The President’s Report

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing the fall letter for Dairy Shrine. Now here we are with summer in full swing...haylage harvest is going strong and show season is underway. What a year it has been!

As I compile this letter, I am driving around the state of Washington and British Columbia in preparation for the National Holstein Convention. What a beautiful part of the world! I am fortunate to be spending a few days visiting farms in the area, as well as taking in a few of the sights with my family. If you get the opportunity to visit other producers, especially those in other regions, I would encourage you to do it. It’s a great experience to step back from the day to day operations and learn how and why other people are managing their business.

The dairy industry has certainly experienced some volatility over the past several months, and although milk prices have been challenging and consumer pressures are increasing, there are many reasons to be excited right now. If you’re like me, you will enjoy reading about the future leaders in our industry that will be receiving scholarships at World Dairy Expo this fall. At the same time, Dairy Shrine is celebrating the accomplishments of our Pioneers and current industry leaders together in a truly unique setting to encompass the past, present and future of our great industry.

I am excited to announce new location for the Dairy Shrine booth at World Dairy Expo this year. Due to the perseverance of our Executive Director, and the cooperation of World Dairy Expo management we will be moving to the second level of the Pavilion 1 cattle barn near the Media Room. There will be an area to sit and relax, enjoy fellowship with fellow dairymen and industry leaders, and experience a more portable version of the interactive multimedia system that is on display at the National Dairy Shrine Museum. We hope that you will enjoy the new visiting area while you’re at World Dairy Expo in Wisconsin this fall.

Before closing, I want to encourage you to help promote National Dairy Shrine memberships. If you know of someone who is interested in the dairy industry that may not be a member, send them a copy of the newsletter and/or have them visit the website or Facebook page. If you know of someone interested in sponsoring a student membership program at the college, please contact Dr. Selner or myself to assist.

I hope to see many of you at the National Dairy Shrine meeting and banquet this fall. In the meantime, best wishes for a bountiful harvest, show winning and/or high indexing cows, and a fat milk check this summer. But most importantly, take a step back, breathe in the fresh air, and enjoy who and what’s around you!

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NEW EXHIBIT SPACE
National Dairy Shrine will have a new exhibit space at World Dairy Expo! The second floor of Pavilion 1 will have an area for you to review historical dairy archives and learn about National Dairy Hall of Fame Inductees.
Some highlights of Mohr’s career include painting a recreation of the famous Purina Mills Dairy Breeds of the Northern Hemisphere poster, painting the modern-day Foster Mother of the Human Race portrait for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Hoard’s Dairyman, painting modern-day True Type Ideal Model Cows for four of the breed associations, updating the famous Norman Rockwell “National Dairyman” Extension image as well as painting and donating an original oil painting “The Beautiful Cow” to the National Holstein Foundation to fund youth and young adult programs, which raised $90,000. She has also been a long-standing exhibitor at World Dairy Expo for 31 years.

Most recently, in 2015, Mohr authored her first children’s book, *Once There Were No Cows*. She created 16 oil paintings for it and wrote the story about the beginning of time and God’s creation of the cow. It has sold over 5,000 copies and there are plans for it to be reprinted. Over the past 15 years, Mohr has broadened her painting perspective to also include general Rural American and Inspirational artwork, which has allowed her to reach a larger and broader customer base.

In addition to becoming an exceptional dairy artist, Mohr also is an incredible giver of her time, money and skills. She has taken helping others to a level most will never reach by supporting over 100 charities through donated artwork. Over the years, these charities have comprised of many dairy-based organizations including 4-H, FFA, breed associations and fundraisers for farm families following tragedy. She also donates to cancer and diabetes efforts.

In a 2010 interview, Mohr had this to say about the use of her time to help others: “I think any time you’re involved in an industry organization that you love and appreciate, it instills a want or desire to give back,” said Mohr. “Because of this life long journey and benefits I have derived from the dairy industry- I realized I had the opportunity to ‘give back.’ I believe in the power of each person playing a part to make a worthy contribution in life, because we all have something different to give. Paintings are my way of giving back.”

