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for this year of service. I have learned so much and watched as my team mates and I grow as individuals and spread the word about agriculture in Pennsylvania and the United States. My plans after my year of serve as a state FFA officer is to attend Edinboro University and finish at Penn State Erie in agribusiness and hopefully work as a loan officer at AgChoice Farm Credit.

Miranda Kane — State Treasurer

The business and industry visits showed me all that there is to agriculture and how large my lesson plans as a teacher are going to have to be. But they also opened my eyes to opportunities for my future students should they have an interest in those areas of agriculture. Hopefully the information I gather from these visits will assist them in their future plans. While I enjoyed each one, I'd have to say, one of my favorites was the Range Resource visit. I enjoyed it because we got to tour an actual site where drilling was taking place and we learned

about an industry that I am not familiar with. It was neat to see an industry that provided a wide variety of opportunities for agriculture, which many don't think about right away. Though my future plans involve one career, my hope is that the connections I make and the key ideas learned from all of the careers we visited will provide insight for me as I learn how to promote it to others. My year of service has given me a chance to learn why I should appreciate agriculture more and more, and how to get myself and others involved. My plan is to go to Penn State to study agricultural education. I would like to teach agriculture in a high school setting.

Maris Wilson — State Reporter

Our visit to the Marcellus Shale Coalition in Harrisburg had probably been my favorite visit thus far. It was great to get to sit down with the leaders of the organization and learn about how natural gas is affecting Pennsylvania's economy and future. These visits confused me at first, but I began to realize how many opportunities our state has in the agricultural field. However, after visiting Farm Bureau, I learned about how agriculturalists need support in the government in order to continue to be successful. That was when I realized I would like to go into a field where I could do just that. That visit actually altered my plans a little, and it was then I decided to minor in political science to understand how things get done in the government and how I can help protect our agriculturalists. I plan on attending Juniata College to major in environmental science and minor in political science to hopefully get involved in the political side of agriculture.

Sean Jones — State Sentinel

I would have to say I liked all of the business visits this year because each one plays an important role for one another which to function and without one the other one can't function. Each one plays a great role in which you can really impact others about making a career choice. They have shown me that I can take everything that I learned from them and that I can apply it to classes as well as help others get aware of these great companies and how they truly do play a huge part in our lives. I truly learned a lot this year not only from all the sup-



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porters and business visits but even from all the members we have. Coming from the city life and just seeing everyone's great agriculture programs really does show why this organization is truly the best and why we all love what we love to do and that's talking about the importance of agricultural life. I will be going back to Penn State and continue to study to become an agricultural education teacher.

Renee Grove — State Chaplain

The business and industry visits have been a wide range of agriculture industry. It has affected my future plans by confusing me with what I want to do after this year of serving! Every industry visit was great because I learned so many new things at them but my favorite would have to be Wengers of Myerstown. I found it unique how they started out small and how they have grown to the size that they are now. It was interesting to see how much they progressed. I never realized how the agriculture industry all works together. Everybody is connecting and without each other's support we would not be able to support as well as we are. After my year of service I plan to continue my education by going to school at Penn State Mont Alto majoring in human development and family studies.

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