

## **Jordyn L. Kesting**

**High school:** Kingsburg High School

**Major:** Agricultural Business

**Student Program Lead, First-Year Experience Program**

Jordyn began working in FYE in 2019. She has served as a peer mentor and Chico Great Debate team lead and is currently the Program Lead for FYE. Jordyn's experiences with FYE are a foundation for our whole organization as she brings a sense of continuity and institutional memory to all of our decisions. Jordyn has been a key player in many aspects of FYE this past year, serving as a Program Lead, "serving" as a key descriptor for Jordyn. She has been a mentor to both Events and Mentor Team Leads. She has been a provider of training and encouragement. She has also mentored another student to take her place as Program Lead next year. Jordyn was instrumental in making hundreds of phone calls to FYE alumni to gather emails and help with our Giving Day communications. FYE would not be where it is in this return to in-person activities without Jordyn.

In addition to her work with FYE, Jordyn has also been active in her college and professional sorority. Jordyn has volunteered for the Chico State FFA Field Day every year, serving a key role in implementing a Marketing Plan competition for the event. She participated in the Food Distribution Research Society's Student Food Marketing Challenge as well. She also has been active in leadership in her professional sorority serving as chair of two committees. Jordyn actively seeks out opportunities to help others and to provide support wherever she can. Jordyn is a leader, both functionally, but also simply as a model for other students to replicate in their own academic experiences.

Jordyn has balanced all of her other activities and the shift to online learning with her academic performance, maintaining an impressive GPA. Jordyn demonstrates effective prioritization, care for others and a curiosity to learn and improve in everything she does. She is a joy to work with and will be sorely missed in the FYE community after she graduates in spring – we can't wait to see what she does next!

**Why you chose Chico State:** I chose Chico State for the beautiful campus and welcoming atmosphere from the faculty and students that I met before coming to Chico. I have stayed here because of the various communities on campus that have made my college experience feel like home!

**Your Leadership quote/mission/vision:** My leadership vision comes from the phrase "Leave something better than you found it." With this mindset I work to make a positive impact on others and actively seek opportunities for improvement.

**Plans after graduation:** After graduation I am planning to become a Retail Sales Representative for Hershey's and hope to move into a management position in the future.

**Words of advice for current/future students:** My advice to current and future students is to get involved in as much as you can in and out of the classroom. College is about learning not only in an academic setting, but to grow as an individual so don't be scared to join something new!