Mohr’s dedication to the greater dairy community and the agriculture industry are clear in her actions and praise from her peers. David Thorbahn, President and CEO of Select Sires shared, “It is clear that Mohr’s skills as an artist has helped portray the majestic and beautiful image of the dairy cow and shared the caring and hardworking image of America’s dairy farmer to the agricultural industry and to the buying consumer worldwide. Her amazing contributions over the last 28 years through her artwork, advocacy...
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and her paying forward to the dairy industry make her worthy of this great honor.”

In addition to being a world-renowned artist, Mohr is a dairy farmer’s wife and together she and her husband John have raised five children on their registered Holstein farm, Glenmark Genetics, Inc.

“I am honored and receive this recognition with awe and humbleness. I am filled with gratitude to be a part of an industry that is so remarkable in providing good things to our world and growing wonderful people and families who share values of genuine love and joy for what they do,” remarked Mohr. “It reflects the life I’ve lived; using the skills and blessings God has given me to be an artist. More importantly, it is a tribute to the camaraderie that embodies the people who have supported and shared in this journey with me.”

Distinguished Breeder

Tom and Gin Kestell of Ever-Green-View Farms in Waldo, Wis. are being recognized as active, progressive dairy breeders who, through expertise in managing a dairy-breeding herd based upon sound genetic and business principles, serve as models of success throughout the nation.

The husband and wife team began their farming careers in 1971 and purchased their current facility in 1975. Today, Ever-Green-View Farms, an entirely registered Holstein herd, consists of 130 milking cows with impressive type and breed leading production. Their current rolling herd average on 94 cows is more than 45,000 pounds of milk, 1,710 pounds of fat, 1,397 pounds of protein on three times-a-day milking. Meanwhile, maintaining a Breed Adjusted Average (BAA) of 111.4 ranking among the nation’s best for herd size. That includes 52 Excellent and 72 Very Good cows with a herd average score of 88.3 points. Also, the herd has owned 353 cows that have produced over 100,000 pounds of milk in a lifetime. The Kestells have bred 39 Gold Medal Dams and 19 Dams of Merit.

Ever-Green-View has been previously recognized with 24 Progressive Genetics honors, 14 PBR awards and won the “Herd of Excellence” award for the last seven years. Its herd is home to two world record holding cows for milk production. Ever-Green-View My 1326-ET was the world record holder for milk production from 2008-2015, producing 72,170 pounds of milk. Most recently, her daughter Ever-Green-View My Gold-ET, surpassed the world record with 77,477 lbs. of milk, becoming the first dam and daughter pair of world record cows.

“Tom Kestell is the E.F. Hutton of dairy cattle genetics,” shared Dan and Janina Siemers of Siemers Holsteins. “When he talks, people listen. Usually, a herd with the largest herd average in the world (over 45,000 pounds) would derive the majority of farm income from milk, but at Ever-Green-View, it’s only 25 percent, with an astonishing 75 percent coming from genetic sales.”

Ever-Green-View has sold as many as 200 cows, 100 bulls and 2,800 embryos per year with many embryos being exported. From 2009-2016, the Kestells exported over 7,400 embryos to many countries including Russia, China, Germany, the Netherlands, Brazil, Japan and India. In fact, the Kestell herd exported one-third of all U.S. dairy embryos in 2015 alone. One of those previous embryo exports turned out to be Broeks MBM Elsa-ET. Elsa later went on to be named “Global Cow of the Year” in 2008. She is also the dam of Flevo Genetics Snowman, a breed-leading sire whose genetics are popular all over the world.

The Kestells have made numerous trips abroad to consult and visit with the breeders and producers who have purchased Ever-Green-View genetics to share best management practices and to help those clients have success with their genetics. “I have no desire to retire”, says Tom Kestell. “I want to mentor others in my family, in the U.S. and around the world. Using the best genetics is important. But, we also must be able to teach our new clients the best way to care for their dairy animals, so that their genetic potential can be expressed.”

The Kestells are previous winners of the Wisconsin Holstein Association’s Distinguished Breeder Award, three-time Governor’s Export award winners and Wisconsin Master Agriculturalist Award winners. In 2000, the Kestells were named the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture’s Farm Family of the Year.

