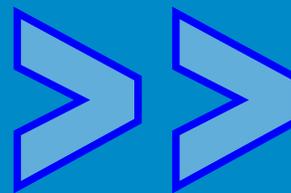


# GFAI NEWS

{Scholarship}

Fall 2017



A member update of GFAI's  
Scholarship Program

The Grain and Feed Association of Illinois Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students interested in pursuing a career in the grain and feed industry, while also raising awareness of the many career opportunities that are available. This newsletter details some of the highlights that occurred in the past year.

## Raising FUNds for the Scholarship Program!



Thanks to everyone who participated in one of GFAI's four golf outings and to our MANY sponsors! We raised nearly \$11,000 for GFAI's Scholarship Program. Of particular note was the first successful Jennings Nine & Dine (pictured above) where participants kicked off the morning with nine holes of golf then drove a few short minutes to the home of Tom Jennings, where the group ate lunch and enjoyed an afternoon of fishing, shooting demonstrations and other games! Thank you to our hosts Tom and Jean Jennings!

### Golf Sponsors

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## Scholarship News:

1. Meet this class of scholarship recipients in Peoria at the Annual Convention and Trade Show in February.
2. Scholarship Applications will be posted to [www.gfai.org](http://www.gfai.org) in January. Completed applications are due March first!
3. Renewable scholarships will be available online in January. This will be a \$1,000 scholarship for students who have previously been awarded an Industry Immersion Scholarship.
4. The Association will award a \$1,000 Bruce Bastert Memorial Scholarship to one Renewable Scholarship recipient for the next four years.

## Support GFAI's Efforts:

- Donate an item, gift basket, service, concert tickets, etc. to the Silent Auction held at Convention
- Become a GFAI Corporate Contributor and financially invest in the scholarship fund
- Attend a golf outing or become a golf outing sponsor

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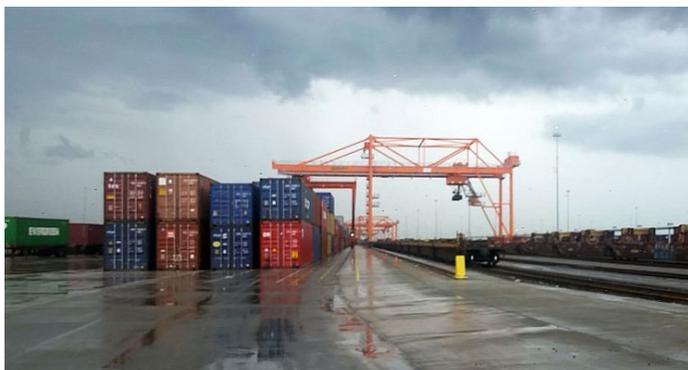
# Industry Immersion Kickoff Tour

# 2017

This past year, the association implemented some changes to the scholarship program, including a 3 day Summer Kickoff Tour with the scholarship recipients! The ten students, along with GFAI staff member, Jodie Brooks, traveled around central and northern Illinois. Students toured facilities, networked with leaders, learned about different career opportunities and gained some new perspectives of the industry. These pictures feature a few stops from those 3 days, but there were many more people (than pictured here) that made this possible. Thank you to all of our members and companies who participated in a variety of ways! For additional student perspectives, please visit GFAI's scholarship recipient blog at <https://gfaiindustryimmersion.wordpress.com/>.



(Above) GFAI's John Lee leads an interactive demonstration on grain handling safety with students at the Agricenter in Bloomington. (Below) Students tour the BNSF hub in Elwood, IL to learn about transportation and the export market.



(Above) The group enjoys an evening in Chicago. (Below) Thadd Zimmerman, Zimmerman Feed and Grain, speaks to students about the different elements of running a feed mill and their feed grinding process.



Austin McWhorter, ISU, and Jeff Kaeb, Grainland Cooperative, talk at the Bloomington Cornbelters ballgame.



Joe Logsdon (standing right) and Alex Grohsmeyer (standing left) teach students about the many aspects of running a cooperative.



Rich Jelenik, INTL FC Stone, runs through different merchandising strategies in Chicago.

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2017 Scholarship Recipients from left to right: Luke Zimmerman (U of I), Matt Miller (ISU), Leyton Brown (U of I), Connor Klingele (SIU), Dalton Spivey (Black Hawk), Kayla Peterson (U of I), Will Bodine (ISU), Austin McWhorter (ISU), Logan Torrance (Kansas State), Thadd Zimmerman (Zimmerman Feed and Grain), Adam Kohnlmann (ISU).



Pat DeLong provides a tour and insight of their special container loading facility in Joliet.



Students tour ADM in Decatur and talk to Parry Dixon, Danny Pfoff and other employees about careers in the industry.



In Chicago, students take a tour of Globex and speak to the CME Group about their role in the industry and the different products and services they offer.



The Ruff Brothers rail loading facility in Toluca provides new perspectives on shuttling grain via rail.



Students learn about barge loading at the new Northern Partners facility in Peru.

**2018 Scholarship Applications will soon be available in January at [www.gfai.org](http://www.gfai.org)!**