

**American Meteorological Society**  
**Iowa State University Student Chapter**  
Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m., Agronomy 2050  
<http://www.meteor.iastate.edu/ams/>

**Meeting Start: 7:05**

**Meeting End: 7:45**

**In-person attendance: 63**

**Virtual attendance: 1**

**President- AJ Rickman**

- Avery Andersen Friend in Meteorology Award
- AMS Conference
  - ☞ [Conference Overview Spreadsheet](#)
  - ☞ [Conference Info](#)
  - ☞ [Fundraising Spreadsheet](#)
    - Please read over these if you're attending the conference with us!
- Senior Thesis Help Session w/ GMC
  - ☞ See 11/26 email from Nathan Erickson
  - ☞ This Saturday from noon to 4 PM
  - ☞ Availability form [HERE](#)
- Thank you all for a great semester of AMS!

**Vice President- Luke Prokosch**

- Fund ISU Update
  - Will be launching in January
    - Will last for 30-45 days
  - This money used for the 105<sup>th</sup> AMS Annual Meeting 2025
    - Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen - this is for your benefit
  - More information will be coming your way on how to help promote the campaign
    - I will let you know when we share things on social media...feel free to post them to your own social media as well
- Fall Merchandise
  - It will hopefully arrive before the end of the semester.
- LAS Council
  - New Council members voted in.

**Treasurer – David Hultman**

- Current Balance: \$15,998.63
- [Concessions!](#)
  - ☞ More Basketball dates have been added on the spreadsheet! THE LAST DAY TO FUNDRAISE FOR SPECIFICALLY AMS CONFERENCE IS DEC 10<sup>th</sup>!
  - ☞ Thank you everyone who volunteered this year!
- Fundraising
  - ☞ The [fundraising sheet](#) is up to date! If you see any errors or have any questions, please just let me know!
  - ☞ As we're getting to the end of the semester, I'll need the money that people going to the conference have not fundraised! I'll need that amount by **1:00PM Friday, December 8th**

**Secretary- Sam Johnson**

- Congrats on making it this far, only 3 weeks left!
- Make sure to read the minutes and continue to complete the puzzle on the minutes and email it back to me, you may get some sort of prize ;)



People when they wake up  
and see snow on the  
ground



The second they merge  
onto the freeway

**Social Chair – Andy Powers ([awpowers@iastate.edu](mailto:awpowers@iastate.edu) or (610) 551-5683)**

- 🎄 **Christmas Caroling For Faculty!**
  - Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM
  - Singing Lovely Festive Carols to Various Faculty Members Around Ames!
  - Will sing a few Christmas Carols per house!
    - [Potential Songs, and lyrics](#) (will provide printouts)
  - We will meet in the North Lot at 6:45pm to prepare and catch rides
  - Sign Up and Arrange for Transportation --> [HERE](#)
  
- 🏈 **IM Dodgeball Last Call!**
  - New team sign-ups are now closed.
  - Spots remain on AMS teams!
  - See me after the meeting to sign up or shoot me and email or text!
  
- Only two and a half weeks remain in the semester, push hard to the very end and finish strong!!

**Outreach Chair - Brooke Beran**

- ⊘ Thank you to Adriane, who helped out at Go Further!
  - We lead a forecasting activity for the December 15, 2021 Iowa tornado outbreak.
- ⊘ Shoutout to those who have helped with outreach events this fall!!!
- ⊘ Be looking forward to a lot of school visits in the spring!
- ⊘ Over winter break, I will be reaching back out to schools that didn't respond in the fall.
- ⊘ As always, please let me know if you have any ideas for activities or would like to come to an event!

**Academic Chair- Kyle Curry**

- ⊘ We are in the final stretch! Finals are rapidly approaching! Are you ready? If not:
  - Check out the [academic resources page on the website](#) and all its links!
  - Talk to your instructors, they are here to help!
  - Feel free to reach out to me! ([kcurry@iastate.edu](mailto:kcurry@iastate.edu) or [academic.isuams@iastate.edu](mailto:academic.isuams@iastate.edu))
- ⊘ Academic Resources
  - Take advantage of the many resources available for you at ISU and within meteorology!
  - Learning Community Tutoring with Stefan!
    - Check weekly AMS and department emails for times.
  - Supplemental Instruction - Held in-person - [Link to SI website](#)
    - This can be an amazing resource for classes outside of meteorology. Unfortunately, the structure can often change, but I still highly recommend seeking this resource if you are struggling in any classes that offer SI.

