Kansas State University took first place in the 80th annual Kansas City and 85th annual Chicago Collegiate Crops Contests on 19 and 23 Nov. 2013, respectively. The University of Wisconsin–Platteville placed second, the University of Minnesota–Crookston took third, and Virginia Tech was fourth in both contests. South Dakota State University placed fifth in Kansas City, while Oklahoma State University placed fifth in Chicago. New teams participating were Missouri State University in Chicago and Murray State University in Kansas City (Murray State competed previously in Chicago).

The top three overall individuals were from Kansas State and ranked the same in both contests: Jeri Sigle, first; Nathan Larson second; and Morgan Halderson, third. Garrett Badtke, Wisconsin–Platteville, was fourth in both events. Emma Addy was fifth in Kansas City, and Brittany Iverson was fifth in Chicago, both also from the University of Wisconsin–Platteville.

First-place individuals in the three contest phases in Kansas City were Jeri Sigle (Kansas State) in Plant and Seed Identification, Emma Addy (Wisconsin–Platteville) in Seed Analysis, and Morgan Halderson (Kansas State) in Grain Grading, with a perfect score. At Chicago, Nathan Larson (Kansas State) took first in Plant and Seed Identification, Garrett Badtke (Wisconsin–Platteville) won Seed Analysis, and Jeri Sigle and Nathan Larson tied for first in Grain Grading, both with perfect scores.

Several major changes highlighted the 2013 contests. The American Royal was the new coordinating sponsor for the Kansas City contest, replacing the Kansas City Board of Trade. CHS became the principal donor for all of the trophies and plaques and sponsored the awards banquet held at the American Royal. Additional donors for the team scholarship awards for the top five teams in Kansas City were ASA, CSSA, the South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, and DuPont Pioneer.

At Chicago, the top five individuals received scholarships from CME Group. Donors of the trophies and plaques for Chicago were GROWMARK and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. ASA and CSSA also provided support for contest activities in Chicago.

Kansas State took first place in the both the Kansas City and Chicago Collegiate Crops Contests in 2013. From left to right: Kevin Donnelly (coach), Ben Coomes, Sam Knauss, Morgan Halderson, Jeri Sigle, Nathan Larson, Tyler Herrs, and Hannah Christen (assistant coach).