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## Get to Know Megan

Hello everyone! I am the new student office professional for Kansas PRIDE Inc. I am a junior here at Kansas State majoring in Agronomy with an emphasis on soil. I am originally from Southwest Iowa and grew up on a small farm outside the town of Harlan. On my tour here I felt like I fit in the best on this campus and since coming here it really has felt like being part of a family. I am in Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority, the soil judging team, and the Wheat State Agronomy Club where I serve as secretary.

I am excited for this position and the new

opportunity to network with Kansas communities. I appreciate that I will be learning new skills, especially with social media. This will be a new and interesting experience and I look forward to learning! – **Megan Owens, Student Office Professional**  
[megan963@ksu.edu](mailto:megan963@ksu.edu)



## Community of Excellence Reminder



**Important forward note:** If your community is designated a **2016-2018 Community of Excellence** it is time to resubmit an application to keep your status as **Community of Excellence**.

If your community is currently designated a Community of Action and your community is in good standing with Kansas PRIDE, your community should consider applying to become a Community of Excellence! The application can be found on our website ([CLICK HERE to go to the site](#)), and will be emailed out later this month. Applications are due **October 15, 2018**.

A perk of being a COE? You only have to apply every 3 years, you get a bar sign to advertize your status, and your community has many funding opportunities to explore!

Questions? Contact us at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu).

## Upcoming Educational Webinars



Educational webinars throughout the fall and winter:

- **Tuesday, October 30 at 10:30am to 11:30am** – Applying for Kansas PRIDE Grants  
– Joining will be Nancy Daniels, K-State Research and Extension Community Vitality
- **Tuesday, November 20 at 10:30am to 11:30am** – Getting Organized with Board Roles and Responsibilities – Bruce Chladny,

Wyandotte County Extension

- **Tuesday, December 18 at 10:30am to 11:30am** – How to Tell Your Story – Barbara Anderson, Regional Project Manager with the Kansas Department of Commerce

All lessons will be facilitated by Jaime and/or Jan, with special guests to join us for sharing their expertise in the Q and A concerning the topics covered.

Register by emailing us at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu). Some of the sessions will have handouts that go along with the lesson. If you take advantage of the recorded version and want the handouts just give us a shout at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu) and we will get them to you!

Look forward to learning with you! – *Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension* [jmenon@ksu.edu](mailto:jmenon@ksu.edu)

## How to Handle Dollars Webinar Video



Thank you to all who participated in our webinar on How to Handle Dollars. We had a great turnout and some great questions!

If you were unable to make the webinar and would like to see the recorded version, head on over to our education page to have a look:  
<http://kansasprideprogram.kstate.edu/education/index.html>

We have other videos available, including our recent Volunteer Recruitment and Retention video, and videos on how to enroll and report.

Thank you for all that you do, and don't forget, we are always here to help! – *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension*  
[jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)

Winners receive \$1,000 as well as a medallion and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Find out more at:

<https://spirit.prudential.com/>



## Youth Volunteer Recognition Opportunity



Through November 6, 2018, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is looking for nominations for Kansas' top youth volunteers of the year!

## Have Someone Looking for a Summer Internship?



The Dane G. Hansen Foundation, in cooperation with K-State Research and Extension, is offering NW Kansas communities an opportunity to host a summer intern(s).

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation community internship initiative matches Northwest Kansas communities or organizations that have a specific need with upper-level college students to address that need during a summer internship.

Communities or organizations first identify a community improvement project such as downtown revitalization planning; community

website, calendar or marketing; park or trail improvement; design for re-purposing an old building; or a host of other possibilities, and then apply to host an intern to assist with the project.

Job descriptions for summer internship positions are developed once projects are identified, and students apply for the various positions.

Students are able to get the hands-on experience needed when looking for a job and communities benefit from their knowledge. It's a win for both.

