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### **Mann awarded 2011 Iager Dairy Scholarship**

The National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce that Karessa Mann of Hilmar, Calif., is the recipient of the Iager Dairy Scholarship this year. The Iager Scholarship for \$1,000 is awarded annually to a second-year student in a two-year agricultural school to pursue a career in the dairy industry. Award criteria include academic standing, leadership ability, interest in the dairy industry and future plans.

This year's award recipient recently graduated from Modesto Junior College with an associate degree in dairy science and agricultural science. While at Modesto Junior College Mann was an active member of the dairy cattle judging team, taking first high individual at the Big E in Massachusetts and third at World Dairy Expo. Her team received the first high team award at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Kentucky. While at Modesto Junior College Mann was also very active in the Dairy Club and the Young Farmers and Agriculture Ambassadors program.

Mann did not grow up on a dairy farm; but she has a passion for dairy. Mann credits the Sanders family in Hilmar, Calif., for instilling her with a love for cows seven years ago. Ever since Man exhibited her first calf at the fair she's been hooked. She now has a growing herd of 11 Jersey cows and seven heifers.

In the fall Mann plans to attend Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA. where she will major in agriculture communications and dairy science. After graduating from Cal Poly, Mann plans to obtain a communications job where she can serve as a spokesperson for the dairy industry. She plans to be a true advocate for agriculture. "Public misconception has adverse affects on agriculture and I want to help bridge the gap between misconception and understanding," says Mann. It was by chance that Mann fell into the dairy industry, but she has big plans to make a difference.

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

The annual National Dairy Shrine awards banquet will be held on October 6 during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. For more information about the banquet or about students, producers and industry representatives being recognized by National Dairy Shrine, please contact Dr. David Selner, Executive Director, at (920) 863-6333. National Dairy Shrine membership information is also available by phone or online at [www.dairyshrine.org](http://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 dairy industry.