

# JASPER COUNTY

## ANNUAL REPORT

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# A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

CHAD FARLEY

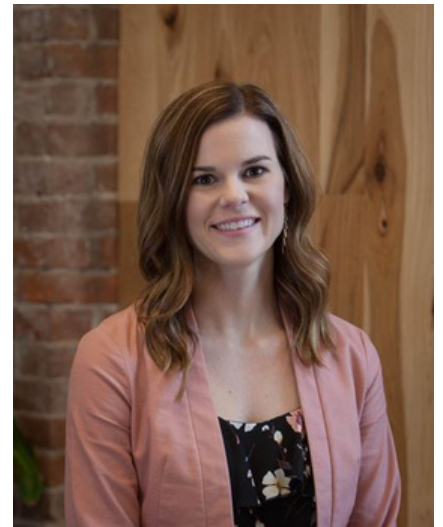


I have truly been inspired by this class with their drive and creativity. We have a new Facilitator this year and Erin Niebrugge has been great. She carries on the tradition of excellence amongst Jasper County CEO Facilitators. She has been instrumental in leading a very successful group in her first year. I could not be prouder of what they have already accomplished with the badge business and class business and I'm looking forward to their individual business and the Trade Show next Spring.

## A NOTE FROM OUR FACILITATOR

ERIN NIEBRUGGE

I am very proud of the growth that I have seen in this year's class. As a first year facilitator, I am blessed to have been able to grow alongside them. I have seen these kids grow in maturity, responsibility, accountability, and learn how to work with those that are different from themselves. Students who could not make eye contact with others at the beginning of CEO are now approaching business leaders in the community with a handshake and smile. Students who did not know how to juggle their responsibilities are now setting priorities, making lists, and taking initiative. I am proud to see these students engage with speakers, business owners, and community leaders. They have formed relationships that they are going to have for the rest of their lives. I am honored to be a part of the bond that this class has formed with one another. First years for anything are hard and I am beyond grateful for the support the students and I have received from our CEO board, the community, and our investors!





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*Thank you!*



# STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES

## CIERRAH UTLEY



Cierrah Utley is the youngest daughter of Dan and Mandi Utley. She is a 16 year old junior at NCHS. Cierrah is involved in an array of activities. Along with being involved in Spanish and Beta Club, she is a member of the Track and Volleyball team. She has also previously played basketball. During the pandemic, she tutored a 6th grade girl and she is actively involved in her church. The CEO program was brought to her attention when she recognized her sister's success in the class. Cierrah is looking forward to CEO because she will be able to bring out her creative side and express herself while learning how to transition into adulthood in a mature and effective way. After high school she plans to pursue a career in ultrasound technology.

## ALEXIS HETZER

Alexis Hetzer is the 16-year-old daughter of Mark and Tami Hetzer. Alexis is currently a junior at Newton Community High School. She is involved in many activities including: cross country, basketball, track, 2 years of volleyball, student council, Beta Club, FCA, and is active in her church's youth group. She is excited to learn about all the different businesses in Jasper County and she hopes to improve her communication skills. After high school, Alexis plans to attend a university to study veterinary medicine.



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## COOPER GOSNELL



Cooper Gosnell is the son of Jeremy Gosnell and Rebekah Nester. Throughout his high school career, Cooper has participated in various activities such as basketball, Spanish Club, and Beta Club. Cooper is currently a junior at NCHS. Cooper decided to join CEO to gain insight on the numerous businesses in Jasper County and how these businesses run. After High School Cooper plans to continue school by attending a four year university.

## ELIJAH TRIMBLE

Elijah Trimble is the son of Kieth and Amy Trimble. Elijah is currently a senior at Newton Community High School. In addition to CEO, Elijah is on the Basketball team and Bass fishing team. He is also involved in the Marching Band, FBLA, Beta club, and is a class officer. Outside of school he enjoys spending time with family, fishing, traveling and camping. After high school he plans to pursue a career in Sports Management. Elijah joined CEO to learn how to properly manage a business and learn what it takes to own a business.





