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**MDMSF 2012-13 scholarship recipients participated in the 2013 Annual Meeting of the MDMSF board of directors. Pictured top row, left to right: Jacob Buning, Jorin Ouwinga, Jason Smith and TJ Frahm. Second row from top, left to right: Joshua Garver and Meredith Woodward. Third row from top, left to right: Hayleigh Geurink, Mike Raterink, Britney Zondlak and Kaitlyn Hayden. Bottom row, left to right: Megan Bush, Eileen Stefansky, Laura Small and Bethany Oglesby.**

## The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund

### At A Glance

Thanks to the generous support of donors, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is proud to highlight a formidable list of scholarships made possible in 2012-2013:

- \$1,500 for fall semester to five freshmen in Ag Tech or 4-year program
- \$2,000 for fall semester to five Ag Tech Students
- \$3,500 over two semesters to 10 students in a 4-year program
- **Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship** – \$7,500 over two semesters
- **Russel Erickson Scholarship** – \$5,000 over two semesters
- **John and Barbara Dilland Scholarship** – \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with a major in Agribusiness Management
- **Redmond and Edna Cotter Purina Memorial Scholarship** – \$4,000 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school. Preference to those with international interest.
- **Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship** – three \$1,000 scholarships for international experiences
- **Archie Studer Scholarship** - \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy breeding or production
- **Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship** – \$4,000 over two semesters
- **Velmar Green Scholarship** - \$3,500 for a second-year student in the Ag Tech Dairy Management Program
- **Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship** – \$3,500 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school
- **Nick Bellows Scholarship** - \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy promotion



## President's Message

In the 1960s, one of the most popular of the "British Invasion" bands was Herman's Hermits. One of their biggest hits was *No Milk Today* in 1967, and it filled the airwaves for many weeks.

In the United States, we have always enjoyed a bountiful and safe supply of all types of dairy products. However, in many parts of the world *No Milk Today* has been a way of life. In recent years this situation has improved as world milk demand has increased and programs such as Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) have enabled us to reach more of the world's population with dairy products. U.S. exports have grown to nearly 15 percent of all domestic production, and we continue to see growth opportunities. This presents a great opportunity to the current and future dairy industry participants and shows the need for training and preparing our future industry leaders. The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) has played, and will continue to play, an important part in this development. During this past year, the MDMSF awarded 35 scholarships, totaling \$93,500, to deserving students in a variety of dairy-related fields at Michigan State University. This includes all facets of the industry. These students represent our opportunity to lead the dairy industry into the future. The industry continues to evolve as we continue to meet the ever changing demands, technology, regulations and opportunities to feed the world and to bring value back to our industry and communities.



The MSU Product Center recently conducted a roundtable survey of the Michigan Ag industry and released some of the results at the 2013 Michigan Ag Expo. The results showed that one of the top issues challenging farmers is finding qualified employees to work and manage their operations. The survey also showed producers are optimistic for the future of Michigan agriculture. The survey used a scale with a score of 100 being neutral and ratings below being negative and above being positive. The respondents gave a very positive score of 147 for the current business outlook. The overall rating for the Michigan economy was 115, so you can see that the agriculture rating was very positive. The other key number is the job outlook, rated 132. This again shows that there are great opportunities for today's students and the MDMSF board is committed to making a difference and helping the development of these young people.

The MDMSF remains a strong and viable entity and continues to annually assist our students. We would like to encourage you to consider contributing to this important fund. If it has been a while since your last donation, we ask that you consider an investment in the future of our youth and industry. If you are a regular contributor, thank you for your past support, and, if possible, please continue or even consider an increase. Please encourage others as well. There are many that do not receive this newsletter and may not be aware of the foundation's work. Please help spread the word. We have a tremendous opportunity to help the students achieve their goals and to help the industry. Wouldn't it be great if we could increase our scholarships to 40 and the annual amount to over \$100,000? There has never been a greater opportunity to grow our industry; let's not miss the chance. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this great endeavor.

*-Chuck Courtade, MDMSF President*

### ***Mark Your Calendar!***

**September 27, 2013:** Deadline for freshman, Ag Tech and vet student scholarship applications

**February 28, 2014:** Deadline for scholarship applications (first-time and renewal applications for 4-year students)

**April 25, 2014:** Annual meeting of MDMSF Board of Directors

*For application or more information about MDMSF Scholarships, visit <http://www.ans.msu.edu> and click on the "students" link.*



## 2012-2013 Dairy Memorial Honorees

### Bob Krieger

A country boy at heart, Bob Krieger, was born and raised in the small town of Delta, Ohio. Two of his fondest memories were spending time with his dad at his grandfather's farm and riding along to dairy farms in his milk truck, hauling milk to the Babcock Dairy in Toledo, Ohio. This love of agriculture never faded.



During his high school days, he raised hogs which continued through college. He graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1973 and began teaching industrial education at Whitmer High School in Toledo. In 1978, he returned to agriculture fulltime, raising hogs and cattle.

His career with Ralston Purina began in 1982. He trained in North Central Indiana and received his mid-Michigan district in the fall of 1983. Little did he know all he had learned riding in that milk truck with his dad would come in handy throughout a 30-year career in the dairy industry.

He focused his attention on evaluating production records, in combination with ration management, to help his mid-Michigan dairymen achieve above average production. With a group of innovative dairymen and good teamwork Bob has continued to see his herds rank at the top of the DHIA lists.

Bob is a member of the American Dairy Science Association and certified by the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS). He served on the 2006-2008 Tri-State Nutrition Conference Planning Committee and also was a member of the Purina Animal Nutrition Dairy Consultant Team. He has shared his knowledge of the dairy industry with students in the Michigan State University (MSU) Dairy Tech Program and MSU Veterinary School Center for Dairy Professionals and presented at several Purina Animal Nutrition Dairy Science classes.

