

## Katie Shadell Bio

Katie Shadell is a senior at Auburn University from Headland, AL. She is majoring in Horticulture, with a emphasize in fruit and vegetable production, and Civil Engineering. She is a member of PAX the horticulture honor society and Chi Epsilon the civil engineering honor society. Katie's passion for horticulture was passed down to her from her grandfather. Her grandfather, who doubled as her hero, shared all of his tricks and trips for growing everything from house plants to oak trees to fruits and vegetables.

Katie's family owns a small blueberry farm in south Alabama. The farm was started when Katie was starting high school and that is when she discovered her love for growing fruit. Since she has been in college, she has expanded the farm to include several rows of muscadines, lemon trees, and, coming soon, satsumas.

At Auburn, Katie has worked at the Patterson Greenhouses, located on campus. She had the opportunity to become the lab teaching assistant for the propagation class, where students get a chance to learn about all the propagation methods we can fit into a semester, ranging from cutting propagation to several grafting methods. In her free time, she loves walking her dachshund, Gretchen, attending sporting event on campus, playing intramural volleyball, and baking.

Katie knows that receiving this scholarship is a huge blessing and wants to extend her full gratitude to the STARS scholarship program for naming her as a recipient.