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Kat Cammack, U.S. House of Representatives



Congresswoman Kat Cammack proudly serves Florida's Third Congressional District, covering 12 counties in North Central Florida. Cammack is a third-generation commercial sandblaster who grew up on a cattle ranch outside Denver, Colorado, participating in local 4-H programs and the local rodeo.

After graduating from college at Metro State University in Denver, Cammack ran Ted Yoho's successful congressional campaign in 2012 and served for nearly a decade as the deputy chief of staff for Florida's Third Congressional District. While in that role, she advocated for small business owners, veterans and military families, agricultural producers, and hardworking families like her own, motivated by her family's story. Cammack holds a master's degree in National Defense & Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College.

Congresswoman Cammack is now in her second term and serves on the House Agriculture and House Energy and Commerce Committees. While serving on these committees, she brings attention to the challenges faced by working-class families and Florida's farmers, ranchers, and producers with rising inflation, labor challenges, and supply-chain issues. She also works to highlight the historic border crisis, visiting the southern border multiple times. She also works to push back on the Chinese Communist Party's threats to our national security through Big Tech information gathering and Chinese nationals' purchases of American farmland. She consistently works to prioritize constituent advocacy and service, fighting for Florida families.

Cammack is the proud wife to her husband Matt, a Gainesville native, who serves with the Gainesville Fire Rescue as a firefighter/paramedic. Together they have several backyard chickens and ducks and in their rare bit of spare time enjoy spending it with their critters, fishing, football, traveling, and skeet and trap.

Darren Soto, U.S. House of Representatives



Darren Soto was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2016 to represent Florida's Ninth Congressional District, which includes all of Osceola and parts of Orange and Polk Counties.

Born to a Puerto Rican father and an Italian American mother, Congressman Soto's upbringing influenced his passion for public service and helping those in need. After learning the value of hard work from his parents, Soto graduated from Rutgers University and the George Washington University School of Law. Upon graduation, Soto opened his own practice in Central Florida, where he practiced family law, civil litigation, and real estate law.

With a desire to further help the men and women he advocated for as a lawyer, Soto entered public service in 2006 when he was appointed to serve on the Orlando Civil Service Board and as the treasurer and vice president of communications for the Orange County Young Democrats. Soon thereafter, he was elected to the state House and later to the state Senate. Serving in the Florida Legislature for a decade, Soto fought to create high-paying jobs, increase access to higher education, and ensure clean water, land, and air for his constituents. Soto spearheaded the passage of landmark legislation to protect families of fallen firefighters, give victims of sexual assault more time to report their attackers, and allow Dreamers to be admitted to the Florida Bar.

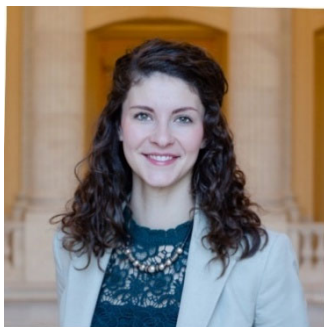
In 2016, he took his public service to a national level after being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In his first term in Congress, he passed the most laws of any Freshman Member in the House. Now in his fifth term, Congressman Soto has established himself as a strong advocate for the environment, hurricane relief, emerging technologies, and the fight to protect the health and safety of his constituents.

He currently serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, Soto is the Deputy Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and a proud member of the New Democrat Coalition, Problem Solvers Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus, LGBTQ Equality Caucus, and others.

The first Floridian of Puerto Rican descent to serve in Congress, Soto is proud to represent the hard-working men and women who make Central Florida's theme parks world-renowned, who grow more citrus and raise more cattle than anywhere else in the state, and who explore the farthest reaches of the galaxy from the Kennedy Space Center. From fighting for the needs of Central Floridians and our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico to being a strong voice on healthcare and the environment, Soto is proud to serve his fellow Americans and the constituents of Florida's Ninth Congressional District.

His hobbies include playing guitar, pastel painting, and kayaking.

Carley Esser Mclean, U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry



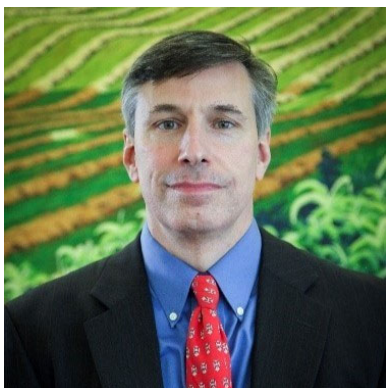
Carley Esser McLean currently serves as professional staff for the U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee under Chairman John Boozman. She handles Title I commodity programs, disaster programs, and crop insurance.

