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NDS /Maurice Core Scholarship Awarded to Jacob Achen

Maribel, Wis. – National Dairy Shrine has named Jacob Achen of Sauk Centre, Minn. winner of the 2010 Maurice Core Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is given in honor of Maurice Core, a long-time leader in the Jersey breed and the Dairy Shrine. The Core Scholarship recognizes a college freshman planning a career in the dairy industry and working toward a degree in dairy science or a related field and emphasizes leadership and volunteerism.

Achen attends the University of Minnesota and has an animal science major with an emphasis in dairy production and a minor in management from the Carlson School of Management. In high school he maintained a 4.1 grade point average while balancing a variety of leadership positions in 4-H, chapter and regional offices in FFA, and serving on the Minnesota Junior Holstein board. Achen was also varsity wrestling team captain and assistant coach for the elementary program and an altar boy in his church. In college Achen has achieved a 3.6 GPA and taken an active part in the Gopher Dairy Club, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and the crops judging team.

Holstein USA named Achen as a National Young Distinguished Junior Member finalist in 2008 and National Junior Progressive Breeder in 2007 and 2009. He is an accomplished dairy cattle judge and dairy bowl participant who has exhibited several champion animals, including the 2009 Junior All-American 4-year-old Milking Shorthorn. He earned a State FFA Degree in 2009 and was a member of the winning dairy judging team at the state FFA contest that year. Achen's future plans are to manage a dairy and continue breeding and exhibiting high quality Milking Shorthorn, Brown Swiss, and Holstein cattle.

This award will be presented during the annual National Dairy Shrine awards banquet to be held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., September 30. For more information about the banquet or about students, producers, and industry representatives being recognized by 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.

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