chili Meatballs • Pulled Pork Mac and Cheese  
Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce • Chicken Cavatappi**

Cost per meal set is \$200 with checks made out to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation. Orders and payment must be received by March 15th. Pick up will be April 12th from 4:00-5:30pm at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Office. **For questions or more information, call our office at 309-736-7432.**

**Return this portion with payment by March 15th  
\*\*Make checks payable to Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of meal sets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment total (Included): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: 1601 52nd Avenue, Suite 3, Moline, IL 61265

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- 1 Women in Agriculture Conference fee increases to \$90
- 1 Bushels for Hunger check presentation to River Bend Food Bank
- 6 RICFB Foundation Board of Directors meeting
- 7 Deadline to register for Market Outlook
- 14 Market Outlook featuring Paul Otto with Freese-Notis Weather
- 15 Freezer Meal orders due
- 16 Women in Agriculture Conference fee increases to \$100
- 18 RICFB Board of Directors meeting
- 19 National Ag Day
- 22 Women in Agriculture Conference
- 22 Deadline to apply for RICFB Foundation Scholarships

### APRIL

- 12 Freezer Meal pick up
- 15 RICFB Board of Directors meeting
- 21-27 National Volunteer Week
- 22 Earth Day
- 22-23 Rockridge FFA Ag Day

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2024  
**Women in  
AGRICULTURE**  
CONFERENCE

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Bally's Quad Cities

777 Bally Blvd  
Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Annie Kinwa-Muzinga

[www.womeninagricultureconference.com](http://www.womeninagricultureconference.com)

There's still time to register for this year's Women in Agriculture Conference! We have a great conference planned, so register today! For agenda, speaker and travel information, and to register, visit <https://www.womeninagricultureconference.com/>

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION

**Scholarship**  
INFORMATION

THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION IS PROUD TO AWARD THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS:

RICFB FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

KEPPY SCHOLARSHIPS  
Awarded by the Wilbert and Carol Kappy Charitable Foundation

KENNETH BUSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Awarded by Kenneth Bush Family

GEORGE & IRENE STULZ FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP  
Awarded by George & Irene Stulz Family

Application Deadline is Friday, March 22, 2024 at 4pm.

For more information, guidelines and application, visit [www.ricofarmbureau.org/scholarships](http://www.ricofarmbureau.org/scholarships)

Reminder! RICFB Foundation Scholarship Applications are due by 4pm Friday, March 22nd. Don't wait until the last minute! Guidelines, application and more information can be found at <http://www.ricofarmbureau.org/scholarships.html>

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