When not walking production pens or analyzing feed rations, Bob has been involved with coaching girls' summer softball, is a member of the Michigan Cattleman's Association, past president of the Chippewa Hills School Board and a member of the Sylvester Community Church.

In Bob's retirement he hopes to continue consulting work with two herds. He also manages his own 47-head cow/calf operation. He will have plenty of help with his eight grandchildren at his side.

### Michael McIntyre

Michael D. McIntyre graduated from Michigan State University (MSU) with a bachelor's degree in accounting and an M.B.A. in finance. He also received a J.D. degree from Wayne State University.



Mike practiced as a CPA/Attorney in Okemos, Mich. providing legal, consulting, tax and accounting services primarily to cooperatives along with other private businesses and individuals. He worked with cooperatives across the country for 38 years and was well known for his knowledge of cooperative law.

Amongst all of Mike's accomplishments, he served as a consultant on entity structure, cooperative formation and cooperative director training for the MSU Product Center, which carries out economic development programs involving agriculture and natural resources. He also provided similar services to the Rutgers University Food Innovation Center.

His other experiences include serving as an officer of a CPA firm and providing accounting, auditing and tax services for cooperatives and rural utility clients. He was a controller of a large consumer housing and healthcare cooperative and was employed as a senior auditor with Coopers and Lybrand in Detroit.

Mike was a member of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives (NSAC) where he served on the Tax Committee and the Small Cooperative Committee, Chairman of the IRS Audit Issues Subcommittee and past-president of the Great Lakes Chapter of NSAC. He was a frequent seminar speaker for NSAC, Mid-America Cooperative Council and other agricultural-related organizations. He served as an issue chairman/writer of the TAXFAX column in The Cooperative Accountant magazine. Mike was also a member of the NCFC Legal, Tax and Accounting Committee. He was not only active in helping cooperatives, but also very active with the Michigan 4-H Foundation, serving as treasurer.

NorthStar Cooperative honors Michael D. McIntyre with a contribution to the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation for his many years as attorney and consultant for the cooperative. Mike was instrumental in shaping NorthStar's cooperative structure and expanding the cooperative's business opportunities through mergers and business collaborations.

Mike passed away in May 2012. He was well respected by all and is deeply missed by his wife, Mary, of 42 years, two children – Anna and Andy – as well as his relatives, many friends and business associates.



# Investing for the Future

## *Our Endowment at a Glance*

We are pleased to report, through the generous support of donors, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) endowment has nearly doubled in value over the last ten years. A larger endowment allows for a greater amount of scholarships to be awarded, reaching even more students who wish to pursue a career in the dairy industry. Over the last decade, the amount of scholarships awarded has also grown from \$62,000 to more than \$93,500, a 50 percent increase.

Thanks to the generosity of many supporters over the years, the MDMSF endowment portfolio has a market value of over \$2,069,232. The revenue generated from these funds is used to support scholarships and programs for students interested in careers in the dairy industry. In 2012-2013, \$93,500 in scholarships was awarded to students.

This year we are happy to report that the endowment returns continue to rise. As of May 31, 2013 MSU was earning an average of 7.8 percent on the Common Investment Fund.

We greatly appreciate your contributions and support to the MDMSF in helping grow the endowment fund. Your gift to the MDMSF endowed fund provides a long-term, dependable source of funding, ensuring that generations of students pursuing careers in the dairy science industry will be able to count on scholarship help from the MDMSF.

Please consider making a donation today. Your contribution today, can effect positive change for generations to come.

**Please consider making a donation today. It makes a huge difference.**



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## **Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation**

Where the earnings provide scholarships to worthy students in dairy  
industry-related fields.

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Department of Animal Science; Michigan State University  
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# Scholarship Recipients

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded over \$93,000 in scholarships to undergraduates with a dairy interest at Michigan State University. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academics, extracurricular involvement and interest in a career in the dairy industry. For the 2012-2013 academic year, scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

## Lauren Bush

### Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship

Lauren Bush of Swartz Creek, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. The scholarship is named after Michigan dairy farmers Glenn and Anne Lake and provides \$7,500 in scholarship money divided over two semesters. Glenn Lake served as president of Michigan Milk Producers Association and the National Milk Producers Federation and provided leadership in creating the Great Lakes Milk Marketing Federation, which helped dairy farmers secure bargaining rights to market their milk.



Bush, the daughter of George Bush and Elizabeth Fontenot, graduated in May with a double major in animal science and agribusiness management.

While at MSU, Bush was actively involved with the MSU Dairy Club and served as the organization's treasurer, education and outreach chairperson and co-chairperson of the Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale. She was also picked to receive the Club's Outstanding Returning Member award in 2012. Bush competed on the Michigan 4-H and MSU dairy judging teams, and was a member of the team that placed first both in oral reasons and the Holstein breed at the 2011 World Dairy Expo intercollegiate dairy judging contest. Outside of college, Bush has been actively engaged in the state's dairy industry. She served as the vice president of the Michigan Holstein Association and was the senior Michigan Dairy Ambassador in 2011. Bush has accepted a position in dairy sales with Land O'Lakes Purina Animal Nutrition.

## Katelyn Horning

### Russel Erickson Scholarship

Katelyn Horning of Manchester, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Russel Erickson Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is named after Russel Erickson, MSU professor emeritus in the Department of Animal Science, and is awarded to a student whose career aspirations include working on or with dairy farms.



An MSU animal science senior, Horning is the daughter of Jeff and Lynda Horning. While at MSU, Horning has been actively involved with the MSU Dairy Club and was a member of the MSU dairy judging team. In 2011, she was the high individual in oral reasons and finished tenth place overall in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. Last summer Horning traveled to the Netherlands, Belgium and France as part of the two-week

MSU Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program. Upon returning from Europe, she completed an internship with the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) in Novi. This summer, Horning is interning as a dairy sales associate with Pfizer.

