



Association  
of Women in  
Agriculture

**2024-25 Snapshot**

# Welcome

## AWA Day 2025

Saturday, April 5



### Order of Events

1:30 PM	Open House
3:00 PM	Annual Meeting
4:00 PM	Networking & Social Hour
5:00 PM	Dinner & Program



### Keynote Speaker

*Amber Swenor*

Unleash Your Inner Rockstar:  
Leading With Passion,  
Connection & Impact

*Leadership isn't about doing more. It's about showing up in a way that feels energizing, meaningful and aligned with your strengths.*

We're excited to welcome Amber Swenor, a dynamic speaker whose mission is to help women **rediscover their passion, embrace their strengths and lead in a way that feels fulfilling - not overwhelming**, as the keynote speaker at AWA Day!

Amber is a transformational leadership coach, business strategist and the founder of **Soul Seed Strategy**, where she helps leaders and teams move from burnout and misalignment to purpose-driven success. She's also the **Wall Street Journal bestselling author** of *Unleashed: A Been There Rocked That Guide to Radical Authenticity in Life and Business* - a book that's inspired thousands to step into their power.

And, if that wasn't enough...Amber is a **literal rockstar**. As the frontwoman of the award-winning metal band **Morningstar**, she knows firsthand what it means to own your voice, take the stage, and create impact - whether in business, leadership or life.

But before she was rocking stages, **Amber was a farm girl**. She served as a **Wisconsin Association of FFA State Officer**, was crowned **Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair** and later became a small **organic hemp farmer**, providing firsthand experience in agriculture, leadership and the power of community.

## Benefit Corporation *President's Message*



Welcome to AWA Day! Over the past year, our board has held monthly meetings - both in person and virtually - to help maintain the integrity of our organization and create opportunities to engage alumni and support our student members.

We 're-engaged' our committees, which has allowed more alumni to get involved. Like they say, many hands make light work. If you are interested in joining a committee, reach out to the committee chair!

Eliza Ruzic We introduced Alumni Dinners - hosted by alumni throughout the state - making it more convenient for alumni outside the Madison area to network and re-connect with other alumni. These will be ongoing, so watch for more details!

AWA Book Club continues to meet quarterly - engaging actives and alumni with a wide array of books. They're currently reading *A Forty Year Kiss* by Wisconsin author Nickolas Butler. Reach out to Taylor Holterman to get on the email list, so you can join us next time!

The AWA Mentor Program is back! Thanks to everyone who stepped forward to mentor one of our student members. Making these connections can lead to a lifetime of friendship and professional relationships. For more information, contact Claire Esselman, Alumni Coordinator.

As our house has aged, it has created the need for updates and our House Management Committee has done a great job of seeing these improvements through. We are very grateful to have such a beautiful house for student members to live in!

Thank you for your commitment to AWA, our student organization, UW-Madison, the agriculture industry, and the world!

## Student Organization *President's Message*



Over the past year, the student organization has successfully promoted agriculture and served the community while building strong leaders. We currently have 64 active members that come from six states - including both coasts. Within our membership, 28 different majors and 11 unique certificates are represented across the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Letters & Science, and other colleges at UW-Madison. We continue to hold biweekly membership meetings and held many other events throughout the year.

Sadie Goettl Last fall, we launched a successful new outreach event, Badger Ag Day, that gave us the opportunity to invite local elementary school students to campus and educate them about Wisconsin agriculture through hands-on activities. We can't wait to watch the growth of this educational initiative in the years to come! We also welcomed 23 new members to our organization last fall - thanks to the outstanding efforts of our Recruitment Coordinator, Amanda Bender. Our Communications Coordinator, Brooke Meinholz, also brought new life to the newsletter to keep AWA supporters informed.

We kicked off the spring semester with our annual service event - Rally to Fight Hunger. Our Service Coordinator, Rachel Kalbas, organized the event, which allowed us to pack 20,000 meals for people in need. We also held our spring formal, with roughly 100 members and guests in attendance. Our Activities Coordinator, Bailey Botterman, went above and beyond to plan a formal to remember.