Formerly, McLean was the senior legislative assistant for Missouri Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler where she handled the agriculture committee portfolio in addition to trade, environment, education, foreign aid, transportation and infrastructure policy portfolios since 2018.

Other experience in the industry includes a stint with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Grains Council in their Global Strategies department, and extensive involvement with the National FFA Organization and Agriculture Future of America (AFA) organizations.

McLean graduated with a degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Missouri where she was able to work with agriculturalists across her home state.

Clark Ogilvie, U.S. House Agriculture Committee



Clark Ogilvie is Special Counsel on the Democratic staff of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture. This is Ogilvie’s third return to the Committee having served from 2005—2014 and from 2018—2019. During that time, he has worked on the past three Farm Bills, the Dodd-Frank Act, and the 2008 reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). In addition to working on the Committee, Ogilvie served for more than two years as Chief of Staff of the CFTC and two years as General Counsel for the Farm Credit Administration.

Ogilvie has a law degree from George Washington University and a B.A. from Rhodes College.

Josh Tonsager, U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry



Josh Tonsager is Senior Professional Staff for U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry under the leadership of Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) handling commodity programs and crop insurance policy. Previously Tonsager worked for the House Agriculture Committee under Chairman then Ranking Member David Scott (D-GA); was Vice President of Policy and Communications for the National Association of Wheat Growers; and was a Legislative Assistant to former U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD).

Tonsager began his career with the National Farmers Union after receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of South Dakota. He comes from a family farm near Oldham, SD.

Trevor White, U.S. House Agriculture Committee



Trevor White serves as Professional Staff on the House Agriculture Committee handling the commodity policy, crop insurance, disaster aid and credit portfolio for Chairman Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson (PA-15). During the 2018 Farm Bill he was the lead negotiator for House Republicans on the provisions in Titles 1 and 11. Prior to joining the Agriculture Committee in 2017, White spent over eight years working with Combest, Sell and Associates, an agriculture policy focused lobbying firm.

White was raised on a cotton farm in New Home, TX. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University and a master’s degree in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University.

Honorable Cheri Bustos, AACI/Mercury



Cheri Bustos is an American journalist, healthcare executive, and politician who served as the U.S. Representative from Illinois’ 17th congressional district from 2013 to 2023. A member of the Democratic Party, she is the first woman elected to Congress from her district in the northwestern part of the state, anchored by the Illinois side of the Quad Cities and partially including Peoria and Rockford. In 2019, Bustos became chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

Elected to the East Moline City Council in 2007, Bustos defeated Republican Party incumbent Bobby Schilling in the 2012 election and a 2014 rematch. In 2021, Bustos and Senator Dick Durbin were the only Democrats in Illinois’s congressional delegation who are not from the Chicago area. On April 30, 2021, Bustos announced that she would retire at the end of the 117th U.S. Congress.

In January 2023, the Washington DC-based public affairs and lobbying firm Mercury Public Affairs announced that Bustos had joined the firm as a consultant.

Honorable Mike Conaway, Conaway Graves Group



Mike Conaway served eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing 29 counties in Texas' 11th Congressional District, including the cities of Midland, Odessa, and San Angelo.

Conaway ultimately served as Chairman of both the House Agriculture Committee and the House Ethics Committee. In the 111th Congress, he was selected by then-House Speaker John Boehner to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HSPCI), a role he continued for 12 years. In the 110th Congress, then-Majority Whip, Eric Cantor, selected him to serve as a deputy Republican Whip, a position he held the remainder of his tenure with proceeding Whips, Kevin McCarthy and Steve Scalise. In 2017 Speaker Paul Ryan tasked Conaway with chairing the HSPCI investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential elections. He also held various leadership positions in the House Committee on Armed Services serving as the Chairman of the Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform and the Ranking Member of the Armed Service Committee's Panel on Defense Acquisition Reform. He was also appointed to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point serving from 2012 to his retirement from Congress in 2021.

A native Texan, Conaway grew up in Odessa and graduated from Odessa Permian High School in 1966 after playing on Permian's first state championship football team. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1970.