Pioneers

Arnold Knight, of rural Markesan, Wis., served in numerous leadership roles within the dairy industry. He started his career as a dairy farmer, but his leadership skills were soon noticed by others. In 1977, Knight and his wife, Joan, successfully dispersed their registered Guernsey herd so, that he could take on the role of Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association. Later, he also served as a director of the Wisconsin Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and World Dairy Expo.

Throughout his lifetime, Knight fought for, encouraged and assisted his fellow dairy farmers as a breed fieldman. His pioneering work in Wisconsin spread beyond the state and benefited the entire dairy industry. Under his leadership, the Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association organized a young sire proving program focused on proving sires with high protein genetics. Knight, already recognizing protein was the most valuable milk component, knew in the future dairy farmers would be paid for their protein production. He also was one of the first dairy leaders to encourage farmers to test their herd for Johne’s. In fact, he was instrumental in seeing that all the cattle consigned to the Great Northern Guernsey Classic test negative or be vaccinated for Johne’s. This was one of the first sales in the country to make such a requirement. Shortly, dairy farmers and sales in other states followed his example.

In addition, Knight became especially active in the development of multiple component pricing programs for dairy producers. He
travelled all over Wisconsin calling on cheese plants explaining the benefits of this new pricing system. He hosted countless meetings with dairy farmers explaining the need to price milk based on components, especially protein. He worked very hard to convince the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture to approve protein testing of milk. His efforts were successful—protein premiums and cheese yield pricing were soon noticed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Multiple component pricing was written into the federal orders providing equal equity throughout the entire dairy industry.

Knight has also been honored by the American Guernsey Cattle Association with the Distinguished Service Award, by the Wisconsin Jersey Breeders with their Distinguished Service Award, and the Wisconsin Dairy Herd Improvement Association with their Friend of DHIA Award. Knight was a member of National Dairy Shrine and really enjoyed working with dairy youth serving as a mentor to numerous young farmers. Many dairy farmers are recognized each year with awards in his honor.

Dr. Frank Kosikowski, formerly of Ithaca, N.Y., was a true pioneer in dairy food research and teaching at Cornell University. Over the course of 47 years, he taught numerous undergraduates as well as 60 graduate students and 30 postdoctoral students from around the world. His ability to teach excellence, critical thinking and innovation has led to many of his students occupying leadership positions in research, education and international food development. His research on cheese and fermented food products yielded 450 scientific papers, three books, 12 patents, along with numerous technical articles and reviews. One of his books, “Cheese and Fermented Milk Foods” has become a classic in its field and continues to be widely used by students, researchers, the general public and regulatory agencies around the world, since it has been translated into several languages.

Dr. Kosikowski developed and taught a wide variety of courses including dairy products judging, butter making, cheese making, food fermentations, international food science and high protein food technology. He always looked to find solutions to the common dairy processing problems. His pioneer works were on the origins of cheese flavors, accelerated ripening of cheese, whey utilization, low-lactose milk, pasteurization and antibiotic tests for milk, the Bactotherm process, application of ultrafiltration in cheese-making and the removal of antibiotics from milk.

From his extensive world travels, Dr. Kosikowski developed an appreciation for the traditional cheese making techniques in various countries and wanted to find a way to preserve that diversity. So, in 1983, he created the American Cheese Society. Today, the society has 1,200 members and is still used by homestead cheesemakers around the country as a platform to advance their work and network with peers. He also had a lot of interest in advancing food and agriculture in developing countries. As a result, he created and instructed a course on International Food Development for 20 years and started a graduate major in International Food Science at Cornell. Because of his knowledge and experiences, he served as advisor to many countries around the world while working with international scientists to solve existing dairy problems. He also served on the expert Advisory Committee on Food Hygiene of WHO for 16 years.

The impact of Dr. Kosikowski’s work has been recognized nationally and internationally and he has received numerous honors for his lifetime efforts such as, the Dairy Industry Fellowship and Fulbright Research Scholar Award, the ADSA Borden Award and Gold Medal for Research, the ACDPI-Nordica International Award, Pfizer Award, Albert Pollio Memorial Award, Marshall Award and National Cheese Institute Award. He was also elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), decorated as an Officer Merite d’Agricole Award by the Government of France and named an Institute of Food Technologists’ IFT International Award winner. The impact of this renowned educator has been profound and truly important worldwide.