Questions? Contact Nadine Sigle at [nsigle@ksu.edu](mailto:nsigle@ksu.edu) or at 785.346.6256

## Events Calendar

### Quarterly Report Dates:

April 15<sup>th</sup>

July 15<sup>th</sup>



October 15<sup>th</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup>

### Opportunity Dates:

October 15, 2018- Community of Excellence Applications Due

February 15, 2019- Award Applications Due

## Up for a Community Visit?

Would your PRIDE organization like to be brought up to speed on available opportunities? Have you had a leadership change and would like to make sure you're on the right track? Let us know and we'll work on scheduling a time to meet with you. Send us an email at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu). – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** [jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)



## Facebook News



Don't forget to like us on Facebook if you haven't already. We post there often, and some of that information isn't available in the newsletter – webinar announcements, community news, alerts. Examples of recent posts to the Facebook Pages we "Like":

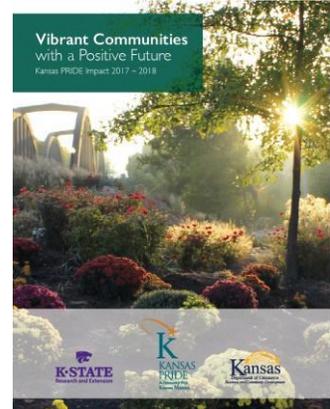
Head over to

<http://www.facebook.com/KansasPRIDE/> to check us out, or "Like" us to see opportunities that are upcoming! Also invite us to "Like" your page if you have one! – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** [jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)



## Annual Review

The 2017-2018 Kansas PRIDE Impact Report is now online. Click on the report image to view the full report online, or you can access it via the following link:



<http://kansasprideprogram.kstate.edu/news/annual-review.html>. – Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension [jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)

## Entrepreneurship Resources

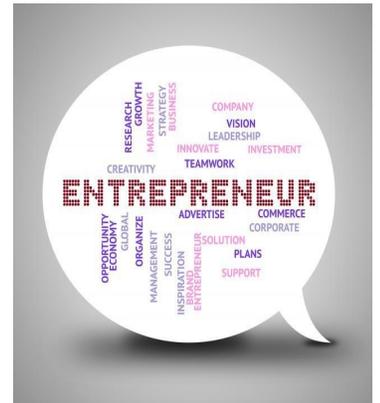
K-State Research and Extension's Community Vitality Team has added links to the newest First Friday e-Call recorded webinars. You can see the most current listing here:

<https://www.ksre.kstate.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/>.

Some of the newest additions to the list are:

- Cyber Security Threats to Small Business
- Network Kansas Resource and Referral Center
- The New Rules of Business Success Feel free to share this resource and support the entrepreneurs in your community!

– Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension [jmsteen@ksu.edu](mailto:jmsteen@ksu.edu)



## Communities Currently Enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program



These communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program this year. If you're meeting as a local PRIDE group and don't see your community name here, it's not too late to enroll! Go to: <http://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html>

Click on the blue "Enroll" button to continue.

Admire	Delia	Larned	Overbrook
Agra	Dover	Lecompton	Ozawkie
Alden	Elk City	Lenora	Park City
Almena	Ellis	Leonardville	Perry
Alton	Fort Scott	LeRoy	Potwin
Arlington	Glasco	Lincoln	Randolph
Ashland	Grainfield	Linn Valley	Riley
Assaria	Grinnell	Lucas	Rossville
Basehor	Haysville	Luray	Rozel
Baxter Springs	Herndon	Macksville	Russell
Belleville	Highland	Marion	Savonburg
Blue Rapids	Hoyt	McFarland	Solomon
Burlingame	Humboldt	Melvern	Stockton
Bushton	Independence	Moran	Tampa
Centralia	Iola	Mount Hope	Vermillion
Clifton	Kinsley	Natoma	Wakefield
Columbus	La Harpe	Norton	Wilson
Council Grove	Lakin	Olsburg	