

Coty Brawdy

1. What role do you think the EACM will play in East Aurora's future?

I believe that the EACM provides local and sustainably sourced items that are critical for the future of the community. As families look to transition from factory foods to items that are local and healthy, the EACM will be that provider for the residents of East Aurora and beyond.

2. In what ways are you working to contribute to and improve the East Aurora community?

This is the beginning of my journey to contribute to the community. While I am not currently a resident, I hope to eventually move to the community and increase my impact. I am currently a member of East Aurora Country Club and will eventually run for that board. My hope is to make East Aurora a sustainable and healthy community that values local vendors and products over big retailers.

3. If you can find healthy, organic food at another grocery store, why choose East Aurora Co-op Market?

I feel that there is immense desire for locally sourced products, and a certain level of pride and gratuity that comes along with it. When you go to a co-op and can see where your food is coming from, you feel much better about what you are purchasing. Additionally, purchasing from a co-op gives back to the community and the vendors providing these goods.

4. Which of the 10 cooperative values resonates with you most and why?

Social responsibility. I feel that this is or could be a cornerstone to why co-ops exist. Working to benefit the community while being able to give back to the community (and earth as a whole) is extremely valuable and is something I live by in my personal and professional life.