We are grateful to the alumni, parents and friends of AWA that contribute to the success of our organization. Thank you for your continued support!

2024 - 25  
Benefit Corporation

*Board Members*

Principal Officers

**President**



Eliza Ruzic

**Vice President**



Lisa Borzynski

**Secretary**



Erica Ballmer Riley

**Treasurer**



Jaden Henneman

Committee Chairs

**Advancement**



Nicole Broege

**Communications**



Taylor Gracyalny

**Education**



Bethany Dado Senn

**Financial Management**



Stephanie Gledhill

**House Management**



Deb Wendorf Boyke

**House Management**



Brenna Rosser Johnson

**Programming**



Liz Grady

**Programming**



Sabrina Servais

Directors

**Director At Large**



Morgan Cavitt

**Director At Large**



Katy Katzman

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Student Organization

Officer Team

Principal Officers

**President**



Sadie Goettl

**Vice President**



Jenna Gries

**Secretary**



Kelsey Hardy

**Treasurer**



Natalie Hensen

Coordinators

**Activities**



Bailey Botterman

**Alumni**



Claire Esselman

**Communications**



Brooke Meinholz

**Fundraising**



Jenna Kudrna

**Recruitment**



Amanda Bender

**Sentinel**



Sydni Mell

**Service**



Rachel Kalbas

**Sunshine**



Grace Mansell

House Management Team

**House Manager**



Emma Mathison

**House Steward**



Tamra Ihm

**First Semester  
House Assistant**



Ellie Lalor

**Second Semester  
House Assistant**



Alexandra McCourt

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*Student Activities*

Alumni Activities

- Back-to-School Mixer
- Alumni Seminars - Personal Finance, Dress to Impress
- Alumni Dinners
- AWA Day

House Activities

- Weekly Movie Night
- Game Night
- Super Bowl Watch Party
- Valentine's Day Exchange
- Cocoa & Cookies

Service Activities

- Blood Drive
- Cat Bed Making
- Rally to Fight Hunger

Social Activities

- Brewer Game With AGR
- Ice Skating
- Spring Formal
- Christmas Party

Recruitment Activities

- Spaghetti Dinner
- Formal Interviews
- Big/Little Sister Bonding Coaster Decorating
- Mac & Cheese Dinner
- Big/Little Sister Bonding Tote Bag & Glass Painting



Rally to Fight Hunger



Spaghetti Dinner



Culver's Scoopie Night



Badger Ag Day

# 2024 - 25 House Update

With a 30-year-old house, there was no shortage of projects for the House Management Committee this year! Starting last fall, the committee reorganized and began meeting monthly. We currently have 23 members living in the house. There are 21 leases signed for the 2025-26 school year, with room for three additional renters. On May 13, representatives from the House Management Committee and the Financial Management Committee will be conducting an in-depth walk-through of the house to identify future house needs.

## Completed Projects

- Hired a new cook
- Replaced air conditioning on first floor
- Purchased a new stove
- Installed new windows in first and second floor bedrooms
- Replaced basement refrigerator and washing machine
- Installed security cameras
- Updated floor mats in front and back entries
- Installed new TV in great room
- Repaired basement freezer, radiator leak in second floor study area, water leak in laundry room, multiple doors and dresser drawers

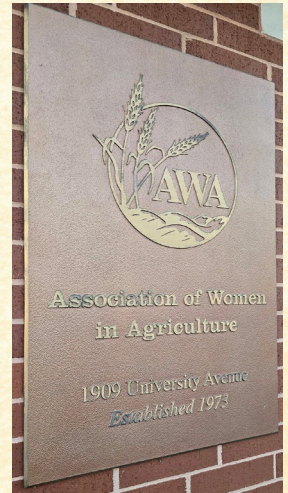
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Jaden Henneman	Eliza Ruzic
Daphne Holterman	Meg Sage
Brenna Rosser Johnson	JoDee Sattler
Katy Katzman	Monica Schwittay
Dana Kelroy	Dianne Deaton Vielhuber
Mary Knigge	Lindsey Worden
Deanna Kovar	



Thank you to the  
**House Management Committee**  
for its commitment to 1909!