## Tera Koebel

### John and Barbara Dilland Scholarship

Tera Koebel of Three Oaks, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the John and Barbara Dilland endowed scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of John Dilland, former controller, director of finance and general manager for the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), and his wife Barbara. The award is presented to an MSU sophomore, junior or senior student majoring in the field of agribusiness management.



Koebel, the daughter of Terry and Jennie Koebel, graduated in December with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness management and is employed by AgriLabs managing beef and dairy cattle pharmaceutical sales in Illinois and Wisconsin.

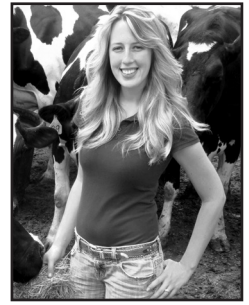
While at MSU, Koebel was an active member of and held leadership positions with the MSU Dairy Club, Sigma Alpha professional agriculture sorority, the Collegiate Farm Bureau and Collegiate FFA. She has completed two study abroad experiences, including one trip to Belgium and the Netherlands and one to South Africa. Koebel was a member of the MSU dairy judging team that placed first in both oral reasons and the Holstein breed at the 2011 World Dairy Expo intercollegiate dairy judging contest. She was the third highest placing individual overall in oral reasons at the same contest. Additionally, Koebel was selected to serve as the first-ever junior Michigan Dairy Ambassador in 2006 and has been actively involved in the purebred Holstein and Jersey industries for many years.



## Stephanie Roggenbuck

### *Redmond and Edna Cotter Scholarship*

Stephanie Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Redmond (“Red”) and Edna Cotter endowed scholarship. The \$4,000 scholarship is named in honor of Red Cotter, an inspirational dairy industry leader and respected motivator of sales and marketing executives, and his wife Edna.



Roggenbuck, the daughter of Henry and Marlene Kozdron, graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor’s degree in biology in 2008, from MSU with a bachelor’s of animal science degree in production medicine in 2010 and is on schedule to earn her doctorate of veterinary medicine specializing in production animal medicine in May 2014.

As an MSU student, Roggenbuck has been an active member of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Club, the CVM Food Animal Club and the CVM Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA). She is also a member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. Roggenbuck completed a Food System Fellowship summer internship program with the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) in 2011 and with Neogen Corporation in 2012. At Neogen, she was involved in developing working protocols to more rapidly detect the presence of Salmonella organisms in dairy animal populations.

## Julia Brantsen, Katelyn Horning and Britney Zondlak

### *Jack and Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship* (\$1,000)

Three Michigan State University (MSU) students have been awarded the Jack and Betty Barnes Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. Julia Brantsen, food science senior from Muskegon; Katelyn Horning, animal science junior from Manchester; and Britney Zondlak, dairy management and agribusiness management senior from Byron Center; each received the \$1,000 scholarship earmarked towards completing an international study experience.

The scholarship is named after the late Jack and Betty Barnes. Jack Barnes was employed with the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) for 39 years and served 26 of these years as general manager.

**Brantsen**, the daughter of Sherwin and Diane Brantsen, participated in the MSU International Food Laws study abroad program, learning about different aspects of European food laws and regulations while traveling through England, France, Switzerland and Italy and visiting such places as the World Trade Center and a Ferrero Roche processing facility. Upon returning from Europe, Brantsen interned for PepsiCo in Illinois where she worked in the ingredient product development division for Tropicana correlating sensory and analytical characteristics of orange juice. Brantsen has also completed an internship with the W.K. Kellogg Company and is the president of the MSU Food Science Club. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in food science last spring and plans to attend graduate school in the fall.



**Horning** is the daughter of Jeff and Lynda Horning. She traveled to the Netherlands, Belgium and France last summer as part of the two-week MSU Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program. Upon returning from Europe, Horning completed an internship with the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) in Novi. This summer, she’s interning as a dairy sales associate with Pfizer. At MSU, Horning is actively involved with the MSU Dairy Club and was a member of the MSU dairy judging team.



**Zondlak**, the daughter of Matt and Deb Zondlak, also participated in the MSU Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program to Europe in 2012. Instead of returning home with her classmates, she stayed on in the Netherlands to complete a two-month internship on a dairy farm. Zondlak was the 2012 senior Michigan dairy ambassador. At MSU, she’s actively involved in the MSU Dairy Club and as a member of the MSU dairy judging team. She completed her certificate of dairy management from the Institute of Agricultural Technology in spring 2012 and is continuing on to receive her bachelor’s degree in agribusiness management. Previously, Zondlak earned a bachelor’s degree in communication studies with minors in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University and completed an intensive Spanish immersion course in Argentina.





## Barbara Leipprandt

### Archie Studer Scholarship

Barbara Leipprandt of Caseville, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Archie Studer Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named after the late Archie Studer, who owned and operated Kenowa Acres Dairy Farm for more than 35 years.



Leipprandt, the daughter of Keith and Stephanie Leipprandt, is a sophomore pursuing a degree in animal science. Leipprandt aspires to become an artificial insemination (A.I.) technician or return to her family's dairy operation to manage its financial operations upon graduating from MSU. In the meantime as a student at MSU, she plans to complete a study abroad experience in dairy husbandry in Europe and an internship with an A.I. company. Leipprandt is currently employed at the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center and on her family's farm.

She's also an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and Sigma Alpha sorority and has participated in numerous community service activities. She competed in the novice division of the MSU Dairy Challenge as a freshman, placing second. Leipprandt worked with GEA Technologies-Westphalia Surge and Brown Dairy Equipment on robotic milking systems at Gingrich Meadows Dairy in LeRoy, Mich., during the summer 2012.

## Jason Smith

### Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship

Jason Smith of Fremont, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Donald and Valera Murray endowed scholarship. The \$4,000 scholarship is named in honor of Donald Murray, a former MSU Extension dairy specialist, and his wife Valera.



Smith, the son of David and Beverly Smith, is currently a senior pursuing a double major in crop and soil sciences and agribusiness

management and is on schedule to graduate in spring 2014.