- Designed for difficult classes like MATH 165/166, CHEM 163, PHYS 221, etc.
    - Tutoring - Held in-person - [Link to tutoring website](#)
      - Costs \$7.50 dollars per session, meet at consistent times twice a week in groups of 2-5
        - Another great resource provided by Iowa State
    - EWF Learning Community Tutoring With Stefan
      - Check the weekly AMS emails for times and locations!
    - [Academic Success Center](#)
      - See: <http://www.meteor.iastate.edu/ams/resources/academic-resources/>
- € AMS Review Sessions
  - The final round of review sessions will be in the next two weeks leading up to finals
  - **Please let me know in advance when your next exam coming up** or a difficult topic just covered and would like a review session, otherwise, I won't know when to schedule them.
    - If no one in a class inputs the exam date I have no idea when the exam is, unless I am notified in another way, so make sure to put in those exam dates!
  - For updates on review sessions, [sign up!](#)
    - **If you do not sign up:**
      - **You won't get any polls sent to you!**
      - **You won't be notified when review sessions are being held!**
- € [Scholarships](#)
  - [Hollings](#)
    - Open now! - Due Jan. 31st, 2024
  - [AMS Senior Named](#)
    - Open now! - Due March 8th, 2024
  - [AMS Graduate Fellowship](#)
    - Open now! - Due Jan. 25th, 2024
  - [NWA Fall Scholarships](#)
    - Two open until Nov. 30th, 2023; more coming in spring
  - [OneApp](#)
    - Iowa State Financial Aid
    - LAS
    - Many others...
    - *All of you who will be here next year should submit this.*
- € [Internships and REU's](#)
  - Many applications should be opening soon
- € Take care of yourself
  - Most important thing to take care of is you.
    - Yes, academics are important, but you are more important

- If you need help, feel free to reach out, or take a look at ISU [mental health resources](#).
    - Bad grades on exams/assignments/quizzes will happen (they have happened to me, ahem Calc 3).
- Senior Thesis Symposium
  - Monday, December 4: 9am – 4pm
    - In the Sun Room at the Memorial Union
      - DIFFERENT LOCATION THAN IN PAST YEARS
  - [Schedule](#)
  - Strongly recommend everyone to go if you can
    - Especially current Juniors, you're next!

#### **Female Engagement Officer- Sophie Miller**

- **Women's Study Hour** - Fridays from 2:00 - 3:00pm (last official one for the semester is this Friday, Dece
  - Will have christmas cookies to decorate and munch on while studying for finals
- **FEO Secret Santa**
  - The FEO Secret Santa is Here!!
  - Please sign up with thus link
    - <https://forms.gle/xmwUbkFiFqg6P2X49>
- **Barbie Movie Night**
  - Location: TBD
  - Time: TBD

#### **Forecasting – Alex Hamilton**

- First Ames Inch Snowfall Contest:
  - Official winner is Hunter Fowkes
    - Predicted exact date (November 26th) by a matter of hours!
- WxChallenge:
  - Current Team Placement: 15th place
  - Our final fall city is: Traverse City, Michigan: Forecasting started Monday (11/27)
  - Keep on forecasting! Everyone is doing great!
    - Many are on track to get their commitment contract money back
  - Top Dallas Forecaster – Hunter Fowkes
  - Top Raleigh Forecaster – Josh Schwarz
  - Cumulatively:
    - **Josh Schwarz is the top Junior/Senior nationally!**
    - **Sophie Miller is the top Freshman/Sophomore by a large margin!**
- [Winter Snowfall Forecasting Contest](#) - TBD (might use an old website from Mark DeBruin)
  - Note: This is the previous year's site, current plan is to have this year's in excel, with verification inserted via images in the sheet. Scoring is currently a work in progress, so feedback early in the contest is appreciated.

