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National Dairy Shrine Announces Kildee Scholarships

Denmark, WI. The National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce the recipients of their Kildee scholarships for 2019. This scholarship has been awarded since 1950 to an outstanding graduate student in a dairy related field. Dean H.H. Kildee was a renowned educator at Iowa State University and this scholarship honors his great service to the future of the dairy industry.

Receiving a H.H. Kildee Graduate Studies $3,000 Scholarship is Laura Jensen of Comstock, Wisconsin. Laura attended the University of Minnesota and will be entering graduate school at the University of Florida in dairy cattle reproduction and genetics. Laura grew up on a Guernsey dairy and served as National Guernsey Princess in 2016. Ms Jensen has competed successfully nationally in Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Challenge, and Dairy Bowl. Ms Jensen also served as the president of the Gopher Dairy Club. Laura had summer internships with CRV-USA, Select Sires and 6 months studying abroad. Ms Jensen currently is serving as an intern with the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding, working on health trait evaluations. Her ultimate goal is to become a reproductive physiologist or quantitative geneticist.

Alexandra Gambonini of Petaluma, California, has been selected as this year’s recipient of the H.H. Kildee Undergraduate Studies $1000 Scholarship. She attended California Polytechnic State University and majored in Dairy Science and Agricultural Business. Alexandra has been very successful in dairy cattle judging, showing and Dairy Challenge. Her leadership roles included; President of the Los Lecheros Dairy Club, Animal Science Student Advisory Council member and Holstein USA Junior advisory committee member. After an internship with an agricultural accounting firm Ms Gambonini has decided next fall to continue her education at the University of Minnesota to earn a Master’s Degree in Agricultural Economics. Alexandra’s ultimate goal would be to work for an agricultural finance or lending company helping future dairy businesses.

The annual National Dairy Shrine Scholarship & Awards Banquet will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, on Thursday October 3rd at 5:30 PM. For more information about the students being recognized by National Dairy Shrine or tickets for the Awards Banquet, contact the NDS office at info@dairyshrine.org. Additional information on National Dairy Shrine membership or other activities is also available at www.dairyshrine.org. Dairy enthusiasts are encouraged to become a part of the most important dairy organization helping to inspire future dairy leaders, honor current or past dairy leaders and preserve dairy industry history.

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