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### 2010 Kildee Scholarships Announced

Maribel, Wis. – Three students have been honored as the 2010 recipients of the Kildee Scholarship Award, including two graduate students and one undergraduate.

Receiving the Kildee Graduate Studies Scholarship are Janelle Hartzell and Robyn Bechtel, both from Penn State University.

Janelle graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences. She plans to attend veterinary school this fall with a goal of practicing food animal veterinary medicine with a focus on dairy cattle.

She grew up on a fifth-generation dairy farm in western Pennsylvania where the family milks 160 registered Holsteins. She has remained active on the farm despite a busy college schedule.

Janelle consistently earned Dean's List honors and excelled out of the classroom as well, representing Penn State at the North American Dairy Challenge as part of a team that received platinum honors. She also was involved with the Dairy Science Club and co-edited the 2009 *Penn State Dairyman*, a 76-page publication that placed first in the digital yearbook competition and second in the printed yearbook contest at the American Dairy Science Association meetings.

This year, Janelle was named Outstanding Senior at the Northeast Student Affiliate (NESA) meetings of the American Dairy Science Association and American Society of Animal Sciences. Her team placed first overall out of 39 teams, and Janelle presented the winning oral presentation, "Animal Welfare Considerations in the Dairy Industry."

Robyn earned a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from Penn State and will begin graduate studies in the fall toward agricultural and extension education. The focus of her program will be redesigning dairy and livestock curriculum for high school students. Her goal is to eventually teach high school agriculture.

Robyn served as Dairy Science Club president for 2009 and earned the William Davey Award as Penn State's Outstanding Senior in Dairy Science. She has been active in the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Student Affiliate Division and attended three national meetings and coordinated the club's display and annual reports. At the Northeast Regional ADSA-ASAS, she placed fifth out of 42 oral presentations in 2009. This year she was a member of the first-place quiz bowl team out of 39 entries and also participated in the Northeast Dairy Challenge for the past two years.

She also was involved in Ag Student Council, Collegiate FFA and Coaly Honor Society for Leadership. Robyn has been an active member of her family's Pennsylvania dairy consisting of 170 registered Holsteins.

Earning the Kildee Undergraduate Studies Scholarship is Paula Craun, who just completed her sophomore year at Virginia Tech. Paula is a Dean's List student majoring in Agricultural and Applied Economics with a minor in Dairy Science and Business. She grew up on a 160-cow dairy farm in Virginia and remains involved in the operation during breaks and weekends.

Paula was very involved and successful in the Virginia 4-H Dairy Youth Program. She was a member of the 2005 State 4-H Dairy Judging Team B, the 2006 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team, and the 2007 State 4-H Dairy Judging Team A. The dairy quiz bowl team won the national contest in 2006. She was the ninth high individual overall and the third high individual in oral reasons at the 2007 National 4 H Dairy Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo. She was selected as one of two delegates from Virginia to attend the 2008 National 4-H Dairy Conference.

At Virginia Tech, Paula was a member of the 2009 Dairy Cattle Judging Team that won the national contest at the World Dairy Expo. She placed second individually. In addition, she has been an active member of the Dairy Club since she arrived at Virginia Tech, serving as treasurer and second vice president during her tenure.

Following her graduation in 2011, Paula has a goal of working for a financial planning firm or for an agriculture lending organization.