Growing up, many of us were taught, righteously so, to work as hard as we could in school and the goal is to achieve A’s. While this is sound advice, it is not 100% true. Some, for instance, do not have the ability or interest to pursue higher education. However, there are many factors that impact your life after you have received your diploma. Whether it is in your breed organization, school, or an activity you enjoy doing like rock-climbing, find people who share your passion by joining associations and clubs, you will open up many extraordinary opportunities. Some of these opportunities you will experience right away, while others could come down the road in ways you never imagined. When becoming involved, do not be afraid to reach out to other kids. Yes, be the first to say it can be scary, but the more you work, the more opportunities you will find and the more you can immerse yourself in the passion that you share. Involvement is something that many companies look for during the hiring process. I have heard this many times — a student with leadership and involvement shows that the student struggles with multitasking and being able to balance work with school. While this may not be the case for everyone, I have seen this same trend with my friends, you ask for it, you will get it, and what will make or break you are you go for it without any regrets. Life is too short not to take every opportunity that comes your way. So, go out and meet new people and get involved!

Another factor that remains unspoken on any resume or résumé but is extremely important is character. As social media makes you a person who still looks up to people, but it is also hooked up to the person who makes the world a better place. While this seems like a lot of pressure and a little bit of a burden, you may find yourself being more relaxed and finding time to meet new people. While this may not be the case, it is how employers perceive you.

So, go out and meet new people and get involved! The AJSAs tour of the mountains is a wonderful experience to kick back, learn, and have fun with your Simmental friends without cattle in the area. This is the perfect opportunity to add something new to your experience.
The Decision of a Lifetime

It is hard to believe that one year ago I was a senior in high school preparing to graduate and deciding on where I would be for the next four years. It was a very stressful and nerve-wracking time for me as I had to consider which institution would be involved in choosing a college, but I would eventually find one that would best prepare me for the future. Many factors are considered when you can fully pursue your passion. Attending college that can fully equip you in the area you are passionate about will allow you to find your true purpose.

I have been very blessed and fortunate to be able to do so here at Kansas State University. Since I have just begun my college experience, it is easy to see how important it has been for me. In high school, I was involved in several clubs, but I would encourage you to look past your current clubs for a school where you can fully pursue your passion involving activities that can truly make a difference in your life.

The Sounds of the South

James Eunus Jones, Opry Veterinarian, Dixie Proctor and Jan Har -
son, creator of the Muppets, all hail from this great state. Their love to have you! After all, we are "The Hospitality State"!

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Eastern Trustee

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