

National Dairy Shrine Announces 2009 Scholarship Winners

Maribel, WI. The National Dairy Shrine announces the winners of their scholarships for 2009. The scholarships will be presented at the Awards Banquet at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI. on Thursday October 1. National Dairy Shrine will provide more than \$35,000 of scholarship awards to students at that event. For information about Awards Banquet or ticket reservations please contact the office of National Dairy Shrine at 920-863-6333 or e-mail at info@dairyshrine.org.

NDS Student Recognition Awards

The NDS student recognition program recognizes graduating seniors planning a career related to the dairy industry who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, academic ability, and a sincere interest in dairy cattle. Each university is allowed to nominate up to two candidates for this recognition in any given year. The highest winner receives a \$1500 award, the second a \$1000 award and the other winners receive \$500 awards.

The top awardee is Jennifer Rassler from Kempton, Pennsylvania. She is 4.0 grade point student at Penn State University majoring in Animal Science. The second award goes to Aaron Horst of Chambersburg Pennsylvania. He is a Dairy Science major at Virginia Polytechnic and State University.

Next is David Wilson from Port Royal, Pennsylvania. He is an Animal Science student at Penn State University. Then Andrew Birch from Derby, Vermont. He is majoring in Animal Science at the University of Vermont. Next is Clayton Wood from Littlestown, Pennsylvania. He is an Animal Science major at Cornell University. Next is Julia Hudyncia from Fort Plain, New York. She was an Animal Science major at Cornell University. The next awardee was Katherine Boesch from DeKalb, Illinois. She was an Animal Science major at the University of Illinois. Following is Clint Harre from Nashville, Illinois. He was an animal Science major from the University of Illinois. The final recognition awardee is Ashley Messing from Bad Axe, Michigan. She was a Animal Science major from Michigan State University.

Kildee Scholarship Awards

Receiving the Kildee Graduate Studies Scholarship is Lora Wittenberg of Fort Collins, Colorado. Lora completed her degree in animal science with a minor in agricultural resource economics from Colorado State University this spring. Lora has been admitted to the Colorado State University Professional Veterinary Medicine Program where she begins her studies this fall. She is one of five students this term to be accepted into the Food Animal Veterinary Incentive Program, a program that is designed for students that are committed to practicing medicine in the food and fiber field and provides mentorship and networking.

Jessica Achen of Sauk Centre, Minn., has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the Kildee Undergraduate Studies Scholarship. She is currently a senior at the University of Minnesota, majoring in animal science – dairy production.

NDS/DMI Milk Marketing Scholarships

Londa Johnson, of LaCrescent, Mn. has been awarded the 2009 National Dairy Shrine /DMI Milk Marketing \$1,500 Scholarship. Additionally, six other undergraduate students have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships and are listed alphabetically. These generous scholarships are made possible by DMI and NDS to encourage students to pursue careers in dairy product marketing.

Londa Johnson is majoring in dairy science with a minor in business and professional communication at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. Jessica Achen, of Sauk Centre, Minn., is an animal science major with a dairy production emphasis at the University of Minnesota. Stephanie Beeman, of Carlisle, Pa., is majoring in agribusiness management at Penn State University. Skylar Ryll, of Royalston, Mass., is majoring in animal science/agribusiness at Cornell University. Charlie Schiller, of Freeport, Minn., is an animal science major (dairy emphasis) at the University of Minnesota. Brandon Thesing, of Winona, Minn., is studying animal science with a dairy industry emphasis at the University of Minnesota. Abby Udermann, of Sartell, Minn., is an animal science (dairy production emphasis) major at the University of Minnesota.

McCullough Scholarships

Each year, two scholarships are awarded by National Dairy Shrine in memory of Dr. Marshall E. McCullough, the well-respected nutrition researcher and educator from Georgia. Eligible students must be entering their freshmen year of college and plan to major in dairy/animal science or agricultural journalism with a dairy emphasis. National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce the 2009 McCullough Scholarship Winners - Angela Boesche of DeKalb, Ill. and Kyle Schirm from West Salem, Ohio.

Angela Boesche, DeKalb, Ill., will receive the \$2500 top scholarship to be used towards her continued education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in the field of agricultural journalism with a minor in animal science.

Kyle Schirm, West Salem, Ohio, will receive a \$1000 scholarship to be used towards his pursuit of a dairy science degree with a business marketing minor at Virginia Tech University.

Maurice Core Scholarship

Danielle Brown of Dodgeville, Wis., has won the first-ever Maurice Core Scholarship to be awarded at World Dairy Expo by National Dairy Shrine. The \$1,000 award is given in honor of Maurice Core, the long-time executive secretary of the American Jersey Cattle Association, and, more recently, the executive director of the National Dairy Shrine. The funds for this award were donated by the friends of Maurice Core. The Core Scholarship is given to a freshman status student working toward a degree in dairy or animal science.

Brown is an outstanding student having maintained a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) in high school and now a 3.7 GPA as a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

lager Scholarship

The lager Scholarship for \$1000 is awarded annually to a second year student in a two year agricultural school to pursue a career in the dairy industry. It is based on academic standing, leadership ability, interest in the dairy industry and plans for the future. The recipient this year is Ariel Garland from Northfield, Massachusetts. She is attending SUNY Cobleskill and majoring in Dairy Cattle Management.

This scholarship was started by a generous donation from the Charles and Judy lager family of Fulton, Maryland.

Klussendorf/McKown Scholarship Winners

Robb Bender of Cleveland, WI, Maureen Lee of Johnson Creek, WI have been named the 2009 Dairy Shrine-Klussendorf Association Scholarship Award winners and Matthew Mitchell of LaFollette, TN, has been named the first Robert "Whitey" McKown Scholarship winner. These \$1,500 scholarships are awarded by the National Dairy Shrine and the Klussendorf Association. They were made possible by generous gifts by the late Klussendorf member, Chris Kampf, numerous friends of Robert "Whitey" McKown and gifts from fund raisers by the Klussendorf Association.

The annual National Dairy Shrine awards banquet will be held in Madison, Wis., October 1, 2009. For more information about the students, producers, and industry representatives being recognized by National Dairy Shrine, contact Executive Director Dr. David Selner at (920) 863-6333. Dairy Shrine membership information also is available by phone or on the internet at www.dairyshrine.org. Dairy enthusiasts are encouraged to become a part of this important organization to help honor our heritage, inspire future leaders, and promote the industry.