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Senior Natalye Kobetsky Cheers for Agriculture Most of All

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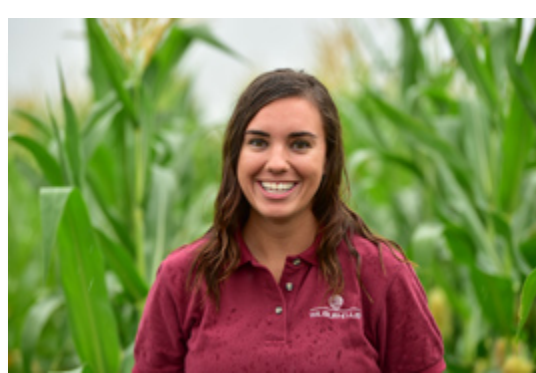
Her major came as a bit of a surprise even to her. When Natalye Kobetsky, Grand Forks, N.D., transferred to the University of Minnesota Crookston, she planned to major in business management. And, she is, but the surprise came after visiting with friends and realizing she wanted to major in agriculture as well. So, Kobetsky added a major in agronomy and a minor in agricultural business to her major in business management.

She knew she made the right decision when she discovered she enjoyed entomology class and her class in weed and seed identification. "I love looking at all of that stuff," she says. "I had my "aha" moment after taking Rob Proulx's weed and seed class. I loved how fast paced it was and the hands-on aspects of what we were learning. It was challenging and pushed my boundaries."



She enjoyed science at Central High School in Grand Forks particularly earth science and field biology. Her dad and his work as a crop consultant may have helped fuel her passion for agriculture, but it was without her knowing and not something she would have predicted before coming to the U of M Crookston.

Kobetsky was a member of the crops team competing in an undergraduate crops judging this spring and serves as the secretary-treasurer of the Agronomy Club on campus. An internship last summer with Wilbur-Ellis Company in Grand Forks has Kobetsky leaning toward a career in the agriculture industry in seed or ag chemicals sales.



This summer, Kobetsky is back at Wilbur-Ellis Company for a second summer of work. "Last summer I was fortunate to be able to attend training in South Dakota as an agronomy intern," she says. "This summer I hope to combine a bit of agronomy with some ag business."

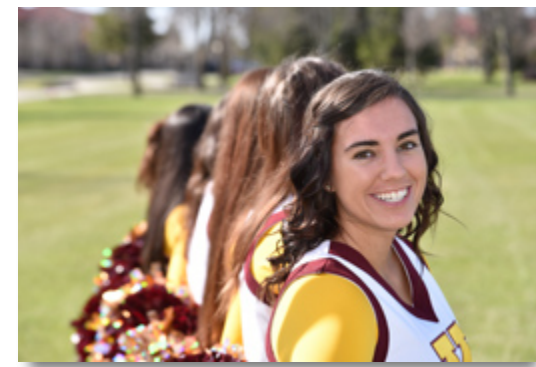
Her internship required 400 hours but she says, "I got more like 800." She isn't complaining instead she describes last summer as "intense, but I loved every minute."

Her dream is to manage something she is passionate about and agriculture is definitely her passion.

"Discovering my love for agriculture has been a real epiphany and defines where I want to be in the future," she says.

Everything Kobetsky does she goes after with enthusiasm. An All-American cheerleader in high school, she will finish fall semester before she graduates in December as a football cheerleader and member of the Cheer Team on campus.

After graduation, Kobetsky will continue to cheer, but her focus will be on agriculture and she will bring that trademark energy and love for it with her wherever her career takes her.



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