

Taking Advantage of Education and Opportunity

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Mitchell Juhl has been enjoying a great freshman year at Iowa State University. He is studying Agriculture Business, and one of his favorite parts about college thus far has been having a major he is passionate about.

Mitchell is very thankful for his time at Hudson, and for the HEF scholarship opportunity. The college transition has been very smooth for him because of these two things, and he has been able to, "Focus on overcoming the other challenges of college while maximizing my benefit from the unique opportunity of pursuing a higher education." As a HEF scholarship recipient, not having the stress of figuring out how to pay for college has been very impactful.

When it comes to the future college freshman of Hudson, Mitchell suggests taking what college class you can now so that you are well prepared and have plenty of options when you start school. Another important piece of advice is to take advantage of the great schooling you have now. He reflected on how thankful he is for his educational foundation from Hudson saying that, "Especially in classes like Calculus, Biology, and for any writing assignments I'm tasked, I've felt Hudson did a fantastic job of preparing me." This great foundation is just one more thing that will help Mitchell reach his future goals of commissioning as a Second Lt. in the U.S. Army, and to work his way up to a future manager of his family farm. The HEF scholarship was one important piece in these goals and dreams coming together, for Mitchell's future.

All 2015 seniors are encouraged to apply for the 2015 HEF scholarships. Deadline is February 20, 2015 at 2 p.m. If anyone has questions about the Hudson Educational Fund (HEF) or about how to donate and contribute to scholarships for both students and projects of Hudson school teachers, please contact Jim Prather, Doug Coonrad, Shawn Kolterman or Joanne Hawkins. HEF is an independent, tax-exempt corporation created to provide scholarships for educational programs and projects of the Hudson Community School District, for both teachers and students. All donations made are tax deductible and nearly 100% of the donations are awarded in scholarships or given directly to programs. Since 1998, HEF has awarded over 200 scholarships and given over \$10,000 to support school related projects. Please join in with the future success of scholars in Hudson schools.