While at MSU, Smith has been an active member of the MSU Block and Bridle Club and the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He completed an internship at Dow Agrosciences (Nestle Nutrition) in summer 2011 and is completing a study abroad program in Australia before returning to Dow Agrosciences to complete a second job program this summer.

The Donald and Valera Murray endowed scholarship was created in 2007 to recognize Dr. Murray's leadership role in establishing the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation.

## Adam Guernsey

### Velmar Green Scholarship

Adam Guernsey of Ionia, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Velmar Green Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of innovative dairy leader Velmar Green of Elsie, Mich. The award is presented to a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program.



Guernsey is the son of Wayne and Martha Guernsey. Guernsey continues to work for Doezema Farms, Inc., in Saranac, and Dusty Lane Farms in Ionia, and manage Guernsey Poultry Processing, a business he established in 2009 that led to him winning the State FFA Poultry Proficiency and National FFA Bronze awards.

While at MSU, Guernsey completed an internship at Tuls Dairies in Nebraska in summer 2012 and competed on the Michigan post-secondary dairy judging team last fall. He was the seventh high individual in the Ayrshire breed, the ninth high individual in the Holstein breed and the 10<sup>th</sup> high place individual overall in the post-secondary contest at the 2012 North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville.

The Velmar Green Scholarship was established in 2009 by the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) to recognize Green for his 40 years of service to the MMPA board of directors.

## Former MDMSF Scholarship Recipients

### What are you doing now?

The MDMSF is developing a list of the various occupations in which former scholarship recipients are now involved. Please help us update our scholarship recipient records by completing the form below and returning it to Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail, fax or e-mail to Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen at: Department of Animal Science, MSU, 1250 Anthony Hall, 474 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824-1225 / Fax: 517-353-1699 or email: msw@msu.edu



## **Carrie Szybisty**

### ***Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship***

Caroline (Carrie) Szybisty of Redford, Mich., has been chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Harold and Lillian Gremel endowed scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of Harold and in memory of Lillian Gremel of Sebewaing. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student in the Production Medicine Scholars Program in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine.



Szybisty, the daughter of John and Linda Szybisty, graduated from MSU with a bachelor's degree in animal science in 2012 and is currently a second-year student in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Production Medicine Scholars Program. Szybisty aspires to become a production animal veterinarian specializing in dairy cattle, focusing primarily on reproductive physiology or food safety.

At MSU, Szybisty has been employed at the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center and participated in a MSU CVM Food Systems Fellowship production animal research program with the Madras Veterinary College in Chennai, India, in summer 2012. She also has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association, represented MSU at the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge and competed regionally and nationally with the MSU Figure Skating Club.

The Harold and Lillian Gremel endowed scholarship was established in 2007 by the Gremel family. Together during their 52 years of marriage, the Huron County dairy producers and lifetime industry supporters were past recipients of the West Huron Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, honored as the MMPA Outstanding Young Dairy Couple and chosen as the MSU Dairy Farmer of the Year.

## **Sarah Michalek**

### ***Nick Bellows Scholarship***

Sarah Michalek of Deckerville, Mich., was chosen as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Nick Bellows Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of Nick Bellows, the former chief executive officer of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM). The award is presented to an MSU student with a career interest in dairy promotions.



Michalek is the daughter of Thomas and Lucinda Michalek. She hopes to one day attain a career in agricultural marketing or communications or dairy-related sales. Michalek is a senior majoring in environmental studies and agriscience with a concentration in communications and a specialization in sustainable agriculture and food systems. She aspires to spend her career building bridges of communications between agriculture producers and consumers.

At MSU, Michalek has been an active member of and held officer positions with the MSU Dairy Club, the MSU chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Student Senate. She was a member of the Michigan 4-H dairy judging team that placed second overall at the 2010 National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and earned an invitation to travel to Europe to participate in an International Livestock Judging Tour in 2011. Michalek is a former junior Michigan Dairy Ambassador and was the 4-H livestock judging superintendent at the 2012 Sanilac County 4-H Fair. Last summer, she completed an internship in the promotion and education department at the Michigan Farm Bureau and is currently employed at the MSU Meats Laboratory.

The Nick Bellows Scholarship was established in 2011 by the UDIM board of directors and staff members to recognize Bellows for his two and a half decades of commitment and dedication as the organization's CEO.





# Former MDMSF Scholarship Recipients

## *What Are They Doing Now?*

- **Kelsey Byars** (2013 BS, Animal Science), MSU Research Greenhouse, East Lansing, Mich. Working on pursuing overseas ministry opportunities for the future.
- **Dave Meyering** (1977 BS, Dairy Science), Sr. Financial Service Officer, GreenStone Farm Credit Services, Cadillac, Mich.
- **Beth (Motz) Rupprecht**, (2011 BS, Animal Science and Agribusiness Management), Michigan Farm Bureau Regional Representative, Clio, Mich.
- **Drew Rupprecht** (2010 BS, Agribusiness Management), Michigan Milk Producers Association Member Representative and Milking System Specialist, Clio, Mich. Helps on the family farm and owns a small herd of Registered Holsteins and Jerseys with wife, Beth.
- **Jillian Holdwick** (2011 BS, Animal Science), Cargill Dairy Focus Consultant, Harbor Beach, Mich.

## **Celebrate Dairy Leaders with the Gift that Keeps Giving** ***Name an MDMSF Honoree***

One of the ways the MDMSF grows its endowment fund is through the honoring of individuals for their distinguished service to Michigan's dairy industry. More than 180 individuals have been named MDMSF Honorees since the foundation's establishment over 50 years ago.

A gift of \$1,000 or more to the MDMSF provides permanent recognition and honors a dairy leader for their service and contributions to the dairy industry. Foundation honorees receive personal recognition from the foundation and their names are inscribed on a plaque in Anthony Hall at MSU. In addition, their biography and photograph are kept in permanent records in the MSU Department of Animal Science. In addition, photographs of MDMSF Honorees are now on display at the MSU Pavilion.

