



Top: Sierra receives her certificate from Sheryl Dunn Saturday evening at the convention. HARVEST AND SENIOR PHOTOS COURTESY THE SCHEMPER FAMILY

Sierra Schemper, Schemper Harvesting

Scholarships: USCHI Scholarship, Camiel Beert Memorial Scholarship

Harvest crew: Schemper Harvesting, Holdrege, Nebraska

Parents: Jared and Dawn Schemper

School: Holdrege High School

College intentions: Fourteen-month program at Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School, Lincoln, Nebraska

Essay: My harvest experience started when I was 7 months old and I traveled south for the first time. This would be my great summer adventure until I started school. Once I started school

we would come home the first of August. I continued to spend a huge part of my summers with the combine crew until junior high. By that time I had become very busy with sports and FFA. I was participating in camps and summer conditioning throughout most of the summer. As I got older and more involved at school my harvest experience changed to one that allowed me to help with fall harvest. My experience included driving out to the field to run the grain cart after practice, on the weekends, and during school breaks. Fall harvest brought me more than just an experience in agriculture,

it brought me an experience to the family business and a bonding time with my dad that I wouldn't change for anything. The lessons learned include how not to kill the tractor when unloading grain and how to navigate to the fields with my dad's interesting directions. I also learned how important it is to get the job done with a positive attitude, no matter how tired you are. I learned my work ethic from my family and that has helped me with academics and athletics in high school. My work ethic is a skill that will make me successful in college and the work force. I am very excited to get to

spend the summer after graduation with my dad, uncle, and grandfather as a part of the family business and the legacy they are building.

My future plans are to attend Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology. I plan on enrolling in their 14 month cosmetology program. Upon completing my program, I would like to work in a salon to gain more experience. Eventually, I would like to open a salon in my hometown. Owning my own salon will allow me to have a flexible schedule and continue to help with the family business during the fall harvest in our home town.