After serving in the Army at Fort Hood from 1970-1972, he rejoined Price Waterhouse & Co. in Dallas and became a Certified Public Accountant. He moved to Midland, Texas in 1979 with Price Waterhouse. After leaving Price Waterhouse he worked with George W. Bush as the Chief Financial Officer for Bush Exploration. Soon after Bush was elected Governor of Texas, he appointed Conaway to the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, where he served as Chairman for five of his seven years on the Board. He also spent six years in banking.

Rebeckah Freeman Adcock, International Fresh Produce Association



Rebeckah Freeman Adcock serves as Vice President of U.S. Government Relations for the International Fresh Produce Association (IFPA). She manages a team of policy professionals representing IFPA and the fresh produce industry in Washington D.C., and around the country. Adcock has over 25 years of experience leading agriculture, environment, infrastructure, homeland security, and economic policy, including extensive regulatory, legislative, business operations, and strategic communications expertise in the private sector, non-profits, and government.

Before joining IFPA, Adcock was a senior executive at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). First, as Senior Advisor to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, directly counseling the Secretary on policy, regulatory, and operational matters. Adcock was USDA's Regulatory Policy and Reform Officer, leading efforts to ease the burden of regulation on the private sector and ensure that American agriculture was represented in the interagency regulatory review process. Additionally, she was the federal manager of the President's Interagency Task Force on Agriculture & Rural Prosperity and Chair of USDA Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC), ensuring robust Departmental response to federal disasters and emergencies. Adcock rounded out her civil service as Administrator of Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS), leading the nation's largest federal loan guarantee and grant program, providing over \$2 billion in annual funding to support rural businesses and communities.

Adcock is a veteran of Capitol Hill, having served as Counsel on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW), where she was responsible for executive nominations, chemical and science policy, endangered species, property rights, and water-related issues.

In addition to government service, Adcock has decades of association leadership experience, serving as Vice President, Government Affairs for the National Mining Association and as Senior Director in CropLife America's Government Affairs division, as well as government relations director at both the American Farm Bureau Federation in D.C. and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation in Louisville. In those roles, she was a recognized industry leader, including being appointed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pesticide Policy Dialogue Committee (PPDC), USDA's IR-4 Advisory Committee, and as chair of the stakeholder-led Pesticide Policy Coalition (PPC).

After earning her undergraduate degree in environmental resource management from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Adcock began her career as an environmental scientist, health and safety officer, and remediation site supervisor at a private consulting firm. She later earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law in Lexington. She is a proud Kentucky native, a member of the Leadership Kentucky Class of 2000, and a member of the state's Bar Association.

Ken Barbic, Invariant LLC



With more than two decades of food, agriculture, and trade policy experience across Congress, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the private sector, Ken Barbic has carved out a leadership role in Republican politics. In 2018, President Donald Trump appointed Barbic as the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations at the USDA. In this role, Barbic provided political and strategic guidance to the Secretary and senior leadership on engaging in Congress. Prior to joining Invariant, Barbic was the head of policy and government relations at Farmer's

Business Network, where he positioned the company as a thought leader on top issues shaping the industry.

Previously, Barbic worked for the Western Growers Association, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade.

Joby Young, American Farm Bureau Federation



Joby Young currently serves as Executive Vice President of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF). As EVP, Joby serves in a Chief of Staff role at AFBF, managing across departments and working closely with our state Farm Bureaus to achieve organizational goals. Prior to AFBF, Young was a partner at Horizons Global Solutions LLC, a consulting firm where he advised clients in the food and agriculture sectors.

Young previously served as Chief of Staff in a variety of USDA offices and mission areas, including the Office of Congressional Relations and Rural Development, before becoming the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary and ultimately serving in that role for the entire department under the Secretary of Agriculture. He also served as a Chief of Staff in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Young holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law and Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Communications from the University of Georgia.

Heather Manzano, USDA Risk Management Agency



Heather Manzano is the Associate Administrator for the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Manzano has served in several different capacities within (RMA) including Deputy Administrator for Compliance, Associate Deputy Administrator for Insurance Services, and Director for the Special Investigations Branch. She also served as Acting Administrator for the Risk Management Agency in 2017.

Under Manzano's leadership, RMA's Office of Compliance developed a new review and sampling methodology for improper payments which resulted in a sharp decline in the agency's improper payment rate. She also worked with a consultant to redesign Compliance's performance reviews of the AIPs to ensure the integrity and accountability of our industry partners.