**Co-Chair:** Deb Wendorf Boyke  
**Co-Chair:** Brenna Rosser Johnson  
**House Manager:** Emma Mathison  
**House Steward:** Tamra Ihm  
**House Assistant (1st Semester):** Ellie Lalor  
**House Assistant (2nd Semester):** Alexandra McCourt  
**In-House Rep:** Natalie Hensen  
**Out-of-House Rep:** Brooke Meinholz  
**Alumni Committee Members:**  
Nicole Broege, Maureen DeBruin, Jaden Henneman,  
Stephanie Hoff, Ann Hoskins, Katy Katzman, Jill Makovec,  
Mena Schmitt



2024 - 25

# Anniversary Class Members

## 1985

Jill Armbruster  
Sara Barlass  
Lisa Behnke  
Sharon Brantmeier  
Sandra Cardo Gorsuch  
Jeanne Miller Mansk  
Jennifer Sawle  
Sherry Siemers Peterman

## 1995

Krista Luedtke  
Beth Schabert  
Melissa Sprecher

## 2005

Stacey Adams  
Naomi Bernstein  
Gwendolen Boettcher  
Michelle Bork Brevitz  
Jennifer Dingbaum Varo  
Kristina Duwe Hopkins  
Elizabeth Krause  
Liz Matzke  
Tara Maus  
Annie McCullough  
Sarah Jo Young

## 2015

Jodi Berndtson  
Anna Blake  
Alexis Blakey  
Cassie Endres  
Carrie Feucht  
Michele Gernetzke  
Taylor Holterman

## 2020

Noelle Austin  
Maria Balbach  
Shelby Brendler  
Meikah Dado  
Allissa Frisle  
Emilie Gietzel  
Liz Grady  
Kaylah Gulley  
Summer Henschel  
Haven Olson  
Emma Olstad Kruse  
Mena Schmitt  
Brooke Trustem  
Keisha Verbeten

# Outstanding Class Members

## Freshman

2024	Natalie Hensen
2023	Maryann Gudenkauf
2022	Sydni Mell
2021	Mae Buttles
2020	Olivia Spaight

## Sophomore

2024	Maryann Gudenkauf
2023	Natalie Roe
2022	Nicole Broegee
2021	Sophy Henisz
2020	Alexis Luedtke

## Junior

2024	Tamra Ihm
2023	Ana McCourt
2022	Sara Johnson
2021	Kimberly Mason
2020	Megan Lehr

## Senior

2024	Nicole Broegee
2023	Alexis Kwak
2022	Alexis Luedtke
2021	Emily Franke
2020	Brooke Trustem

*The Outstanding Senior is recognized by the AWA Benefit Corporation with a lifetime alumni membership.*