- Sharpen your winter weather forecasting skills
- Will go for several weeks over break (no WxChallenge overlap)
- Max snowfall and floater city total are going to be scored, if I can get something working before the start, I will try to have some form of max location, although exact scoring will be different.
- 1-2 forecasts per week
- [Sign up form here](#)
- Winter WxChallenge Prep/Practice
  - Similar to the warm up at the start of the season
  - Will run during break with no overlap with WxChallenge
  - Same scoring as WxChallenge for temps, wind, and precipitation
  - Spreadsheet [here](#)
  - Will send spreadsheet out again after finals

### **Webmaster- Ben Jablonski**

- Still not receiving AMS emails? Contact me!
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- Links:
  - The AMS website: <http://www.meteor.iastate.edu/ams/>
  - AMS Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)
  - ISU AMS Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ISUAMS/>
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ISUAMS>
  - Twitter/X: <https://twitter.com/ISUAMS>
  - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/isuams/>
  - Website Feedback Page: [CLICK HERE](#)
  - Website Suggestion Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Historian- Austyn Hartwig**

- ⊘ Weather Photo of the Month: [WEATHER photo of the month - Google Drive](#)
- ⊘ Club Photo of the Month: [CLUB photo of the month - Google Drive](#)
- ⊘ Video of the Month: [VIDEO of the month - Google Drive](#)
- ⊘ I will be sending out an email at the end of this week with the poster completed!!!
- ⊘ Keep sending event or weather photos and videos to photocircle!

### **NWA Rep- Eliot Morrow**

- Next Meeting: @ KCCI TV
  - Date: December 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM

- Address: 888 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50309
  - [Ride-Share Form](#)
- Meeting first and then a tour of the studio!
- Central IA NWA Conference Reminder:
  - March 27th - March 29th, 2024 (Wednesday – Friday)
    - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, IA
  - [Conference Teams Spreadsheet!](#)
- Scholarships
  - [Pam Dale Scholarship](#)
  - [Tim Samaras Scholarship](#)
    - Requires 3.0 GPA
    - Winner selected around Mid-March at Conference

### **Past President- Mark DeBruin**

- The senior thesis symposium is almost upon us!
  - Seniors: I know it's tough, but try to relax! You have all done excellent work this semester, and everyone is looking forward to seeing the research you've completed. Plus, you're going to feel INCREDIBLY relieved once you wrap this up.
  - To everyone else: Please show up to support the seniors! It means a lot to have folks showing up to support their presentations, and it can definitely benefit you as well as you think about your own thesis down the road.
- Finals are also right around the corner! Take time for yourself, and **START EARLY!** Some advice...
  - I'll say it again, especially for our new friends, **start early!** Cramming never works
  - For those in calculus classes, [here](#) are some old practice exams! See if there are old/practice exams in other classes; they're extremely helpful for studying. Practice exams are great to learn the process of how to solve problems, not just to memorize one specific problem.
  - Make sure to find some time for yourself, particularly doing something that isn't taxing on your brain (i.e. being on social media/on your phone). This could be taking a walk, reading, exercising, or anything else that helps you relax.
  - Make a cheat/review sheet (idea from Dr Hornbuckle), start by rewriting everything you learned in the class, then keep condensing your topics down (when you master them) until you only are on one sheet of paper.
  - Create a study schedule - make your study goals and your time blocks manageable to keep yourself from getting too stressed during finals week.

### **Cy's Eyes Update- David Hultman and Luke Prokosch**

Year Recap:

- Good to see all the new freshmen interested in Broadcast!
- KCCI visit!

- Gray TV visit from Nicole Carros!