Manzano lives with her family in Northern Virginia.

Dr. Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M University



Dr. Joe Outlaw is a Regents Fellow, Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. He also serves as the Director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University. In this role, Dr. Outlaw frequently interacts with members of Congress and key agricultural committee staff to provide feedback on the likely consequences of agricultural policy changes. His extension education and applied research activities are focused on assessing the impacts of commodity programs, crop insurance, renewable energy, and climate change legislation on U.S. agricultural operations.

Dr. Outlaw has received numerous awards in excellence for his policy education efforts. He is originally from Devine, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Science (1987), Master of Science (1988), and Ph.D. (1992) degrees from Texas A&M University, all in Agricultural Economics.

James Brown, CropGuard



James Brown is the CEO and founder of CropGuard, a leading provider of AI-powered crop insurance solutions for agencies and AIPs. CropGuard's flagship offering, CropTalk, serves as an AI virtual analyst for all crop insurance professionals, while they also offer a specialty crop decision platform. Before founding CropGuard, Brown spent 13 years at Cargill, holding various commercial leadership roles across North America.

He holds an MBA from the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School and an MS in Applied Economics from Montana State University. Living near Sacramento, CA, when not working, Brown enjoys chasing around his two young boys.

Berend de Jong, Planet Labs



At Planet Labs, a U.S. based satellite company, Berend de Jong is the Global Insurance & Finance Lead which involves development and implementation of new satellite data services for the insurance and finance industry. Berend supports clients with product design and ensures continuity of service delivery.

Planet Labs PBC provides unique data and insights for insurers with around 200 satellites that are scanning the whole earth daily. In the US Planet Labs data is used by leading agriculture insurance companies like NAU Country, Rain & Hail and their partner PlanetWatchers. Insurers use this data to improve claim assessments (pre- and post-event), and check damage to land and/or properties.

Planet Labs has a unique solution in agriculture insurance: providing drought index services. Their collaborative efforts have been pivotal in advancing parametric insurance services across 20 countries, in partnership with industry giants like AXA and Swiss Re.

Dominic Edmunds, PlanetWatchers



Dominic Edmunds is a serial entrepreneur and the CEO of PlanetWatchers. In his career, Edmunds has created technology that helps global businesses make and save billions of dollars every year.

For the past five years, Edmunds and the PlanetWatchers team have been using satellite data and AI to support the crop insurance industry to improve data collection and drive efficiency across underwriting, claims, compliance and crop agencies.

David Wasserman, The Cook Political Report



David Wasserman is Senior Editor, U.S. House of Representatives for *The Cook Political Report* with Amy Walter, where he is responsible for analyzing U.S. House Races and is recognized as one of the nation's top election forecasters. Founded in 1984, *The Cook Political Report* provides analyses of Presidential, U.S. Senate, House, and gubernatorial races. *The New York Times* has called the Report "a newsletter both parties regard as authoritative."

In 2016, Wasserman drew praise for his accurate pre-election analysis, including his piece "How Trump Could Win the White House While Losing the Popular Vote," written two months before Election Day. Chuck Todd, host of NBC's *Meet the Press*, recently called him "pretty much the only person you need to follow on Election Night."

Wasserman is a contributor to NBC News and his election commentary has been cited in numerous top publications including *Politico*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, and *RealClearPolitics*. He has served as an analyst for the NBC News Election Night Decision Desk since 2008, and has appeared on C-SPAN, CNN, Fox News and NPR.

In the spring of 2019, Wasserman was named a Pritzker Fellow at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics, where he led a seminar entitled, "Mapping Our Future: Forecasting Elections & Redistricting 2021." A frequent speaker and guest lecturer, he has shared his insights into the latest political trends with audiences at Harvard's Institute of Politics, the Dole Institute of Politics, and Georgetown's Government Affairs Institute.

In 2018, his groundbreaking interactive collaboration with *FiveThirtyEight*, "Atlas of Redistricting" took top prize for News Data "App of the Year" at the Global Editors Network's Data Journalism Awards. An enthusiast for data and maps, Wasserman served as a

contributing writer for both the 2016 and 2014 editions of *The Almanac of American Politics*. In 2014, Twitter awarded him "Best of Twitter" honors for his real-time election coverage.