The items needed for naming an MDMSF Honoree include: a \$1,000 contribution to the MDMSF, an 8 X 10 photo of the honoree and a one page biography on the honoree. Many times the presentation to an MDMSF Honoree is given at an industry or MDMSF event. At other times, an individual is honored posthumously for their service to the industry by making a presentation to the deceased honoree's family.

By honoring individuals through the MDMSF, donors are not only recognizing individuals for their accomplishments in the industry, but they are also investing and providing support to future dairy leaders. As the foundation endowment grows, additional scholarships can be awarded. With the increasing cost of higher education, scholarships often make the critical difference in the lives of students, enabling them to achieve their dreams for the future.

**Naming someone as a MDMSF Honoree is a fitting tribute for recognizing someone who has served this great industry of ours. If you are interested in honoring someone through the MDMSF contact:**

- Any MDMSF board member
- Dr. Miriam Weber at 517-432-5443 or [msw@msu.edu](mailto:mw@msu.edu)
- CANR Development office at (517) 355-0284



# Dairy Memorial Recipients

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$3,500)

**Kelsey Byars** of Webberville is completing her major in animal science with a minor in agronomy. Kelsey serves as vice president of the MSU Dairy Club and co-chairperson of the club's annual cheese sale. Kelsey is also active in her church and in student government in her dormitory. During breaks from classes, Kelsey gains valuable experience as the calf manager for an area dairy farm. Kelsey is looking into different overseas ministry opportunities for a future career.

**Megan Bush** of Swartz Creek is a sophomore pursuing a degree in agribusiness management. Growing up on her family farm, she knew she would always want a career within the industry. Megan plans to gain experience through internships as well as the through the dairy husbandry study abroad in the Netherlands. Her goal is to obtain a position at a dairy magazine.

**Joshua Garver** of White Pigeon is a junior in animal science. He has worked as a student research assistant at MSU as well as an assistant herd manager on a dairy farm. Joshua is an executive council member for Block and Bridle Club and has competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge. Upon completing his degree, he plans to focus on dairy cattle nutrition.

**Lauren Messing** of Ubley will graduate in December 2013. She participated in a packaging co-op at Kraft Foods as a part of the Natural Cheese Group within the Cheese and Dairy Business Unit. While at MSU, Lauren has been involved in the MSU Dairy Club and has volunteered at the CANR Student Senate Small Animals Day, Dairy Club Calf Sale and the Dairy Club Holiday Cheese Sale. Her goal is to obtain a job in the packaging industry and would like to work at a local dairy as a herdsman while building up her own herd.

**Lynn Nagengast** of Muskegon is pursuing a degree in animal science. She is employed as an undergraduate research assistant on campus in a lipids analysis lab focusing on dairy cattle nutrition. Lynn is the president of the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association on campus. Her career plans include a possible master's degree in dairy cattle nutrition.

**Michael Raterink** of Zeeland graduated in May with a degree in agribusiness management. He has participated in Dairy Challenge, MSU Calf Sale, an AI reproduction independent study, Small Animals Day, Great Dairy Adventure and the Michigan Dairy Expo. Mike plans to work full time at a dairy farm and to take over when the time comes.

**Garrett Slavik** of Ashley is a sophomore pursuing a degree in animal science. He plans to attend the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine to become a large animal veterinarian. Garrett would like to practice independently for beef and dairy farms or specialize in embryo transfer, but he doesn't leave out the possibility of returning to his family's dairy and beef cow farm. He is an active member of Michigan 4-H and MSU Dairy Club.

**Laura Small** of Kimball is a sophomore in animal science in the Production Animal Scholars Program. Laura grew up on a family dairy farm where she continues to be involved with animal care. Laura is active in 4-H, the MSU Dairy Club and the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association. Laura plans to attend veterinary school following graduation.

**Eileen Stefansky** of Dundee is a senior with a double major in animal science and Spanish. She grew up on a family goat dairy farm where she is still involved. While at MSU, she has spent summers working on Calder Dairy, Ri-Val-Re Dairy and on cattle ranches in Argentina. Eileen participates in 4-H and in dairy judging. After graduation, she plans to attend veterinary school with a focus on dairy production medicine.

**Meredith Woodward** of Greenville is majoring in animal science. She gained experience in the dairy industry working at Newland Dairy Farm. She has also job shadowed veterinarians at Sterner Veterinary Clinic as well as Sparta Veterinary Clinic. Meredith's goal is to have a career in dairy nutrition or reproduction research and possibly become a professor in those areas.



# Dairy Memorial Recipients

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## Freshman Scholarships (\$1,500)

**Jacob Buning** of Falmouth is a sophomore in animal science. He grew up on his family's dairy farm where he continues to be actively involved. At MSU, Jacob participates in the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Dairy Challenge. Jacob is planning to return to the family farm or work in another sector of the dairy industry following graduation.

**Timothy Frahm** of Frankenmuth is a sophomore in animal science. His goals include completing his degree along with at least two internships in the dairy industry before returning to his family's farm. Timothy plans to gradually begin managing the farm as well as add a milk processing facility. He also has a goal of educating the public on the daily routine of agriculture and farm management.

**Kaitlyn Hayden** of Manitou Beach is in the Dairy Management Program. She has been a part of the MSU Dairy Challenge, Dairy Judging and open class at the Lenawee County Fair. Kaitlyn is an employee of the New Flevo Dairy in Onsted, Mich.

**Caroline Knoblock** is a sophomore in animal science from Ionia. Caroline participated in the ADSA – Student Affiliate Division Regional Conference last winter and is active in track and field at MSU. She is involved in undergraduate research with dairy calves and is planning to pursue her doctoral degree in dairy genetics.

**Conner Lewis** is a sophomore in animal science and hails from Jonesville. Conner is active in the MSU Dairy Club. After graduation, Conner plans to return to the family farm to become part owner with his older brother Adam (graduate of MSU's Dairy Tech Program) and continue to grow the family business.

