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## **GRESS AND KRULL 2011 McCULLOUGH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Denmark, 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 2011 McCullough Scholarship Winners: Eileen Gress of Shreve, OH, and Cassandra Krull of Lake Mills, WI.

Eileen Gress will receive the \$2,500 top scholarship to be used towards her continued education at Ohio State University, as an agricultural communications major.

Gress lives and works on her family farm Spring-Run Farms, a registered Ayrshire farm. There, she is the calf care manager and supervises the work of her younger siblings when caring for calves 0-6 months of age.

Gress is very involved in 4-H and has shown cattle at both the Ohio State Fair and the Wayne County Fair. She is currently serving as the President of her 4-H club, her FFA chapter, and the Ohio Junior Ayrshire Club. She has won the state dairy judging contest and oral reasons, and has also won the state dairy quiz bowl contest.

As she pursues her college degree in agricultural communications, she one day hopes to bridge the gap in communication between farmers and consumers.

“I hope to help in spreading positive news about the dairy industry and its goals and achievements, and to foster a lasting relationship between the producer and the consumer,” Gress wrote in her application.

Gress’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.

Cassandra Krull will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for her pursuit an agribusiness degree.

Krull owns her own herd of 25 cattle consisting of both Holstein and Jerseys. She has been involved with the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association and the Jersey Association, both at the state and national level. She is the vice president of Lake Mills FFA for two years and an officer in 4-H for the past 6 years.

Krull's notable activities have been Wisconsin Jersey Queen, President of the county Jersey association, Wisconsin Jersey Quiz Bowl team, and president of the Jefferson Co. Holstein Association.

Krull is a strong communicator and advocate for the dairy industry. She would like to one day work for agricultural media to help further the awareness and demand of agriculture.

"I foresee myself being an active role model and spokesperson throughout my community, county and state. I want to be a positive spokesperson for not only myself or my family's livelihood, but for the greater good of the entire agricultural industry," Krull wrote concluding her application.

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.