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## FAITH SHULL



Faith Shull is the daughter of Brady and Alissa Shull. She is a junior at Newton Community High School. Faith is involved in volleyball, club volleyball, Spanish Club, Beta Club, and FCA. Outside of school, she enjoys being outside enjoying nature and spending time with her friends and family. After high school, she plans to attend either a community college or a university to pursue a degree in business management. Faith looks forward to learning about all the different businesses in the community and further developing her social skills.

## GRACIE BLAKE

Gracie Blake is the daughter of Kevin and Amber Blake. She currently attends Newton Community High School as a junior. She plays tennis and is also involved in Spanish club and Beta club. Gracie joined CEO to build her communication skills and experience all of the great opportunities that come from being involved in the ceo program. After high school she plans to attend college to study law or go into the medical field.



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## GRACE KUHL



Grace Kuhl is the daughter of Jason and Marie Kuhl. She is 16 and a junior at NCHS. She participates in Band, Scholastic Bowl, Beta Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, Math Club, and works at Casey's in Newton. Grace likes to make art and music in her spare time, and she's an avid painter.

Grace graduated from St. Thomas Grade School in 2019, and has maintained a high GPA throughout her high school career. Some of her favorite classes have been band, art, psychology, chemistry, and Spanish. She states: "Art class makes my soul feel free and it allows me to express myself how I want to. And chemistry is a challenge!" She aspires to attend the University of Illinois and major in art education, and maybe even double major in music education.

Grace is fun, charming, and enthusiastic about life. She's very optimistic and always finds the good in every situation. Her goal in life is to have fun and express herself. But she's not afraid to tackle tough things when they come up. She's also cautious and poised, which makes her a great team player. She is grateful for the opportunity to join this year's CEO class and looks forward to the challenges ahead.

## KAYLA KOCHER

Kayla Kocher is the daughter of Keith and Kim Kocher. She is currently a junior at Newton Community High School. Kayla is involved in volleyball and softball as well as Beta Club and Spanish Club. As a sophomore, Kayla received first team all-conference in softball. After high school, Kayla plans to attend Eastern Illinois University and earn a degree in Education. She would also like to further her softball career at Eastern. Kayla hopes that being part of the CEO program will help her to build social skills, widen her knowledge of the community as well as gain professionalism and leadership skills.





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## TAYLER UTLEY



Tayler Utley is the daughter of Eugene and Jennifer Utley. Tayler is in the graduating class of 2023 at Newton Community High School. In addition to CEO, Tayler is involved in cheerleading, colorguard, Spanish Club, and is the FBLA President. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family and friends and playing with her dogs. As of right now, Tayler plans on pursuing a career in Business Management after graduation. Tayler is looking forward to expanding her knowledge of this community and the small businesses it has to offer throughout the year.

## JEAN LIN

Jean Lin is the daughter of Youhai and Saiping Lin. Jean is a junior at Newton Community High School. In addition to CEO she is also involved in Tennis, FBLA, Math Club, Spanish Club, Beta Club, and participated in a math team competition. As of right now she is planning on going to a 4 year university studying forensic science. Jean is excited to learn about the businesses and create her own.





# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## TEAM BUILDING



## MENTOR DAYS





# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## GUEST SPEAKERS



## BUSINESS VISITS





# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## CLASS DAYS



## FEARLESS FOUNDERS





# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## TRADE SHOW



## END OF THE YEAR TRIP



# CLASS BUSINESS



## Jasper County Underwraps

Get your gifts wrapped at a low price by your very own  
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**HOW IT WORKS:** DROP YOUR GIFTS OFF AT THE NCHS AG ROOM DOORS (#16) BETWEEN 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. YOU WILL BE ALERTED VIA TEXT OR CALL WHEN YOUR GIFTS ARE WRAPPED.

### PRICING

SMALL: \$2  
MEDIUM: \$4  
LARGE: \$6  
XL+: \$8

### DIMENSIONS

SMALL: (FITS IN 6X5X2.5)  
MEDIUM: (FITS IN 10X8X4)  
LARGE: (FITS IN 13X10.5X5.5)  
XL+: (ANYTHING BIGGER THAN A LARGE)

### DATES

NOVEMBER 28  
DECEMBER 5

DECEMBER 19

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# PERSONAL BUSINESSES