**Bridget Moore** of Sears is a sophomore in animal science. Her dream is to become an expert in the dairy industry. She finds her inspiration and encouragement by spending time on the farm. Bridget is involved in 4-H, Block and Bridle and Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority. She plans to specialize in agribusiness management.

**Bethany Oglesby** of Lakewood, Ill. is a sophomore Honors College student in animal science. She is pursuing a career in production animal nutrition specializing in dairy cattle. She currently works as a research assistant in an MSU lab and has previously worked as a volunteer at an animal shelter. Bethany plans to earn a PhD in animal nutrition and return to academia as a researcher and professor.

**Brad Siemen** of Harbor Beach is studying dairy herd management. He is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and is employed at Five Star Dairy. He has participated in Dairy Challenge and the Spartan Spectacular Sale. Brad plans to return to the family farm and bring with him new and more efficient ideas.

**Kara Smith** of Hudsonville is in the Dairy Management and Ag Tech programs. She has previously worked with a 1,400-cow operation and a 60-cow dairy also for six years. Kara will complete an internship with a 2,000-cow dairy this summer. She will be taking a job with ABS starting in August.

**Brittini Tucker** of Elsie is a freshman in the Production Animal Scholars Program. This summer, she plans to receive AI Certification and job shadow a farm veterinarian. Brittini is active in 4-H and is also a member of the MSU Dairy Club. She competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge. Her future plans include going to veterinary school or graduate school.

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## Ag Tech Scholarships (\$2,000)

**Shelbie Britton** of Limestone finished her first year in the Dairy Management Program. Shelbie has worked on a dairy farm near her hometown for several years while earning an associate's degree, and gained extensive experience in care and management of calves and cows. Shelbie is currently employed at the MSU Dairy Farm.

**Hayleigh Geurink** of Allendale is in the Dairy Management Program. She serves as president of the Michigan Junior Holstein Association and as Membership and Promotions Chair of the MSU Dairy Club, and participates in dairy cattle judging. Hayleigh is interning on a dairy farm in Wisconsin this summer and is considering a career in public relations for the dairy industry.

**Ron Groen** from Teeswater, Ontario, Canada completed the Dairy Management Program and an international dairy placement in New Zealand. Ron grew up on a family dairy farm where he has been actively involved. He participates in Dairy Club and was involved in two separate research projects related to holstein heifer growth. Ron plans to complete a degree in agribusiness management at MSU before returning to the farm.

**Jorin Ouwinga** of McBain is in the Dairy Management Program. He was a student herdsman intern at Cal Poly State University and is a member of the MSU Dairy Club. Jorin plans to start a dairy farm of his own.

**Britney Zondlak** of Byron Center plans to obtain her bachelor's degree in animal science with a specialization in agribusiness management. Britney earned a bachelor's in communication studies with minors in Spanish and advertising prior to coming to MSU. In 2012, she completed a summer dairy internship in the Netherlands and also earned her certificate of dairy management from MSU. For the past seven years Britney has worked as a farm manager on an area dairy farm and plans to pursue a career in dairy-related advertising and promotion after graduation.



# MSU and Loughry College Dairy Products Evaluation Teams - 2012

Michigan State University trained two teams to participate in the Regional and National Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contests. Training in tandem with our MSU team were Aimee Wilson, Sarah Hobson and Ruth Surgenor from Loughry College in Cookstown, Northern Ireland.

At the Regional Contest in October, the MSU team of Haejun Seo, Cory Carson and Lisa Cezat placed second in milk thanks to strong judging by Haejun Seo (third) and Cory Carson (sixth) and placed seventh of 11 teams in all-products. The Loughry team was highlighted by Ruth Surgenor's third place finish in milk with the team placing ninth. The students were able to participate in a tour of the pilot plants and research and development laboratories at the Kraft Technical Center in Glenview, IL, where the contest was held.

On November 3, 16 teams showed up for the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest in Springfield, MO. The contest was hosted by Dairy Concepts. Team MSU finished fifth in the butter category and 12<sup>th</sup> in all-products, while Team Loughry placed a respectable eighth place in all-products.

Once again, Ruth Surgenor received a third place award, however, this one was in milk and earned her a \$50 check. The real highlight of the contest was the first place team award for Ruth, Sarah and Aimee in the butter category. Butter is the prestige category since it was the first product judged when the contest started 91 years ago. The traveling butter trophy will travel to Northern Ireland for a six month stay before returning to MSU before next year's contest.



*Butter Champions 2012 (left to right): John Partridge, Coach; Ruth Surgenor, Sarah Hobson, Aimee Wilson (Loughry College Team); David Carpenter, VP CHR HANSEN; Missing: Josh Hall, Asst. Coach.*



## Michigan Youth Dairy Judging Team Ranks No. 1 in the Country

Michigan is home to the No. 1 youth dairy judging team in the country. The Michigan youth delegation earned enough points to oust out teams representing 31 other states in the 2012 National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held Oct. 1 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. The team was the highest ranking team both overall – beating out second place Minnesota by 44 points – and in oral reasons. The double-win is a first for the Michigan Dairy Youth Program, which is led by Dr. Joe Domecq, Michigan State University (MSU) animal science specialist and coordinator of the Michigan dairy judging program.

By winning first place overall, the team earned an invitation to travel to Europe for a two-week International Livestock Judging Tour, an honor awarded to the three top-ranking teams at the national contest. This year marks the sixth time in nine years that the youth team from Michigan has earned this honor – it placed second or third five times in the last eight years – but 2012 marks the first time it has finished alone in the top spot.

Competing on the Michigan youth team were MSU students Megan Bush, Swartz Creek; Hayleigh Geurink, Allendale; and Savannah Katulski, Goodrich; and Alma College student Megan Filhart, Rosebush. The team was coached by Domecq and Sarah Black, volunteer assistant coach from Eagle. Team members Hayleigh Geurink and Megan Bush were the high pair when competing in the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, Scotland in June 2013.