Dr. Edward Guthrie, formerly of Ithaca, N.Y., was a most respected dairy leader, teacher and researcher at Cornell University. He began his career at Cornell in 1913 and retired in 1948. During his time at Cornell, Dr. Guthrie’s interests in teaching and cooperative research were guiding forces to the creation of the American Dairy Science Association. He felt that the research community would develop faster with annual meetings of dairy researchers from across the country. Linking the organization back to his students, he also helped organize the first ADSA student chapters and helped create the first National Dairy Products Evaluation contest in 1916. For many years after, he coached the successful dairy products judging team.

Dr. Guthrie is, perhaps, most remembered for his research on dairy products and as an early pioneer in butter research. In 1918, Guthrie wrote the pre-eminent textbook on butter which was aptly called “The Book of Butter: A Text on the Nature, Manufacture and Marketing of the Product”. It has served as the industry bible on butter making for decades. A special reprint edition “The Book of Butter” was recently published. This book still has an impact today as shown by the following quote from Amazon’s website. “The demand for the rare book has brought forth the much needed reprint of this famous classic work.”

As a result of his knowledge on the subject, both New York State and National agencies solicited Guthrie’s expertise to assist in developing their procedures for sampling and regulating these products. In addition to his research and extension work, Dr. Guthrie left a lasting impact on the Cornell University campus. He was instrumental in naming Stocking Hall, which is currently home of the Food Science Department, the Milk Quality Improvement Program and the Dairy Foods Extension Team. It also holds a fully functioning dairy plant
and food processing pilot plant.

Dr. Guthrie never fully retired from his research and spent a part of almost every day in his laboratory or could be found in the dairy barn gathering samples. He also maintained an active interest in his students and alumni and cared deeply about their whereabouts and doings. Upon his retirement, the alumni responded by commissioning a portrait of him that now hangs in Stocking Hall. Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Guthrie remained focused on students, teaching, research and collaborative efforts to improve the dairy food processing industry.

John (Jack) Remsberg, Jr. of Middletown, Md. has been a pioneer in the art of dairy cattle photography. Jack started his career on his family's Maryland dairy farm and was a leader in Maryland FFA activities. Through a stint in the US Air Force during the Korean War as a first Lieutenant, based in Anchorage, Alaska, Remsberg began photographing scenic landscapes. His neighbor, who was a native Alaskan, taught him how to process film and create photographs.

Upon returning to his family farm in 1954, Remsberg started taking photographs regularly with a camera inherited by his wife, Marcia. By taking photos of his favorite animals on the farm, Remsberg taught himself everything about photographing from positioning cattle to developing film. He enjoyed photographing cattle so much that he took pictures of cattle his family consigned in sales. Soon after his prints were published in sale catalogs, the dairy community recognized the quality and expertise of his photographs. Because of his sincere passion, constant patience and dedication to take the best possible photograph, Remsberg never had to advertise. His name spread by word-of-mouth.

After 15 years of trying to photograph cows between milkings, Remsberg decided to disperse his family herd to begin picturing cattle full time. He built his large client base and embarked on his lifetime dream of photographing some of the best cows and bulls in the country. Remsberg had the opportunity to work with most of the established breeders up and down the east coast and was a mainstay at the Maryland State Fair as well as the Pennsylvania All American. He served as the official photographer for Atlantic Breeders Co-op, Sire Power and Select Sires in helping market their sires. Jack also had the honor to be invited to South America to photograph at the National Show of Columbia.

In 2006, Remsberg published the book “Cow-Pic: Life Experiences and 50 Years of Dairy Cattle Photography,” an autobiography that takes the reader from the beginning of his life as a young dairy farmer to his life-long job in cattle photography taking over 40,000 negatives and marketing of world-renowned cattle. In true pioneer spirit, Remsberg was (and still is) a coach and mentor to other photographers entering the profession. “He very willingly taught me things it would have taken me years to grasp,” remembers Maggie Murphy, dairy cattle photographer and co-owner of Lyle Stanley Trace, LLC. “And when I succeeded in implementing something he had taught, I would receive an envelope in the mail with a photo cut from a magazine and his note, ‘you got it right this time!’ Although I know how much his clients hated Jack’s retirement, he made sure their needs would be met with photographers he trained, knowingly or passively.”

