The Dane G. Hansen Foundation & K-State Research and Extension internship gives college students the opportunity to link classroom learning with a preprofessional work experience. The intern will promote local food production and consumption and assist with policy change.

**TITLE:** Increasing Local Food Production and Consumption in Cheyenne County

**LOCATION:** St. Francis, KS (Cheyenne County)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Working with local producers, the intern will assist with the production of produce and protein foods. With the knowledge gained, the intern will promote local foods to the schools, healthcare facilities, retail locations, and individuals. The promotion would include marketing, education, networking and relationship development. The intern would be utilized to assist with community youth gardening/healthy food education events throughout the summer

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, January 31, 2020 or until the position is filled

**EMPLOYMENT:** May 26, 2020 thru August 1, 2020 or as negotiated with K-State Research and Extension and Cheyenne County Hospital.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Assist local producers in growing their products to gain a working knowledge of specialty crop production.
- Assist with the Cheyenne County Farmer's Market weekly (Saturday 9-12).
- Create awareness to local residents and institutions the availability of local foods and work to establish buying relationships.
- Educate the public on benefits of consuming local foods.
- Network and form relationships between local food producers and schools, healthcare facilities, retail businesses.
- Educate the public on benefits of consuming local foods as well as collaborate with regional SNAP educator to host summer cooking programs.
- Organize and assist with youth community gardening projects and education events. This will include educating residents on how to grow local foods.
- Community service or volunteering with a community organization is highly encouraged. This would be outside of the designated scope of work and working hours.
- Participate in the regional food alliance meetings.
- Assist with bi-weekly Simply Produce distributions.
- Complete other responsibilities as assigned by mentoring supervisors

This position will require travel connected with official duties, including attendance at evening meetings, access to a personal vehicle, and a valid driver's license.

**QUALIFICATIONS**
- Completion of at least six university semesters at any college or university.
- Students enrolled in agriculture with specialty crop production emphasis, horticulture, environmental sciences or food science are encouraged to apply.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups, and through mass media and social media.
- Self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Experience working with individuals, groups, and co-workers to accomplish individual and/or group goals, as evidenced by previous leadership roles.
- A passion for rural living and growing produce and protein foods so they can promote the story to others.
- Students from NW Kansas are preferred.

**SALARY AND BENEFITS**
$20.00 per hour. 40 hours per week. Maximum 400 hours

**HOUSING**
Housing will be provided by Y-Knott Farms, St. Francis, KS.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**
Submit cover letter, resume, transcripts and list of references as one document to: nsigle@ksu.edu.

For more information about the position contact Candi Douthit, Community Liaison, Cheyenne County Hospital, 785-332-2682, cdouthit@cheyennecountyhospital.com or Nadine Sigle, Community Vitality Extension Specialist, 785-346-6256, nsigle@ksu.edu.

For more information about K-State Research and Extension, visit: www.ksre.k-state.edu

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Nadine Sigle  
Community Vitality Extension Specialist