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An Interview with Kaitlin Weitekamp

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Kaitlin Weitekamp was born on October 14, 1988 in Springfield, Illinois. She has spent her whole life living with her parents in Raymond, Illinois. Kaitlin was not raised on a farm, but decided to join Future Farmers of America while in high school. Her projects consisted of managing a turf business she inherited from her older brother. After many years in the FFA, she ran for the state president position and won. She has spent the last year as the State FFA President attending FFA meetings all over the state of Illinois, traveling to Washington DC, and even taking a trip to Spain. Kaitlin's main goal while being president was to show that a woman could do the same thing as a man in the male dominated industry of agriculture. Kaitlin is looking forward to attending the University of Illinois in the fall for agribusiness.

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