



KALENA KELNER
AGE 18/ST. JOHN



Kalena has been a proud member of Ashtabula County 4-H for 10 years, holding many officer positions including president. She is the current president of the Junior Fair Board for Ashtabula County, the president of Venture Crew 223, heads the Environmental Science Club at St. John, and has been ordained into The Order of the Arrow, an honor society for scouts. She has participated in the Ohio State Fair, but her proudest moment was taking first place in the group public speaking contest raising awareness about organ donation after her sister received a double lung transplant.

She has gained valuable experience by shadowing professionals at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in both forestry and fish management, and has joined conTAC (Conservation Teen Advisory Council), an organization through ODNR that empowers young people to take action on conservation projects throughout Ohio. She is also part of Green Corp through the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and Holden Arboretum. In her quest to become a scientist, Kalena traveled to Namibia where she learned about big cat conservation, worked with those combating hunger and poverty to help eliminate poaching, and taught natives about protecting endangered species. She plans to attend college for Conservation and has been accepted into the honors college and Climate Change Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.