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FCCS Names 2021 Accelerator of the Year



AgTexas Farm Credit Services (AgTexas) Chief Operating Officer Kayla Robinson has been named the 2021 FCCS Accelerator of the Year, an award that recognizes a leader who has made significant contributions to advancing their organization, accelerating change and fostering growth.

This is the second year of the Accelerator of the Year award program, which is open to contributors and leaders at every level who accelerate their organization's success.

"Working through the second year of the pandemic while managing through all the other global and market turbulence, it's especially critical for organizations to have dedicated leaders, whether front-line employees or executives, who are focused on accelerating growth and success," said Chad Moller, FCCS CEO. "Kayla Robinson has certainly done that for AgTexas, energizing its staff and contributing to significant business and financial results."

Robinson was nominated for the Accelerator award by AgTexas CEO Tim McDonald in recognition of her contributions to two years of double-digit loan and net earnings growth, including reenergizing the crop insurance team to increase revenue by 9.5% for the year. Robinson is also credited with making great strides in increasing diversity and employee engagement and revamping the annual internship program to deliver real value to participants and AgTexas. Her nomination was supported by 12 reference letters from directors, executives and strategic partners.

"We're living in such uncertain times that it's challenging to implement strategic changes while also managing through an environment of almost constant, uncontrollable change," said Robinson. "But with the right team in place, which we certainly have at AgTexas, the rewards are worth it for our customers, our employees and our organization. This Accelerator of the Year Award isn't mine alone, it's thanks to our truly dedicated team of professionals."

Robinson has served as COO of AgTexas since early 2021, previously serving as senior vice president of human resources for more than five years, and as regional vice president of credit services for more than 11 years. A Texas native, she holds both an MBA and a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and accounting from Texas Tech University. She also serves on the advisory board for Texas Tech's Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and on the college's Matador Institute of Leadership Engagement.

The Accelerator of the Year Award carries a cash award, which Robinson plans to contribute to an agriculture industry organization. She will also be featured in an FCCS Forward Thinking podcast ([listen here](#)).

FCCS has also named four honorees to the Accelerator of the Year Circle of Excellence in recognition of the strength of their nominations and their contributions to accelerating their organizations:

- Carl Horne, Vice President of Digital Loan Products and Services, Farm Credit Services of America
- Jackie Martinie, Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Farm Credit Illinois
- Glenn Trant, Chief Operating Officer of Capital Farm Credit
- Abby Wegner, Assistant Controller of AgriBank, FCB

FCCS will begin accepting nominations for the 2022 Accelerator of the Year this fall. To learn more, visit the [Accelerator of the Year website](#).