Remsberg has been very active in the Maryland dairy industry and has been previously honored by the University of Maryland with their Meritorious Service Award, the Maryland Holstein Association Distinguished Service Award and inducted into the Maryland Dairy Hall of Fame by Maryland Dairy Shrine.

Larry Tande of Medford, Minn. has been an outstanding extension leader at the University of Minnesota for 42 years. He started his career in Steele County, Minn. as an assistant county agent and retired as an Extension District Director in 2001. Over the years, he has advised and mentored hundreds of dairy farmers and their children. He continues to be one of the most respected extension persons to have ever served the farming families of Minnesota.

Tande was always a breeder at heart and worked with his own herd of cows until 2013. In addition, he judged numerous local, county, and regional shows as well as several State Fairs and National Shows, including World Dairy Expo in 2002, 2006 and 2011. Tande also judged cattle shows in 8 foreign countries. He has judged many junior shows as well, while also teaching or offering a kind word of support or suggestions of improvement to the participants. By 2009, it was estimated that Tande’s show ring expertise had been shared with exhibitors at more than 500 dairy cattle shows at all levels.

Always willing to serve the dairy industry, Tande held numerous positions in state and national organizations. They include the Minnesota Holstein Association, Minnesota Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association, Minnesota State Fair, Holstein Association USA, World Dairy Expo and the Holstein Foundation Board of Trustees.

During his 10 years of service to the Holstein Association USA (HAUSA), Tande envisioned raising the bar for show cattle judging. Through his leadership, the Association developed training conferences for individuals who desired to be approved cattle judges, which are now used throughout the industry. Today, show managers can select reliable and trustworthy, HAUSA approved persons to judge shows at all levels—local, state, national and international. In 2011, Tande also led efforts to update the illustrations of the Ideal Holstein Cow and Bull. Thanks to his leadership, the Association’s True Type Cow and Bull have set the standard for Holstein type around the world.

Tande has been previously recognized by the Gopher Dairy Club with their Distinguished Service Award, the National Pedigree Livestock Council with their Distinguished Service Award and by the National Association of Agricultural Extension Agents by their Distinguished Service Award. He has also been inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Breeder’s Hall of Fame.
Student Recognition Awards
The top award winner is Amber Gabel from Newport, Pa. who majored in animal science at Penn State University. The second award goes to Crystal Siemers Peterman of Cleveland, Wis. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in agricultural and food business management. The next recipient is Elizabeth Endres from Waunakee, Wis., who pursued a dairy science major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Next is Ethan Dado of Amery, Wis., who is a double major in animal science and agricultural education at the University of Minnesota. Following is Mariab Schmitt of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, who majored in dairy science and agriculture and society at Iowa State University. Next is Sydney Endres, of Lodi, Wis., who was a dairy science and life sciences communication double major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The final senior recognition honoree is Kayla Alward from Guyton, Ga., who was a major in dairy and animal science at the University of Georgia.

Progressive Commercial Dairy Manager
Brothers Andrew and Brian Schilling of Darlington, Wis. are this year’s Progressive Commercial Dairy Managers. This award is designed to recognize outstanding dairy managers early in their careers and to encourage others to look at a dairy production career. These two brothers’ Limited Liability Corporation milks 650 cows and crops 1,600 acres. The brothers believe strongly in cow comfort and working with expert specialists to achieve herd goals. The herd has been honored with the Platinum Award by the National Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council in 2009 and 2011-2015. They have received the top award for milk quality from Rolling Hills Milk Cooperative for the last nine years. Their dairy has served as a host for the Lafayette County Dairy breakfast on the farm as well as other tours. The brothers also serve their community by serving on the Lafayette County Ag Stewardship Alliance, their local Town Board, and the rural Medical Ambulance Service. Both are active in their church as well.

