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Abigale pointed to her volunteering on the Buck-I-SERV Trip to Dallas, Texas with Ag Ed Society and spending 16 hours in the car with friends, which taught her a lot about them, as one of her pride experiences from her undergraduate career. More importantly, spending time distributing food to those who were in need taught the group about food insecurity and the realization of its presence in communities. As a result of this trip, the group became more aware of agricultural education's role in providing nutrition literacy and financial management skills that are essential to success.

The Honduras Education Abroad opportunity, where Abigale served abroad across a language barrier, was impactful for her development as a pre-service teacher. Interacting with vocational teachers in Honduras demonstrated the value and power in career and technical education. Playing with children in various communities illustrated the universal bond we all share. This trip made her more aware of the privileges and limited world view that often develops in rural communities. As a result of this trip, she became inspired to incorporate and share a global perspective and internationalized curriculum with her future students.

Abigale's academic accomplishments include: Student Teacher of Agriscience Education | Dean's List | Romophos Sophomore Class Honorary | Early Field Experience at North Union High School | Honors Research | Global Option Graduate | Diversity, Intercultural, Community Engagement Certified | National Association of Agricultural Educators Pre-Service Teacher Symposium.

Another experience which provided Abigale with gratification was her opportunity to be on the Ohio State Homecoming Court. By representing CFAES and the agricultural industry to peers across campus, she talked about CFAES and why what the College does is so very important. This opportunity also connected her with inspiring peers who have made a difference in their own unique ways. Standing on the field singing Carmen Ohio was the accumulation of her time as a Buckeye and made her realize the immense amount of pride, appreciation, and love she will always have for this university.

After graduation, Abigale plans to obtain a position as an Agriscience Educator and FFA Advisor before pursuing a Master of Science degree in Agricultural and Extension Education, with a specialization in International Development. She has the professional goal of becoming a teacher educator and leadership trainer for the agricultural and youth development industry.

As her mentor, Abigale selected Dr. Tracy Kitchel. Abigale states, "Dr. Kitchel has tirelessly supported each of my endeavors throughout my experiences at The Ohio State University. From consulting each other on the growth and future of Agricultural Education Society, to conducting Undergraduate Research, to discussing the future of the agricultural education profession Dr. Kitchel is always interested in my student perspective. With his encouragement and often times recommendation I have pursued countless opportunities here at Ohio State, as well as within the agricultural and youth development industry. Sharing our many similar experiences within FFA, Ohio State, and Agriculture Education has provided me with a role model, confidant, and mentor I will continue to utilize as I embark on my career."