2024 - 25  
*Graduating Seniors*

Spring 2025  
**Stephanie Boykov**



**Animal & Veterinary Biosciences**

Spring 2025  
**Emma Dorshorst**



**Dairy Science**

Spring 2025  
**Sadie Goettl**



**Agricultural Business Management, Communication Arts**  
Certificates: Public Policy, Integrated Liberal Studies

Spring 2025  
**Riley Herrick**



**Animal Science**

Spring 2025  
**Paula Hollenberger**



**Animal Science**

Spring 2025  
**Tamra Ihm**



**Dairy Science**  
Certificate: Agricultural Business Management

Spring 2025  
**Kylie Kony**



**Dairy Science**  
Certificates: Agricultural Business Management, Science Communication

Spring 2025  
**Emma Mathison**



**Agronomy, Dairy Science**

Spring 2025  
**Brooke Meinholz**



**Dairy Science**  
Certificates: Agricultural Business Management, Science Communication

Spring 2025  
**Sydni Mell**



**Dairy Science**

Spring 2025  
**Emily Stumpf**



**Life Sciences Communication**  
Certificate: Digital Studies

Spring 2025  
**Emma Vos**



**Agricultural & Applied Economics**  
Certificate: Agricultural Business Management

Fall 2025  
**Maryann Gudenkauf**



**Dairy Science**

# 2024 - 25 Scholarships

This year, we will award 19 scholarships totaling \$15,000. Thank you to the selection committee (Angela Kargus, Meg Sage, and Tonya Vorndran), as well as the Education Committee (Chair: Bethany Dado Senn, Ciera Ballmer, Meg Sage, Jolynne Schroeffer, Brooke Trustem) for its efforts. A special thanks to our generous donors for making these scholarships possible!

## AWA Endowment Fund Scholarships

### Delma Woodburn Memorial Scholarship

Delma was born near Mt. Horeb. She graduated from UW-Madison in 1921 with a degree in economics and from Farm & Industry Short Course in 1940. Delma had a keen interest in history, agriculture and land conservation. She provided encouragement and fiscal support to AWA when our idea of a house was just a dream. Delma loved attending our annual meeting and other events when she could to see and meet younger women in their quest for success in agriculture.

### Dr. David Dickson Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Dave was a dairy science professor, long-time coach of the UW Judging Team and advisor to many dairy science students. He impacted the lives of countless students throughout his time at UW and was a big supporter of AWA. He was a major contributor to the new house fund and supported AWA in many other ways, including providing piano entertainment at AWA Day. Dinners in honor of his birthday were held each year at the house in appreciation of his long-time friendship and support.

### Cynthia Benevenga Memorial Scholarship

Cynthia was an active member of the Madison community through the Daughters of Demeter (now Demeter), The University League and the League of Women Voters Dane County. She was a believer in women's equality and scholarship and came to AWA Day for many years and presented scholarships to our members on behalf of Demeter. Cynthia was a great supporter of AWA and admired the passion she saw in our members.

### AWA Active Member Scholarships

Awarded to AWA student members with a strong dedication to AWA activities and values.

### AWA House Resident Scholarships

Awarded to AWA student members contributing to a positive AWA house community as residents.

## Other Scholarships

### Demeter Scholarships

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Demeter is a nonprofit organization that provides support for students in the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences. Its members also engage in community projects and promote friendship and fellowship among agricultural and life science professionals, their families and community members.

### Dr. Larry Satter Memorial Scholarship

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Dr. Larry Satter worked in the Dairy Science Department, then at the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center, as one of the world's foremost scientists in dairy nutrition. Early on, Dr. Satter took a keen interest in AWA and our members. He helped guide us in our quest for a living unit, first contacting Rural Insurance, who ultimately loaned us funds to build our house. At his retirement reception, he listed AWA's success as one of his most notable accomplishments. He saw the need for AWA, the students' desire for it and the potential for our group - on campus and in the ag arena at-large.