Graduate Dairy Production
Garrett Eiholzer of Stanley, N.Y. has been selected as the Graduate Dairy Production Grant winner. This $2,500 grant goes to an active dairy producer who has graduated from college in the last nine years and has already demonstrated excellent dairy management ability and financial stability. Garrett and his two college friends, Austin Copenhaver and Clayton Wood, have formed a LLC called Ivy Lakes Dairy which is transitioning into complete ownership of a dairy owned by retiring partner Todd Hathorn. The excellent management and financial skills of this group have allowed the dairy to expand to 850 cows. Garrett and his partners believe this is a model that can be very successful in transitioning dairy producers who want to retire with enthusiastic young people looking to succeed in the dairy industry. They will continue to seek out willing partners to grow their business.
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Kildee Scholarships
Receiving a H.H. Kildee Graduate Studies $3,000 Scholarship is Elizabeth Endres of Waunakee, Wis. Elizabeth attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has entered the UW School of Veterinary Medicine to become a veterinarian. Amber Gabel of Newport, Pa., has been selected as this year’s recipient of the H.H. Kildee Undergraduate Studies Scholarship. She is currently attending Penn State University and majoring in animal science.

Maurice Core Scholarships
These $1,000 scholarships are given in honor of Maurice Core, the long-time Executive Secretary of the American Jersey Cattle Association, and former Executive Director of the National Dairy Shrine. Receiving Maurice Core Scholarships are Madeline Meyer of Ionia, Mich., who is a student at Michigan State University majoring in animal science. Next is Bailey Larson from Alma Center, Wis., who is majoring in dairy science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Emily Annexstad of St Peter, Minn., who is attending the University of Minnesota and double majoring in animal science and agricultural communications and marketing, next is Abigail Hopp of Chatfield, Minn., who is a student at South Dakota State University majoring in dairy production and agricultural education, then Carley Krull of Lake Mills, Wis., who is majoring in dairy science at Iowa State University. The final recipient is Jessilyn Sayers from Clarkson, Neb., who is majoring in animal science at the University of Nebraska.

McCullough Scholarships
Receiving the $2,000 McCullough scholarship is Katherine Gathje. She plans to use this scholarship as she continues her education at the University of Minnesota, where she will major in agricultural communications and marketing with a minor in Spanish. Gathje grew up on a dairy in Richmond, Minn. Receiving the $1,500 McCullough scholarship is Catherine Thompson of Plainview, Minn. She will be majoring in agricultural communications and marketing at the University of Minnesota.
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Iager Scholarship
The Iager Scholarship for $1,000 is awarded annually to students in a two-year agricultural school pursuing a career in the dairy industry. This scholarship was started with a generous donation from the Charles and Judy Iager family of Fulton, Md. The recipients this year are: Matthew Harnish of Willow Street, Pa., who is attending Northeast Iowa Community College and majoring in dairy technology and Hope McAlevey from Sumner, Mich. who is attending the Michigan State Ag Tech program and majoring in dairy management.

Matthew Harnish

Hope McAlevey

Merton Sowerby Junior Merit Scholarships
This scholarship is named in honor of National Dairy Hall of Fame Pioneer and Klussendorf recipient Merton Sowerby. Laura Jensen, of Comstock, Wis. has been awarded the top scholarship of $1,500. Laura is an animal science major at the University of Minnesota. Additionally, four other undergraduate students have been awarded $1,000 scholarships:

Sabrina Portner of Sleepy Eye, Minn., a double major in dairy science and international agriculture at Iowa State University, Austin Schmitt of Rice, Minn., who is attending the University of Minnesota majoring in animal science, Tony Rice of Mount Pleasant Mills, Pa., who is attending Penn State University and majoring in agricultural business management, and Elisabeth Regusci of Modesto, Calif. who is majoring in dairy science at Cal Poly.

Laura Jensen

Sabrina Portner

Austin Schmitt

Mike Lancaster Sophomore Merit Scholarships
This scholarship is named in honor of Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder and Klussendorf recipient Mike Lancaster. Trent Dado of Amery, Wis. has been awarded the top scholarship of $1,500. Trent is majoring in animal science at the University of Minnesota. Additionally, four other undergraduate students have been awarded $1,000 scholarships. They are: Haely Leiding of Fountain, Minn., who is majoring in agricultural education at the University of Minnesota, Jared Sanderson from Sandusky, Mich., who is attending Michigan State University majoring in animal science, Tony Rice of Mount Pleasant Mills, Pa., who is attending Penn State University and majoring in agricultural business management, and Elisabeth Regusci of Modesto, Calif. who is majoring in dairy science at Cal Poly.

