

“I’m Passionate About”

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My name is Shaelyn Richter, and I have been involved in agriculture all my life. I live on a farm north of Broadview, Saskatchewan. My love for agriculture has led me to pursue a career at the University of Saskatchewan for Agriculture and Bioresources. Being the youngest of 4 children, has made me more interested in farming then ever. My siblings have all pursued a career in agriculture, and because of that I look up to them every day. When people ask me what I want to be when I grow up, I cannot think of any better than “happy”. Yes, being successful and having a good paying job is critical in my list of life goals, but I want to do something that I enjoy. Right now, I am not sure what area of agriculture I would like to pursue. There are so many opportunities out there and studying at the U of S will give me that opportunity to find the area that I am truly passionate about. As a young person, you can be passionate about what your family does and truly admire that, but there is more than the family farm and I am excited to broaden my knowledge.

Ever since I can remember, I have always wanted to pursue a career into agriculture. I come from a 4th generation family grain farm, that we have proudly operated as a family. My goals are to learn more about agriculture, travel to other countries to learn about different techniques and practices, and to make a difference in our world. From growing up and working on the family farm my passion for the industry has grown deeply. What I love most about the agriculture sector is the community that comes with it. I look up to my older sister more than anything, she graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2016 with an Agronomy degree. This past summer I got to spend a few days working with her and got to experience how you work as an agronomist; I have never been so passionate about something before.

Every year the agriculture industry is changing. Whether that is in technology, sustainability, bigger farms, and young people starting their own farms. My vision for the future of agriculture is one that is sustainable and innovative. This past fall I experienced the Seed Master Autonomous Dot in action at our farm. It was such an exciting opportunity to see how advanced technology through a tablet can control the operation of a machine and the capability it has of applying seed and nutrients into the ground. My view for the agriculture sector in the future is that sustainability will be a critical challenge. I know in the future that innovative solutions will become more successful to improve the safety and health of agricultural products. My goal in life is to make a difference in our growing agriculture industry. I hope that my future agronomy knowledge and skills will make a difference to farmers by helping them to grow innovative crops. I am excited to be apart of Saskatchewan’s agricultural industry.

I do not see myself having any other career because agriculture is what I am passionate about. After I finish my studies at the University of Saskatchewan I hope to come back and have a part in the family farm someday.