### Nicole Bangart Memorial Scholarship

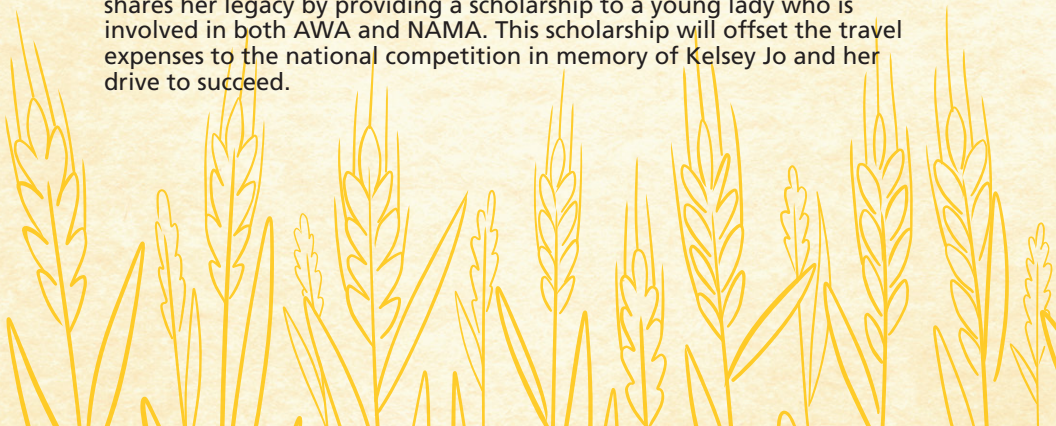
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The Nicole Bangart Memorial Scholarship was established in 2015 through the generosity of the Bangart family, Brady Kees and AWA. Nicole had a great love for agriculture - especially animals - that started at a young age, and she spent many hours helping out on the family farm. After high school, UW-Madison was Nicole's only choice to continue her education. Coming from a small, rural town, Madison had its challenges for Nicole, but she found her place as a member of AWA and thrived. She loved all the activities AWA had to offer, being a big sister, and all the friendships she made.

### Kelsey Jo Olson Memorial Travel Scholarship

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Kelsey Jo Olson graduated with a degree in life sciences communication in May 2015 and passed away in September 2015. She contributed to the UW-Madison campus through her involvement in AWA and NAMA, competing with the marketing team at the national level. Her family shares her legacy by providing a scholarship to a young lady who is involved in both AWA and NAMA. This scholarship will offset the travel expenses to the national competition in memory of Kelsey Jo and her drive to succeed.



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AWA Scholarship Fund

*Donors*

Jill Armbruster & Chuck Jinkins  
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Scholarship Fund.



Pumpkin Carving



Coaster Decorating



Spring Formal

2024 - 25

# Awards

## Outstanding Woman in Agriculture

The Outstanding Woman in Agriculture is recognized by the AWA Benefit Corporation for her significant influence on the agricultural industry.

2024	<b>Tammy Vaassen</b>	2018	<b>Deb Reinhart</b>
2023	<b>Mary Knigge</b>	2017	<b>Shelly Mayer</b>
2022	<b>Pam Hodgson</b>	2016	<b>Laura Daniels</b>
2021	<b>Dr. Sandy Curran</b>	2015	<b>Julie Larson</b>
2019	<b>Cathy Sherman</b>	2014	<b>Kim Bremmer</b>

## Founders Award

The AWA Founders Award is presented by the AWA Benefit Corporation to an individual who has had a significant influence on AWA.

2024	<b>Jill Armbruster</b>
2023	<b>AWA Founding Members</b>
2022	<b>Deb Wendorf Boyke</b>
2021	<b>Jill Makovec</b>
2018	<b>Valerie Johnson Renk</b>
2017	<b>Sue Schultz</b>
2016	<b>Kylene Anderson</b>
2015	<b>Daphne Holterman</b>
2010	<b>Marjorie Stieve</b>
2009	<b>Sharon Brantmeier</b>

## Outstanding Alumnus

The Outstanding Alumnus award is presented by the student organization to an AWA alumnus who is excelling in her agricultural career.

2024	<b>Katy Katzman</b>
2023	<b>Deb Wendorf Boyke</b>
2022	<b>Eliza Ruzic</b>
2021	<b>Laura Daniels</b>
2019	<b>Kaitlyn Riley-Kesler</b>
2018	<b>Pam Selz-Pralle</b>
2017	<b>Krista Knigge</b>
2016	<b>Kristin Natzke</b>
2015	<b>Sharon Brantmeier</b>
2014	<b>Susan Rieden</b>

## Honored Guest

The Honored Guest is recognized by the student organization for significant time and/or resources donated to AWA, demonstrating outstanding support.

