



ALEX "BIG AL" RZIHA

GREAT BEND CO-OP INTERN
SUMMER 2019

EDUCATION

Alex will be a Junior at Fort Hays State University. Alex is studying to obtain a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture with a focus in Agronomy

CAREER GOALS

Alex plans to pursue a career as an Agronomist or Precision Ag Specialist after graduation

BACKGROUND INFO

Alex grew up in Northern Barton County on a farm and around agriculture. He was a hired farm hand throughout high school and is on his 3rd summer interning with Great Bend Co-op.

INTERESTS

Alex enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time in the outdoors in his spare time

INTERSHIP INFO

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GREAT BEND CO-OP FOR YOUR INTERNSHIP?

- It is a great cooperative with an outstanding reputation, with great members/employees
- Very close to home

WHAT ARE YOUR JOB DUTIES?

- Scouting Fields
- Pulling Plant Tissue Samples
- Soil Sampling for the Agronomists and Precision Ag Department
- Assisting Drone Flights
- Planting, Spraying, & Fertilizing the Test Plots
- Duties vary from day to day, making the internship really interesting

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING YOU DID OR LEARNED DURING YOUR INTERNSHIP WITH GREAT BEND CO-OP?

"Over the course of this internship there were many things I enjoyed doing and learning about. One thing that sticks out in my mind is helping plant the Co-op Test Plot with the other interns; Joel White and Jessica Schauf. We had the chance to work together and more importantly learn together, which is what a cooperative is all about."

HOW DO YOU FEEL THE GREAT BEND CO-OP IS HELPING YOU ADVANCE TOWARD YOUR CAREER GOALS?

I have been placed in a variety of different positions and assigned to different tasks often, which is helping me realize what job suites me best and shows my strengths and weaknesses.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GREAT BEND CO-OP'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TO OTHER STUDENTS?

Yes, the team at Great Bend Co-op will help place you in the department that you would like and can move you around to try different jobs within the cooperative, and you are always surrounded by great people that will help you learn along the way.