*Pictured left to right are members of the Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team and 2012 national champions: Savannah Katulski, Hayleigh Geurink, Dr. Joe Domecq, Sarah Black, Megan Bush and Megan Filhart. (Photo provided courtesy of Agri-Graphics Ltd.)*

# Thank You Letters

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I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the board of directors for organizing this amazing scholarship foundation. I will do my best to put your donations to good use and be the best student I can be. I hope that I can use my education to better the dairy industry of the future. Once again, thank you for all of your dedication to Michigan State University and its students involved in the dairy industry. – **Garrett Slavik**

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient for the Michigan Dairy Memorial Freshman Scholarship. I appreciate your support of students pursuing an education in dairy science at Michigan State University. I look forward to doing my part for the dairy industry in the coming years. – **Caroline Knoblock**

Thank you for choosing me to receive the Jack and Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship for 2013. The scholarship helped me finance my study abroad experience to Vietnam over spring break. I spent a week traveling in Vietnam learning about both the culture and the agriculture. It was an eye-opening experience for me to travel to Asia. Thanks again. – **Katelyn Horning**

Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude for sponsoring a portion of my study abroad to Costa Rica through the Jack and Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship. As a first generation college student, I often struggle to fund my education. I never imagined that I would be able to participate in a study abroad, but this stipend helps make my experience more affordable and attainable. Awards like this help students like me to participate in powerful experiences that have the potential to shift the course of our lives. I now have a much stronger global identity, and I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to experience Costa Rica. – **Lora Anderson**

Thanks so much for my scholarship. It is greatly appreciated! – **Kaitlyn Hayden**

I greatly appreciate being selected as a recipient of the 2012 MDMSF scholarship and the Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship. Both of these awards have helped me greatly in my endeavors at MSU and abroad. Your support has meant a lot to me; without it, I would not have had the opportunity to take part in so many great experiences. Thank you for your generosity! – **Britney Zondlak**

Thank you very much for the scholarship; it is so appreciated. I've learned very quickly that college is not cheap, and anything helps, especially a scholarship the size I received from you. I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing with everyone and getting to meet you. Thank you for everything you do for all the ag students here at MSU, and thank you for granting me the scholarship. – **Jacob Buning**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the honor you have bestowed upon me and for your continued support of future leaders in Michigan's dairy industry. It is truly a blessing to have a foundation that invests in the education of MSU students, encouraging them to pursue their potential and contribute to the world of agriculture. I look forward to fervently seeking my path in the dairy industry and taking full advantage of the opportunities MSU provides. Thank you. – **Bethany Oglesby**

Thank you for choosing me for the scholarship. I am grateful that you considered me and will make sure I continue on a career path related to the dairy industry. – **Laura Small**

Thank you so much for selecting me to be the recipient of the Velmar Green scholarship. I am truly blessed and honored to be the recipient of such a scholarship. I also want to thank all who contributed to the funding of these scholarships. Because of you, young people like me have a brighter future ahead of them. I look forward to putting my education at Michigan State University to good use as I continue to pursue my goals in the dairy industry. Thank you again for your support and generosity. – **Adam Guernsey**

I am writing to thank you for your generous support in the form of the Harold and Lillian Gremel Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship. I am a first-year veterinary student with dreams of becoming a production animal veterinarian focusing on dairy cattle. I would also like to thank you for considering someone who has only started to gain experience with dairy in my college years. As a student from the city, I have found it a struggle to break into the agricultural field. I have found my niche and passion in dairy cows, and I wish to learn all that I can about the field. In receiving this scholarship, I am encouraged in my pursuit of knowledge. – **Caroline (Carrie) Szybisty**

Words cannot describe how thankful and grateful I am for being awarded the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship is an answer to prayer, and makes being a student at MSU easier. I can worry less about money and focus on my studies. I am forever thankful for receiving this scholarship. I am looking forward towards my future in the dairy industry! – **Bridget Moore**

Thank you so much for your investment in my future. Every little bit helps and this scholarship is going to help me along my way to a higher education. Again, thank you so much for everything and be confident that your contribution is going to be used wisely and gratefully. – **Jorin Ouwinga**

## Thank you letters, Continued

I would like to thank the foundation for the generous Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship that I was awarded this spring. I am very honored to have been chosen to receive this award. The scholarship award was used for expenses for the International Food Laws study abroad in which I am participated on May 9 through May 31. I studied European food laws and the differences between these and the food laws of the United States, and how they affect international trade and agriculture. The support of students from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is invaluable. This award will encourage me to stay involved with MSU after graduation in order to support students just like myself. – **Julia Brantsen**

My name is Joshua Garver and I am a sophomore at MSU majoring in animal science. I was honored to receive one of this year's \$3,500 scholarships, and I would like to say thank you. I consider myself very privileged to receive this and it truly is an honor. With the rising costs of attendance for higher education it's more difficult to graduate from an institution with little or no debt. There is no doubt in my mind that great foundations like yours are responsible for helping students throughout their college career by making it less stressful when costs come to mind. After obtaining a degree in animal science from MSU, I plan on pursuing a job in the field of dairy nutrition. I would like you to know that your generosity means a great deal to me. – **Joshua Garver**

I am extremely honored and grateful to receive the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will help me continue to pursue my goals of making a difference in the dairy industry. I have learned so much about the dairy industry in the past year, and I cannot wait to further that knowledge. This scholarship will help me open doors to various opportunities that would not be available otherwise. My goal is to become a production animal veterinarian and help improve the health and productivity of dairy cattle both nationally and internationally. Thank you so much for this honor, and I know it will help me reach my full potential in making a difference in the dairy industry. – **Meredith Woodward**

I am truly honored to be selected as one of the recipients of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. As I near the end of my college career, this scholarship will greatly help reduce the financial burden that comes with attending college. With support from people like you, many former, current and future students have had (or will have) the opportunity to continue an education that focuses on the dairy industry. Thank you again for your support. It is greatly appreciated! – **Michael Raterink**

I am deeply honored and grateful to obtain such an award. Thank you so much for your generosity. I am currently a sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in animal science. This award will help me continue my education in the MSU Animal Science Department and relieve some of the financial burden that comes with attending a university. I will hopefully achieve my dream of going to graduate school. I have always aspired to work in the dairy industry and, thanks to you, I am one step closer to this goal. By awarding me the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship and lightening my financial burden, I will be able to focus on the most important aspect of school to me, learning. I hope to one day help other students as you have helped me in a vital time of my life.

