

JENNIFER THATCHER

WILSON - ST. CROIX COUNTY

Occupation: Finance and Small Business Consultant

Employer: Self-employed

Jennifer Thatcher, offers financial advisement to small businesses and individuals, was raised in Baldwin, WI in Saint Croix County. She earned a master of business administration and finance degree from Kaplan University and a bachelor of arts degree from Bethel University.

In 1997, Thatcher joined CHS Inc., a leading energy, grains and foods company and the nation's largest member-owned cooperative, and departed the company in 2015. For more than 10 years, Thatcher was responsible for providing financial acumen and strategic guidance to CHS Communications and Public Affairs and CHS Foundation, the company's independent giving entity which supports education and leadership programs that invest in the future of agriculture, cooperative business and rural America. She also served as an accountant for its milling group, later serving as a senior grain marketing accountant and operations accountant for CHS Insurance, a full-service insurance organization and a CHS subsidiary.

Thatcher served as board vice-chair for Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership for nearly three years. She also served as a board chair for the Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation for four years and as a director for BestPrep for two years.

Thatcher resides in Wilson with her husband and two children. She has an entrepreneurial spirit and enjoys the outdoors including landscaping, fishing, exploring, and people. She also holds an associate's degree of applied science in accounting from Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College.

Thatcher's goals for the Leadership Wisconsin program include: (1) Increase her knowledge and experience with respect to Economic Development in an effort to strengthen her community and beyond; (2) Become more actively involved in policy and advocacy to help strengthen economic viability.; and (3) Build on her own passions and engage others to ensure a sustainable future for the next generation and others to come.



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