2024	<b>Charles Sara</b>
2023	<b>Anna Gudenkauf</b>
2022	<b>Alice in Dairyland Program</b>
2021	<b>Maple Leaf Landscaping</b>
2019	<b>Dane County Dairy Promotion</b>
2018	<b>Dave Warren</b>
2017	<b>Bob Williams Family</b>
2016	<b>Robby Weyker (UW Meat Lab)</b>
2015	<b>Dave Black &amp; WSUM</b>
2014	<b>Q106</b>

## Friend of AWA

The Friend of AWA is awarded by the student organization for going above and beyond the call of duty to help AWA and its members throughout the year.

2024	<b>Anne Runde</b>
2023	<b>Julie Larson</b>
2022	<b>Dr. Heather White</b>
2021	<b>Megan Lauber</b>
2019	<b>Maureen DeBruin &amp; Barb Lee</b>
2018	<b>Megan O'Rourke</b>
2017	<b>Jill Makovec</b>
2016	<b>Jessica Held</b>
2015	<b>Melissa Cheeks</b>
2014	<b>Kylene Anderson</b>

2024 - 25  
AWA Benefit Corporation  
*Board Candidates*

**President**



Katy Katzman

Katy operates Katzman Farms - a multi-site dairy and beef operation based in Whitewater - with her husband, Wes, and sons, Jake and Aaron. After graduating in 1998 with degrees in dairy science and agricultural journalism, Katy worked as the managing editor of *Agri-View* newspaper before joining the team at Katzman Farms full time in 2004. Over the next 20 years, Wes and Katy focused on growing their farm business and raising their family. These days, most of Katy's time is spent managing finances, inventory, and other farm records. She prides herself on being the 'glue' at Katzman Farms - helping to connect teams, streamline processes, and build relationships. Katy has served on the board in various capacities over the years, including president, vice president and chair of both the House Management Committee and Communications Committee. She currently serves as a director at large.

**Vice President**



Dianne  
Deaton Viehhuber

Dianne has worked in and out of the dairy industry in various positions since graduating in 1989 with a degree in agricultural journalism. After working in communications and marketing in the ag industry for many years, she felt called to serve overseas as a missionary. After a life-changing year teaching English at a university in Almaty, Kazakhstan, Dianne returned to the United States. She expected to return to the business world. Rather, God called her into pastoral ministry. Over 20 years, Dianne served five different United Methodist churches as a part of three appointments within the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Additionally, Dianne is a published author. A wife and grandma, Dianne serves through client work and volunteer positions.

**Secretary**



Marjorie Stieve

Marjorie is the marketing services manager for Vita Plus. She's served in this role since she joined the team as an employee owner more than 18 years ago. Her career has also included opportunities to be part of the teams at Capital Newspapers/*Agri-View* and World Dairy Expo. An enthusiastic industry supporter, Marjorie has served in leadership roles for numerous organizations and events including AWA, WALSAA, Sauk County Fair, World Dairy Expo, Community Support Network, WDE Management Inc, Cows on the Concourse and more. Marjorie graduated in 1991 with a degree in agricultural journalism. She also holds an associate of arts degree from the University of Baraboo-Sauk County, as well as a master's degree in servant leadership from Viterbo University.

**Programming**



Anne Runde

Anne graduated in 2022 with a degree in agricultural business management and a certificate in entrepreneurship. Over the years, she has developed and managed several small businesses, from selling local floral arrangements and managing a small herd of registered Holsteins to merchandising vintage and custom apparel. These ventures have provided her with valuable hands-on experience across multiple industries. Currently, Anne is the marketing development specialist at Holstein Association USA, where she combines her passion for Holstein cattle with her experience in marketing and grassroots development. She works on a wide range of initiatives, including social media strategy, website development, and event planning.

