



FCC supports APAS program to develop future industry leaders

October 7, 2021 (Regina, SK) – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is pleased to announce that Farm Credit Canada (FCC) will be the presenting sponsor of the APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program (YLMP).

The YLMP is an opportunity for Saskatchewan producers between the ages of 18 and 40 to learn about agricultural policies, lobbying, and networking skills. Participants are matched up with a farm leader over the age of 40 in a mentee-mentor relationship. The program has been operating since 2014.

“It’s great to see other agricultural businesses and organizations recognize the importance of mentoring young producers,” APAS Vice-President Ian Boxall said. “The YLMP has made a positive impact on Saskatchewan’s agricultural industry but also for APAS. APAS has five board members, including myself, who have gone through the program, so it’s been essential for the succession of our association.”

The 2021-22 APAS Mentorship participants are:

Glen Munholland	RM of McKillop #220 (Strasbourg)
Cody Tataryn	RM of Bon Accord # 246 (Ituna)
Brett Spray	RM of Hazel Dell #335 (Preeceville)
Sarah Leguee	RM of Wellington #97 (Weyburn)
Madison Englot	RM of Montmartre #126 (Indian Head)

APAS Vice-President, Ian Boxall, is a former mentee and current mentor of the YLMP and said the skills he developed in the program have been critical in his agricultural career.

“The biggest takeaway for me was the work that people did on behalf of Canadian and Saskatchewan producers, and I was unaware of that before I went through the program,” Boxall said. “Going through the program showed me how good policy lobbying could positively change policies for producers.”

APAS will continue to operate the YLMP, and FCC’s partnership will allow all mentees an opportunity to meet with industry experts at FCC and engage in conversations about the agricultural industry.

“FCC has a long-term view for agriculture, so we are proud to support a program that provides young farmers with opportunities for learning, mentorship, and networking – new skills they can apply to their farm businesses,” said Darren Howden, FCC Senior Vice-President of Prairie Operations. “This is an investment in the future of Canadian agriculture.”



“Young farmers and ranchers are the future of the agricultural industry,” Boxall said. “We need to ensure they not only have the knowledge and skills about policy, but the confidence to know how to advocate for the solutions that are needed to drive the industry forward.”

For more details about the YLMP, please visit [APAS's website](#).

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