

**2024 Ironstone Concours Foundation/
Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Recipient**

Teagan Wunschel

The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is a collaborative project of the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair and the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council. This year, twenty-one students have been awarded \$42,500 for scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year. These students represent fourteen California counties.

The Ironstone Concours Foundation/Friends of the California State Fair provides \$5,000 to be awarded to one outstanding candidate. In 2024, we recognize the recipient of the Ironstone Concours Foundation/ Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Teagan Wunschel.



In Fall 2024, Teagan will be attending California State University, Chico to earn a degree in Animal Science and Ag Communications. As a fifth-generation rancher, Teagan’s agricultural journey started from a young age and continued into serving two terms as President of the Sutter Creek FFA, holding office as State President and State Queen of the California Nevada Junior Hereford Association, membership of the National Junior Hereford Association, membership of both the local and state Cattlemen’s Associations, and working as a student intern for the El Dorado County Farm Bureau.

Support for her community has also been an important value to Teagan. She has actively participated in community clean-up days, planned and hosted events to thank first responders, worked with her FFA Chapter to provide stockings for patients at Shriner's Hospital during Christmas, assisted ranchers at local bull sales, presented at Amador and El Dorado Farm Days, and most recently raised a market lamb and donated the proceeds from the auction sale to the Child Life programs at hospitals where she was treated for Leukemia as a child.

Teagan’s future career aspirations include working in the beef industry, with a focus on genetics and sustainable cattle production, as well as being an advocate for agriculture in California and helping push for new and improved breeding that can produce a more sustainable product for consumers while also benefiting producers. Teagan plans to continue to be actively involved in trade organizations where she can be an “AG-vocate” for the beef industry, helping to spread the voices of producers, and promote the importance of agriculture to consumers, students and her community.

Congratulations, Teagan!