Prior to joining *The Cook Political Report* in June 2007, Wasserman served for three years as House Editor of *Sabato's Crystal Ball*, a widely respected political analysis newsletter and website founded by Prof. Larry J. Sabato, Director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. In that role, David led the publication to correctly predict Democrats would score a gain of 29 House seats in November 2006.

A native of New Jersey, Wasserman holds a B.A. in Government with distinction from the University of Virginia and was awarded the 2006 Emmerich-Wright Outstanding Thesis prize for his study of congressional redistricting standards.

John Kriesel



If Dr. Norman Vincent Peale was writing his incredibly popular book, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, today he would need to add a separate chapter on John Kriesel.

In 2006 Kriesel was nearly blown to shreds by a 200-pound roadside bomb in the parched sands of Iraq, but battlefield angels in army uniforms kept him breathing long enough to reach a field hospital. He died three times and was shocked back to life. Somehow, he survived through four hospitals, 35 surgeries and months of recovery. He lost both legs and suffered numerous other major injuries, but it was the loss

of two close friends that hurt the most. The guy who wasn't supposed to survive and was told he probably would be in a wheelchair the rest of his life walked out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center after nine months. Working with author Jim Kosmo, Kriesel reveals his motivational story in *STILL STANDING: The Story of SSG John Kriesel*, winner of eight national book awards.

Four years after his near-death experience in Iraq, Kriesel, became a civilian marketing employee with the Minnesota Army National Guard and in 2012 was named Director of Veterans Services for a county in Suburban Minneapolis, MN. He also is a part-time host of KFAN Sports Radio and a former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. He was elected to the House in 2010 after a vigorous campaign where he was told he could not win in his district. He personally visited several thousand homes in all weather conditions and literally wore out the socket in one of his prosthetic legs. He won. After tours of duty in Kosovo and Iraq and a lengthy medical recovery Kriesel's family wanted to spend more time with him, and he chose not to run for re-election.

As a legislator Kriesel was anything but a quiet freshman, challenging even his own party and frequently speaking his mind. "Kriesel's honesty is a breath of fresh air at the Capitol," declared the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*. In addition to serving veterans in the Twin Cities and being a frequent voice on KFAN's *Power Trip Morning Show*, he continues to share his upbeat, motivational message with businesses and organizations throughout the United States.

2025 Crop Insurance Convention Industry Award Recipients

Tim Weber – Lifetime Achievement Award

Tim Weber dedicated over 33 years to the crop insurance industry, starting as a Marketing Representative with Great American Insurance Group in 1989 and eventually becoming the divisional president of Great American's Crop Division in 2010. His career at Great American included various roles such as loss adjustment, claims supervision, marketing, regional office manager, and national claims manager.

Throughout his career, Tim was not only a representative of Great American but also a strong advocate for the crop insurance industry. He participated in NCIS leadership roles at the state and regional levels, served on the Program Development Committee and the Board of Directors, and was Chairman of the Board from 2013-2015. Tim was a vocal supporter of the crop insurance program, even testifying before Congress about its importance in protecting America's farmers and ranchers.

Dave Paul, NAU – Friend of the Industry Award

Agriculture has always been in Dave Paul's blood. From growing up riding horses and competing in rodeos (professionally for many years), being involved in FFA in high school, to graduating from North Dakota State University (NDSU) with a degree in Agricultural Economics, Dave has loved agriculture.

Dave has spent a good part of his life in support of the American farmer. He spent many years working for the Risk Management Agency (RMA), having begun his career in 1981 as a Field Underwriter in Billings, Montana, and ending as the Director of the Spokane Regional Office where he assisted farmers as well as AIPs administering the program.

After leaving RMA, Dave spent two years with Watts and Associates as a National Manager working on new product development for the crop insurance program.

He has spent the last nine years at NAU as VP of Underwriting. In this role Dave has continued to work with RMA and others on enhancing product offerings, including a tremendous amount of work on the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program.

Dave has spent a great deal of time throughout his life involved in local and national programs dedicated to our youth. From serving on his local schoolboard, his many roles involving his love of rodeo, serving as a board member for the local fair, to spending the last two years on the FFA National Sponsors Board helping to promote agriculture with another up-and-coming generation of young farmers.

Dave has supported his community in many other ways as well, working with the Farm to Table program, serving on the local Federal Coordinating Board for United Way, and being very involved in his church.

Dave has won many awards throughout his career including the Federal Employee of the Year from the Spokane Executive Commission and the Department of Agriculture Honors Award.