Trent Dado

Haely Leiding

Jared Sanderson

Tony Rice

Elisabeth Regusci

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NDS/DMI Milk and Dairy Product Scholarships

These generous scholarships are made possible by Dairy Management Inc. and NDS to encourage students to pursue careers in dairy product or milk marketing, dairy product development and/or quality control.

Trent Dado, of Amery, Wis. has been awarded the NDS/DMI Milk and Dairy Products top scholarship of $1,500. Trent is an animal science major at the University of Minnesota. Additionally, four other undergraduate students have been awarded $1,000 scholarships: Jill Seiler of Valley Center, Kan. is attending the University of Minnesota majoring in animal science, Laura Jensen of Comstock, Wis. is attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and majoring in dairy science. Meghan Skiba from Cambridge, Minn. who is attending South Dakota State University and majoring in dairy manufacturing and Kristin Erf of Oakdale, Minn. who is attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and majoring in dairy science.

NDS/DMI Education and Communication Scholarship

These generous scholarships are 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. Gabriella Sorg, of Hastings, Minn. has been awarded the NDS/DMI Education and Communication top scholarship of $1,500. Gabriella is an animal science and food and business management double major at the University of Minnesota. Additionally, four other undergraduate students have been awarded $1,000 scholarships: Morgan Krause of Buffalo, Minn., a double major in animal science and agricultural communications and marketing at the University of Minnesota, Nicole Buell from Marysville, Wash., who attends Washington State University and is majoring in animal science, Brooke Roberts from Whitelaw, Wis., who attends the University of Minnesota and is majoring in agricultural communications and marketing and Ciera Ballmer from Janesville, Wis., who attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is majoring in dairy science.

Gabriella Sorg
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Trent Dado
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Klussendorf Scholarships

The Klussendorf scholarships are made available as a result of a gift from the late Klussendorf member, Chris Kampf, who won the Klussendorf award in 1956. Rachel Coyne from Spring Valley, Wis. who attends the University of Minnesota, Elisabeth Regusci of Modesto, Cal. who is attending Cal Poly and Elise Regusci of Modesto, Cal. and is attending Cal Poly all receive a $1,500 Klussendorf Scholarship.

McKown Scholarships

Money raised by the McKown family and friends of the late “Whitey” McKown, named an honorary Klussendorf member in 1997, make up the funds available for the McKown Scholarship. Four students will receive $1,500 McKown scholarships: Douglas Boop from Millmont, Pa. who attends the Penn State University, Jared Dueppengiesser of Perry, N.Y. who is attending Cornell University, Cooper Galton of Nunda, N.Y. is attending Cornell University and Elizabeth Sarbacker of Verona, Wis. is attending The University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New NDS Membership Sponsor Programs

Since the beginning of National Dairy Shrine memberships have been an important source of income to fund all of the activities of National Dairy Shrine. The lifetime membership rolls now number over 19,500 and we add several hundred every year. However, the income from memberships has been decreasing over the last decade as we are not adding as many new members as we have in the past. The majority of current new members come from sponsored memberships by great organizations like Dairy Farmers of America, Lely North America and AllFlex.

There is truly a need for all of the top graduating students in dairy-related programs at major dairy colleges to be members of National Dairy Shrine. Several great students have graduated from top dairy schools and are not members of NDS. These future dairy leaders have not been exposed to the admirable goals of NDS and the way they could potentially give back to the dairy industry through a NDS membership.

Recently several National Dairy Shrine members have initiated the enrollment of top senior dairy students in National Dairy Shrine. Since these students are the leaders of tomorrow it is great that they are learning about NDS at this early stage in their career. Hopefully these young people can become the leaders in advancing National Dairy Shrine in the future by serving on committees and the board of directors.

This spring graduating seniors at the University of Minnesota were honored by becoming sponsored members in National Dairy Shrine. Anonymous donors have offered to fund their memberships and will continue that sponsorship for graduating seniors next year. Following in their footsteps, Iowa State alumni sponsored memberships to some of the top graduating dairy seniors at this years’ Iowa State Dairy banquet.