Next Year:

- Critiques and Reel Building (before Central Iowa NWA Conference)
- New studio!
- Planning on more KCCI visits

Those looking for information on internships and jobs after college, look at these links:

- <http://www.grayishiring.com/>
- <http://www.gray.tv/careers>
- Nicole Carros:  
[https://outlook.office.com/bookwithme/user/e5818c97f9524c73a1ba09d80cbb64ee@gray.tv/meetingtype/KZ-a08xZ\\_0q9V7Y5jWXnDg2?anonymous&ep=mCardFromTile](https://outlook.office.com/bookwithme/user/e5818c97f9524c73a1ba09d80cbb64ee@gray.tv/meetingtype/KZ-a08xZ_0q9V7Y5jWXnDg2?anonymous&ep=mCardFromTile)
- Find us online:
  - [Subscribe to our Youtube channel](#)
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### **Sophomore Chair – Jon Siemianowski**

- Holiday Lights Festival at the Outlets of Des Moines THIS FRIDAY
  - ☞ Rides will leave North Agronomy at 6:30 PM on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ☞ A light-to-music show every 30 minutes
  - ☞ Hot Chocolate and fun winter activities
  - ☞ Great time to meet new people and socialize
  - ☞ Sign up [HERE](#)
- Looking Ahead to Next Semester:
  - ☞ Research workshop
    - ☐ Meet upperclassmen and (potentially) faculty to learn about the opportunities in research and internships from students that have personal experiences!
    - ☐ Learn about how to narrow your interests and gain experience outside of class, which will be helpful by the time you get to senior thesis
    - ☐ Once a date is scheduled, forms will go out for underclassmen who would like to attend and upperclassmen who would like to share their experiences.
- This Month's Spotlight New Students are.....(cheer loudly)
  - ☞ Konner Struik
  - ☞ Katelyn Siurek
  - ☞ Maia Albrecht
  - ☞ Bryce Aufrecht



# New Student Spotlight

## ★ Konner Struik

- € From: Hull, Iowa
- € Favorite Restaurant: Subway
- € Favorite Song/Musical Artist: Kelly Clarkson
- € Favorite Sport / Sport Team: Disc Golf
- € Favorite Movie/TV show: Harry Potter Series
- € If you had 25 Hrs in a Day, I'd use the extra hour to: Sleep or do something weather related
- € Favorite Weather Phenomena: Derecho
- € Fun Fact: One fun fact is that I have seen and photographed the aurora borealis 3 times from far southwest Minnesota and now 1 time from near Ames.

## ★ Katelyn Siurek

- € From: Grayslake, IL
- € Favorite Restaurant: Mac and cheese
- € Favorite Song/Musical Artist: Taylor Swift and Hozier
- € Favorite Sport / Sport Team: Chicago cubs
- € Favorite Movie/TV show: Criminal minds and Nightmare before christmas
- € If you had 25 Hrs in a Day, I'd use the extra hour to: Sleep
- € Favorite Weather Phenomena: Hurricanes
- € Fun Fact: I played softball for 13 years

## ★ Maia Albrecht

- € From: Pleasant Hill, Iowa
- € Favorite Restaurant: Thai food (Preferably Blue Thai in Des Moines)
- € Favorite Song/Musical Artist: Sweater Weather by the Neighborhood
- € Favorite Sport / Sport Team: Volleyball! ISU!
- € Favorite Movie/TV show: The Office
- € If you had 25 Hrs in a Day, I'd use the extra hour to: Catch up on homework or sleep
- € Favorite Weather Phenomena: Tornadoes during the summer, or Hurricanes
- € Fun Fact: In 4th grade I had Jason Sydejko come to my school and talk to us about his job and I think that's where my major stemmed from!

## ★ Bryce Aufrecht

- € From: North Platte, Nebraska
- € Favorite Restaurant: My favorite food is sushi.
- € Favorite Song/Musical Artist: King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard (band)
- € Favorite Sport / Sport Team: Table Tennis
- € Favorite Movie/TV show: The Spongebob Squarepants Movie (2004)
- € If you had 25 Hrs in a Day, I'd use the extra hour to: Walk around and take photos
- € Favorite Weather Phenomena: Tornado
- € Fun Fact: I was in Boy Scouts and got the Eagle Scout Rank in 2022

If you would like to be featured in the New Student Spotlight, please fill out [THIS FORM](#) if you have not already! If you have, you'll be up in future meetings.

**GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!!!! YOU'LL DO AMAZING!!!!**

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, January 23 2024 at 7 PM**

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**Happy Holidays!!**

# Escape the Maze