– **Lynn Nagengast**

I am honored to be receiving a scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. With this scholarship, I will be better able to pursue my academic and career goals in the dairy industry. The generosity you've shown in helping students continue their education at MSU is truly remarkable and greatly appreciated by all who've ever received support from the foundation. With the rising costs of tuition, alleviating some of the pressure of attaining funds for college is a tremendous load off of our shoulders. This scholarship is essential in helping me achieve my goals, and I thank you for your continuous generosity. – **Sarah Michalek**

Thank you, board of directors of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, for selecting me for one of the scholarships. The money will help with the costs of my education for the dairy industry. – **Brad Siemen**

I am truly thankful for this scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. The funds could not have come at a better time as I am travelling to New Zealand in February for an internship to gain a unique and global perspective of the dairy industry. The scholarship funds will also help me cover the cost of my agri-business degree program that I plan on starting at Michigan State University in the fall semester of 2013. I would like to genuinely thank everyone that was involved in making this scholarship possible. – **Ron Groen**





I would like to thank everyone who makes these scholarships possible for students like me. Every scholarship makes it that much easier for me to continue my education here at MSU, where I am majoring in animal science. So far, I have really enjoyed my time here and look forward to more in-depth classes to expand my knowledge of the dairy industry. My family has been dairy farmers ever since my great-grandfather started back in 1941 with 10 cows, and now we're up to 600. The next step will be my generation's decision. We are the third generation and would like to keep expanding so the next generation can do the same. I can easily say that dairy farming has been the only thing that has interested me and is the only thing I've ever wanted to do for a career. It's one of the best careers because you get to work with family to make a product to feed many more families. – **Conner Lewis**

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarships. Thanks to your generous support, I am able to attend Michigan State University which offers the programs I am interested in pursuing. With both of my parents attending college, I have been keenly aware of the importance and value of a college education. This past fall, I began my undergraduate career as a freshman at MSU. My goals are to complete a major in animal science. MSU offers one of the best programs in the country and I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend. Working on our family's dairy farm, I have come to value the work ethic I grew up with. This translates into the need I feel to give back to my community and world. After completing my education, my hope is to be able to contribute in a positive way to our local economy with my own operation. – **Timothy Frahm**

I am extremely honored to be the recipient of the Red and Edna Cotter Purina Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. Your generosity is helping me complete my dream of becoming a dairy veterinarian. I will be entering into my clinical rotations starting this coming January, which I am very excited about. My first rotation is large animal surgery and medicine, followed by production medicine, then advanced food animal surgery for this spring. I am sincerely thankful for being selected for your scholarship; words cannot express how much this means to me and how much your generosity is helping with my veterinary education. The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation is ensuring a strong future for the dairy industry by helping with educational expenses to expand students' knowledge in the dairy industry. Again, thank you so much Red and Edna Cotter Purina Michigan Dairy Memorial and the MDMSF board of directors. – **Stephanie Roggenbuck**

I would like to thank you for organizing the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. I would like to thank you for taking the time to help assist with the financial needs of students. I thank you for the opportunity to accept this scholarship and continue my education in the dairy industry. – **Kara Smith**

Thank you for choosing me to receive the 2012 Dairy Memorial Scholarship to further my education in dairy. It means a lot to me, helping me follow in my grandfather's, H. Allen Tucker, footsteps. – **Brittni Tucker**

I am writing to thank you for investing in my future through the generous scholarship you have awarded me for the 2012-2013 academic year. I am very blessed to have received a scholarship from a foundation that supports dairy students and appreciate the help in funding my studies. I am an agribusiness management major and plan on pursuing a career within the dairy industry upon graduation from Michigan State University in 2015. By awarding me the Michigan Dairy Memorial scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Thank you once again for your generous contribution. – **Megan Bush**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation and the Michigan dairy industry as a whole. Without supporters like you, it would certainly be more difficult for students who are interested in production agriculture and the dairy industry to earn their degrees and begin contributing to the industry. I am very thankful for this gift, which will assist me in financing my education here at MSU in my junior year. I am excited to come back in the fall and continue my education in Crop and Soil Sciences and Agribusiness Management. Thank you again for all of your hard work and commitment to the dairy industry and for investing in the next generation. – **Jason Smith**

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of the recipients to receive the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship has been a huge blessing to me the past three years and will be of great financial help to me during the 2012-2013 school year. I look forward to the future and how I may be able to impact the dairy industry. – **Kelsey Byars**

I would like to thank you for supporting my future in the dairy industry and my education at Michigan State University. This next year of college will be much easier to get through with the aid you are providing me. In the coming year, I hope to become even more active in the dairy industry. This summer, I will be traveling to Argentina to work with a mixed practice veterinarian, who works primarily in the dairy industry. Additionally, once I am back at school for another wonderful year of animal science, I plan on becoming an active member of the dairy club and applying for a position in the field of dairy behavioral research as an understudy to one of the doctoral students. In summation, this next year will be full of dairy experiences that will not only allow me to work with the animals I love, but also to provide me with experiences that will help shape my view on the dairy industry, and help me implement the best techniques on my family's farm. Once again, I am very thankful for the aid you are providing me, and I promise that your aid is going to very good use. – **Eileen Stefansky**



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