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## **JACKSON AND KASPER 2010 McCULLOUGH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Maribel, Wis. - Each year, two scholarships are awarded by National Dairy Shrine in memory of Professor 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 2010 McCullough Scholarship Winners: Nancy Jackson of New Cambria, MO, and Stephanie Kasper from Owatonna, MN.

Nancy Jackson will receive the \$2,500 top scholarship to be used towards her continued education at the University of Missouri-Columbia, as an animal science and agribusiness management dual major.

While her family sold their Holstein herd eight years ago, Nancy and her sisters raised several animals for Junior Holstein, 4-H, and FFA projects. She is currently responsible for all business decisions regarding her Holstein heifers, working alongside her sisters without any adult help to feed, show and care for their animals on a daily basis until six-weeks prior to calving when they are returned to the partnership farm for milking.

Jackson remains very involved in Junior Holstein, as well as 4-H and FFA, holding several offices, including her current post as State FFA Vice-President. She has competed in public speaking contests at all levels and has been active on Quiz Bowl teams, as well as showing her cattle.

As she pursues her college degree, which she hopes will lead her to one-day owning a dairy farm, Jackson maintains a sincere interest in communicating the value of agriculture to the general public.

“I believe that through my previous public speaking endeavors and educational responsibility, my role may evolve as a producer advocate who can tell the true dairy story to consumers, political segments, and the media,” Jackson wrote in her application.

Jackson’s excellent communication skills, outstanding work ethic, leadership ability, and motivation towards the success of our industry make her a well deserving recipient for this year’s McCullough scholarship.

Stephanie Kasper will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for her pursuit of an education/communication and marketing degree at the University of Minnesota.

Growing up on a registered Jersey dairy set the foundation for Stephanie's 4-H, FFA and Open Class projects that have lead her to participate in local, state and national shows, including several championship ribbons at the local and state level. She has served on Quiz Bowl and dairy judging teams, and has been the dairy superintendent for the past three years at her local fair. Currently she serves as a county dairy princess and the 2010 National Jersey Queen.

Kasper has also held several offices in agricultural associations, including FFA Region Secretary. In addition, she was awarded the State FFA Degree. She has a deep passion for the dairy industry and aspires to someday own the title of Princess Kay of the Milky Way.

Kasper is a strong communicator and advocate for the dairy industry. She looks forward to expanding her skills through agriculture communication and/or marketing internships while she continues her education at the University of Minnesota.