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AWA Benefit Corporation  
*Board Candidates*

**House Management**



Jill Makovec

Jill is a strategic marketing executive with Learfield, representing Wisconsin Radio and Brownfield Ag Networks. She graduated in 2000 with degrees in dairy science and agricultural journalism and went on to earn a master's degree in dairy science in 2002. Since graduation, Jill has been active in AWA serving as the AWABC treasurer and Financial Management Committee chair. During this time, she initiated the process to gain 501c3 status for AWABC. In addition, Jill has presented several workshops to the student membership on dining etiquette and professional appearance. Jill also works as the bookkeeper for WALSA and helps young men and women develop professionalism and proficient communication skills through her involvement on the Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair committee. Jill manages her family's century farm in Muscoda and recently renovated her father's childhood home to be a VRBO.

**House Management**



Sharon Brantmeier

Sharon earned a degree in dairy science in 1985 and then went on to earn a master's degree in 1986. She worked in the dairy industry for several years before pivoting her career into financial services. Sharon recently retired from Eventus Wealth Advisors, where she worked as a private wealth advisor. When Sharon was sophomore, AWA purchased the white and blue houses - making her an inaugural member of the AWA house cohort! She was instrumental in building the current AWA house and is looking forward to working on the House Management Committee. Sharon has served as AWABC treasurer and chair of the Financial Management Committee and enjoys sharing her financial expertise with the student members each year as a guest speaker. Sharon is married to Randy Shaver, and they have two adult daughters and one grandchild.

**Director At Large**



Taylor Schaefer

Taylor graduated in 2022 with degrees in animal sciences and life sciences communication. Following graduation, she served as Wisconsin's 75th Alice in Dairyland. Taylor currently works as an associate dairy company communications manager at Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, where she works to build the distribution, trial and sales of Wisconsin dairy both domestically and abroad. In addition to her involvement in AWA, Taylor was also a member of the Badger Dairy Club and the UW Marching Band.

**Director At Large**



Dorothy Harms

Dorothy owns Valley Springs Farm in Reedsburg with her husband, Don. After dairy farming for 35 years, they transitioned to direct marketing grass-fed Red Angus beef in 2013. Dorothy is also the innkeeper for Valley Springs Farm Bed & Breakfast, which gives her the opportunity to have one-on-one dialogue with visitors on how farmers care for their land and animals. Dorothy currently serves as chair of the Farmer Angel Network and is a member of the Sauk County Farm Bureau and the Sauk County Farmers Union. Additionally, Dorothy serves as chair of Town of Ironton Land Use Plan Committee and has served as town treasurer since 2015. For more than 20 years, she was a member of the Select Sires East Central/CentralStar Board of Directors and also served on the Select Sires Inc Board of Directors from 2011 to 2023. Dorothy graduated in 1981 with a degree in ag business management.

# How to Get Involved



Get involved and make a difference! AWA thrives when members actively participate on a committee, working closely with the student organization to drive its success.



Strengthen your connections and celebrate our sisterhood by attending an upcoming event!

Alumni Football Tailgate.....Fall 2025  
AWA Day.....April 2026  
Regional Alumni Dinners.....To be announced



Take on a leadership role by running for a position on the AWA Benefit Corporation Board. This is your opportunity to create meaningful change! Board members are elected by their peers to help shape the association's future.



Help us share the story of our growing alumni base by engaging in the AWA Alumni group! If you see an alum in the news, give her a shoutout and help us celebrate her success!



Help sustain and grow AWA's impact by making a tax-deductible gift to AWA! Your donation will allow us to grow events, award additional scholarships, make improvements to the house, and develop new opportunities for members.

AWABC - a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides student housing, leadership, scholarships and professional support for its members - is eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions.

Thank you to the  
**Programming Committee**  
for its work planning AWA Day!

**Co-Chair:** Liz Grady

**Co-Chair:** Sabrina Servais

**Alumni Coordinator:** Claire Esselman

**Alumni Committee Members:**

Ann Hoskins, Valerie Johnson Renk, Katy Katzman,  
Julie Larson, Liz Matzke, Anne Runde

Fall 2024 New Members

