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DMI Awards Education & Communication Scholarships

Denmark, WI. The National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce the recipients of the NDS / Dairy Management Inc Education & Communication Scholarships for 2019. These generous scholarships made possible by Dairy Management Inc. and NDS to encourage students to pursue education or communication careers in the dairy product industry or related food industries. Major areas include Marketing, Education, Food Science, Nutrition (Human), Public Relations, Promotion, Social Media and Communications.

Erika Franzen-Ackerman of Frederika, Iowa has been awarded the NDS / DMI Education & Communication top scholarship of $1500. Erika is a Dairy Manufacturing major at South Dakota State University. Erika has been active in the South Dakota State Dairy club and has competed on the SDSU Dairy Products Judging Team. Serving internships at the Davis Dairy Plant and Schreiber Foods has allowed her to identify her future career. Erika plans on being a Quality Control Specialist in a dairy processing facility with the ultimate goal of being a dairy plant manager.

Additionally, three other undergraduate students have been awarded $1000 scholarships. They are: Meikah Dado of Amery, Wisconsin a Dairy Science and Life Sciences Communication double major at University of Wisconsin – Madison. In college Ms. Dado has been active in the Association of Women in Agriculture, Badger Dairy Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau and served as a College Student Ambassador. With a strong background in communication Meikah plans on a career in public relations, education or communication role with a major dairy organization.

Rachel Coyne of Spring Valley, Wisconsin, who attends the University of Minnesota and is double majoring in Agricultural Communication & Marketing and Animal Science. Rachel has been a member of the Wisconsin State Junior Activities committee, served as Vice President of the Gopher Dairy Club, on the Executive board of Midwest ADSA-Sad and very involved in the National Agri-Marketing Association. Ms. Coyne plans on a career educating the consumer about the benefits of dairy products.

Katherine Gathje from Richmond, Minnesota, who attends the University of Minnesota and is majoring in Agricultural Communication & Marketing. Ms. Gathje has served as president of the Minnesota Junior Holstein Association, an officer with the Gopher Dairy Club, a Princess Kay of the Milky Way finalist, a leader in Meeker County 4-H and has earned an American FFA degree. Katherine plans on using her speaking and dairy advocate experiences from an internship with Midwest Dairy to enter a career in the dairy industry.

Dairy Management Inc.™ (DMI) is the nonprofit domestic and international planning and management organization responsible for increasing demand for dairy products and ingredients on behalf of dairy producers and importers. DMI manages the American Dairy Association® and National Dairy Council®. DMI has also established affiliate organizations, including the U.S.
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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