

## KOCHER & KUBERSKI RECEIVE NATIONAL LICA SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year, National LICA awards scholarships to support students in their pursuit of higher education and to encourage students to fulfill their dreams of entering into the career of their choice. Eligible to active LICA Contractors and their relatives (i.e. spouse, child, grandchild), two individuals from Illinois were awarded National LICA scholarships, out of 10 total recipients, for 2022.

Paige Kocher, granddaughter of member Norm & Mary Jane Kocher (Lawrenceville) and daughter of former member Jeff & Holly Kocher, was recently named as a National LICA scholarship winner.



Paige graduated fifth in her class on May 22, 2022 from Lawrenceville High School, Lawrenceville, IL. In the fall of 2022, she will be attending Vincennes University majoring in Pre-Med. She will then transfer to a larger university to pursue

a Bachelors Degree in Forensic Medicine and plans to obtain her Doctrine of Medicine with the goal of becoming a Forensic Pathologist.

This summer, Paige will be participating in softball, volunteering at the Russellville Community Building, and job shadowing with the Lawrence County Coroner, Shannon Steffey. Currently, she works as a nanny for two families who live near her, providing care and supervision for their eight children ranging in ages from twenty months to sixteen years old. Paige will continue to work for these families while attending Vincennes University. She also works for Complete Farm Conservation Operation, Inc (C.F.C.O.); a company founded in 1982 by her Grandfather Norman Kocher, J W Collings, and Gary Kaiser, now managed by her Uncle Steve Kocher, Father Jeff Kocher, and Bill Lee. At C.F.C.O., Paige performs tasks as needed pertaining to conservation excavating, drainage, and irrigation.

Caden Kuberski, son of member Daniel and Debbie Kuberski of Pearl City, IL, was also named as a National LICA scholarship winner for 2022.



Caden graduated from Pearl City High School in the spring of 2021. During all four years of his high school career, Caden was a member of the Future Farmers of America and attended multiple conventions representing his school for this organization. He was also a member of his school's A-Team, which is an organization to help teach students the importance of 'saying no to drugs'. Caden was on the Honor Roll all four years in high school and received High Honors his senior year.

Caden excelled as a student-athlete, playing football and baseball all four years of high school. He led his teams as Captain for both sports and was named All-Conference first team Center and Edge in football and All-Conference second team Catcher in baseball his senior year.

Caden is currently an undergraduate at Southwest Technical College in Fennimore, Wisconsin in the Ag Power and Equipment Technician program. He has made the Dean's List for both his first and second semesters of his first year. He is currently completing an internship program with Midwest Diesel Repair in Freeport, Illinois where he is learning hands on training in preparation for his graduation in the spring of 2023.

Caden has worked, and continues to in his spare time, for the family business B&H Trenching & Tiling. He understands the hard work it takes to make a family-owned business successful and has always been there when needed.

Please join us in congratulating Paige, Caden, and both their families for their recent accomplishments. We wish both scholarship recipients the best of luck in their future endeavors!



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