What a great way to honor top dairy students and provide funds for such a worthy cause. If you would like to start a sponsored membership program at your alma mater please feel free to contact our office to get started. All top dairy students should be a part of the future of National Dairy Shrine.
Bequest and Donation Updates

With gratitude, NDS would like to recognize some very special donations or bequests that have been received over the last 18 months. The wife of Myron “Mike” Lancaster has generously donated a significant sum to promote NDS scholarships and in gratitude for those donations the Sophomore Merit Scholarship will be named in Mike Lancaster’s honor for many years to come. Likewise the heirs of Merton Sowerby also made a significant donation to help fund the Merton Sowerby Junior Merit scholarships. “Mert” mentioned his desire to create a dairy scholarship in his name on several occasions and would be pleased with this year’s recipients. What a great way to promote future dairy leaders with financial support by including NDS in your estates.

NDS would also like to recognize a major donation received from Arthur Nesbitt to be used specifically at the NDS Museum. Art has been a member of NDS since the early years, was highly involved in the creation of the museum in Fort Atkinson and served as NDS Executive Director for many years. The Museum will now have the Arthur Nesbitt Exhibit room on the lower level where the majority of NDS artifacts are on display. Future enhancements to museum displays will be funded in part by this newly created museum fund.

It has been a long standing custom for individuals or NDS members to donate to National Dairy Shrine in honor of the mentorship of someone special in their life or in memory of someone who is no longer with us, as a way of acknowledging their special personal contributions & support. These donations provide funds to help NDS foster the next generation of dairy leaders & promote the dairy industry. As time has passed, other special NDS friends have expanded these charitable donation categories by sponsoring top 4-H students in their local region with NDS memberships or giving a NDS membership as a birthday or graduation present and in at least one instance even a wedding present. NDS is always appreciative of any gift or sponsorship no matter how small, as these funds go directly to fund recognition and scholarship programs. All of these donations are tax deductible and are publicly recognized in every issue of the Chronicle newsletter.

It has been suggested that NDS should expand these gift-giving categories to further grow the operating fund budget which is used to recognize and encourage young people. If NDS was able to increase the amount of yearly operational funds, more could be done to expand our programs in providing scholarships, adult recognitions and museum enhancements. What has been suggested are a few new categories of voluntary annual tax deductible donations for enhanced NDS programs. Be assured that NDS will continue recognizing NDS memorial contributions and that all donors and the honorees will be recognized individually in the Chronicle as has been done for years. This new concept would create other categories of giving that would also be recognized. The Blue Ribbon category could be for a yearly donor at the $100 level, while the Champion recognition would be for someone at the $500 level. These new categories of giving will be publicly recognized in the year end newsletter in a special donors section. The board will evaluate this concept and if you have any comments please let us know.

Certainly all financial support whether big or small is greatly appreciated and will allow NDS to fulfill its mission for many more years to come.

Arthur and Nancy Nesbitt with the NDS Executive Committee
Plan To Attend the NDS Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

The 2017 National Dairy Shrine Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet to be held Thursday, October 5 in Madison, Wis.

Time:
4:30 p.m. NDS Annual meeting
5:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Banquet
7:30 p.m. Program

Place:
Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall, Madison, Wis.

Mail orders to:
National Dairy Shrine
Executive Director
P.O. Box 725
Denmark, WI 54208

Email:
info@dairyshrine.org

Tickets can be pre-ordered by mail using the form below. Persons whose ticket orders and payment are received by September 10 will receive an acknowledgement of payment but will need to pick up their tickets at the NDS registration table prior to the banquet.

Additional banquet tickets at $35.00 each can be purchased at the National Dairy Shrine booth in Pavilion 1 or at the NDS banquet reception area. IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED THAT YOU RESERVE YOUR TICKET NEEDS EARY as the banquet has been sold out the last few years.

I would like ____ banquet ticket(s) @ $35.00 each.

My check for $ ______ is enclosed, payable to National Dairy Shrine.

Reserve Tickets For:

Name: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________

City: ________________ State: _____ Zip: ___________

Phone: _______________________________