Richard Stinson – Industry Leadership Award

For 15 years, Richard Stinson's leadership in the crop insurance industry has been evident. He has established himself as a resource both for ProAg and NCIS, drawing on his unique experience as an agent, farmer, policyholder, and as part of industry associations and an AIP. His background has helped him establish an incredibly strong foundation of trust with his teammates and other professional connections.

Richard served on the NCIS Communications and Outreach Committee, where he was the committee chair for eight years. He was always well-prepared for the meetings and clearly wanted to do his part to continue driving the crop insurance industry forward. He represented the issues well, consistently creating inclusive discussions around how the industry can better serve farmers, ranchers, and agents.

Richard is a genuine human being. His commitment to the industry is nearly unmatched, and his work ethic is second to none. From the moment he gives his word or makes a promise, his sole focus is following through. For most people who cross his path—from agents to fellow farmers—he is the most passionate crop insurance advocate they know.

Richard has left a lasting legacy through his work with both NCIS and ProAg. At NCIS, he pushed the organization forward on the digital front—building new communication avenues to keep the industry connected. As he championed digital strategies like social media and an updated website, he built a road map and showed people why it mattered.

He has done the same at ProAg, encouraging the team to embrace disruption and the positive change that can come from it. His passion for innovation drives the team forward, expanding outreach to agents and policyholders alike. Richard has developed his marketing experience and skills largely through his passion for taking on new challenges rather than formal training. Instead, he immersed himself in the industry and became an expert who could easily lead others.

Richard is always willing to give back. It is ingrained in him. Even as he worked through health challenges, he continued his dedicated service to ProAg, NCIS, and his community. He has a true caregiver's mentality. At ProAg, he has offered himself as a support for others facing similar health issues—becoming a sounding board and a resource for navigating such a big life change. In his community, Richard has long been a volunteer at the Hermosa Senior Center, where he has done everything from managing the organization as part of the board of directors to cooking meals for the community. He was recognized for his work with the first-ever ProAg Cares Service Award, which included a \$5,000 donation for the cause of his choice. Of course, Richard gave it back to the Hermosa Senior Center.

His legacy of giving back will live on for years to come with the recently established Richard Stinson Foundation. This organization supports community projects—including senior meals and food security, ELCA or like-minded religious projects, music, theatre or the arts,

and lymphoma, cancer, and Alzheimer's research organizations—in Custer, Roberts, and Grant counties in South Dakota.

Mike Meisenzahl – Outstanding Achievement Award

Mike Meisenzahl started in crop insurance with Spartan Agency in 2009 and formed Clover Ag Risk Management in 2019. During his 15 years of crop insurance, Mike has made a significant impact in his home state of New York and surrounding states. His agency specializes in crop insurance, grain marketing, risk and data management. His skillset is used to mitigate risk in farming operations and sets up his farmers for success in today's turbulent agricultural economy.

Mike currently serves as Treasurer of the New York Corn & Soybean Growers Association where he has been an active member with events such as the New York Corn & Soybean Grower Expo, Winter Expo, New York Corn Yield Tour as well as the New York Summer Crop Tour where his agency was a Platinum Sponsor. He was also a presenter at a sustainability discussion between students in the Environmental and Sustainability Sciences Department at Kean University.

Mike has participated in Clean Fuels Alliance America's membership meeting in Washington D.C. as well as their Big Apple Tour. His agency has also supported the Genesee County Farm Bureau's Young Farmer's Night event. Clover Ag has put on numerous marketing and risk management workshops to better educate farmers on decisions they make.

Mike has a large footprint as his clients span the states of New York, Pennsylvania, and others. Along with his large territory, Mike and his agency cover an extremely diverse range of crops which include corn, soybeans, wheat, PRF, DRP and LRP. Throughout his book of business, he has assisted and brought many new farmers into crop insurance. He has also had discussions with RMA on the expansion of various specialty crop programs that he believes can benefit the farmers in his area.

Mike is tied to agriculture both professionally and personally. When he's not working, he also stays busy as he works on his own family's farm. He and his wife, Larisa, have three sons. Mike's hobbies include fishing, golfing, skiing and cheering on his Buffalo Bills.

Mike not only assists the traditional row crop farmer but also promotes and assists the various specialty crop and livestock programs and reaches out to anyone who may need more information on crop insurance.