



On behalf of all the young people who participated on Michigan 4-H, FFA, Ag Tech and Collegiate Dairy Judging Teams this past year, I want to thank you for your generous financial support. Over 25 students and youth participated throughout this past summer and fall. The state of Michigan was successfully represented in several contests during the past year, and two teams earned an invitation to participate in an international competition and trip during the summer of 2008.

While doing well in a contest is very special, the skills that these young people are developing are more important than contest results. We all know the importance of the communication and decision making skills that dairy judging develops. Students also benefit from the exposure to the different people and experiences during the fall judging season, which will hopefully open their eyes to all of the opportunities that are available in the dairy industry.

Your continued financial support makes participation in judging easier for youth in Michigan and allows students and youth to travel to many different locations across the country. I hope you are all as proud of the efforts of these outstanding young people as I am. I look forward to working with all of you in the future. **Joe Domecq, Coordinator, MSU Dairy Judging Program**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn more about the dairy industry. I appreciate all you do to support the Michigan Dairy Judging Program. **Sarah L Michalek**

Thank you so much for supporting the MSU Dairy Judging teams. I have really grown passionate for the dairy industry through dairy judging, and with out your support, the trips we go on would not be possible. Thank you! **Emily Butcher**

Thank you for supporting the MSU Dairy Judging program. The financial support from you and your organization is greatly appreciated. We have been able to travel to many farms and contests due to your support. I cannot thank you enough! **Sincerely, Danielle Mays & Sara Mowry**

Thank you for supporting the MSU Dairy Judging Program. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. We have been able to travel to many farms and contest this fall because of your support. Dairy judging has increased our knowledge of the dairy industry and we have developed valuable communication skills. We can't thank you enough. **Sincerely, Charles Hood, Bill Huisjen, Eric Carson**

We appreciate your support of the MSU Dairy Judging Program. Your financial aid has allowed us to travel to many farms and contests this year. The judging program as allowed us to learn a lot about the dairy industry as well as develop our public speaking skills. We can't thank you enough for your help. **Sincerely, Marshall S. Wixom**

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President's Address

Greetings from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation

As MDMSF celebrated its first 50 years of existence in 2007, we also rededicated ourselves to growing the Foundation and expanding the scholarship aid provided by the Foundation.

The Foundation provided over \$99,000 in scholarships to students with interests in dairy careers for the 2008-2009 academic year at Michigan State University. In addition, the Foundation continued to support dairy judging teams at national and international levels which greatly contribute to an individual's interest, growth, and leadership in the dairy industry.

Two new named scholarships have been established within MDMSF which require a funding of \$30,000 within a five year time period to become a named scholarship. The Murray Scholarship was established to recognize Professor Donald Murray for his role in establishing the MDMSF. The other named scholarship established was the Gremel Production Medicine Scholarship for veterinary students to honor the industry contribution of Harold and Lillian Gremel. We thank all individuals who contributed to these named scholarships and encourage further support to fully establish these named scholarships.

You will note the back page of this newsletter has a form that can be used to make future contributions to the MDMSF. Given the state of our economy in 2009, these MDMSF scholarships will be more important than ever for dairy students enrolled at MSU. Even during this past year there were more qualified applicants for scholarships than

funds available from the Foundation's endowment earnings. So I encourage all who can contribute to do so.

Many dairy industry leaders have been recognized by individuals and organizations over the years as Foundation Honorees. If you or your organization would like to recognize a new Honoree, please contact the Foundation and we will be happy to help you with the process.

Much time and effort has been committed in the last couple of years to compile complete biographies and photos of the 161 Honorees recognized by past contributions. You can access the biographies of these Honorees through the Michigan Dairy Memorial & Scholarship Foundation page under the scholarships page of MSU's Department of Animal Science website: <www.canr.msu.edu/dept/ans>. In addition, all Honorees are recognized on plaques in the lobby of Anthony Hall and as part of a new and permanent photo display at the MSU Pavilion.

I want to thank Dr. Miriam Weber-Nielsen for all her efforts in coordinating the MDMSF program and also thank the Foundation board members and volunteers for their participation in growing the Foundation. I also want to thank all contributors to the Foundation for recognizing the importance to the dairy industry in Michigan. Through your past and future contributions we can support our youth who will ensure the continuation of a strong dairy industry in this state.

John Dilland
 President, MDMSF





MDMSF Honorees

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 160 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, plans are underway to display photographs of MDMSF Honorees 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 or Dr. Miriam Weber-Nielsen at 517-432-5443 or msw@msu.edu or the CANR Development office at 517-355-0284



Herbert F. Bucholtz
Dairy Memorial Honoree

Dr. Herbert F. Bucholtz, Professor of Dairy Nutrition at Michigan State University has had a long, distinguished, and storied career as a dairy extension specialist, scientist and educator.

Herb grew up in New York and attended Morrisville State University, where he earned an Associate's Degree in Animal Science. He moved to University of Georgia to obtain his B.S. in Animal Science in 1965 prior to returning to New York to manage the feed mill in Hilton, NY for Agway, Inc. In 1968, he earned his M.S. in dairy nutrition at the University of Illinois prior to moving to Michigan State University to obtain his doctorate in ruminant nutrition. MSU promptly hired Herb as an assistant professor following completion of his degree, later promoting him to full professor.

Herb has served as the faculty coordinator of the Upper Peninsula Experiment Station since 1972. He led the effort from the MSU side to develop the Growing Upper Peninsula Agriculture Association (GUPAA) in 1978. This effort resulted in construction of a new state of the art dairy research facility in the U.P. From its early start, the GUPAA is now a key agriculture organization promoting agricultural Extension education and research in and for the U.P.

Perhaps three accomplishments stand out that typify Herb's impact in dairy Extension education of professional dairy nutritionists and farmers in the U.S. and Michigan. 1) He has been a key leader in development of the Spartan Dairy Ration Evaluator software series. He was directly instrumental and responsible for development and launching Spartan 1.0 in the mid-1980s with Dr. Bill Thomas. 2) Herb is one of the 3 founding fathers of the Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference, perhaps the preeminent Conference of its kind in the U.S. today. This Conference attracts professional nutritionists and the most progressive and innovative dairy producers from across the U.S. and several foreign countries. 3) Finally, most recently Herb has

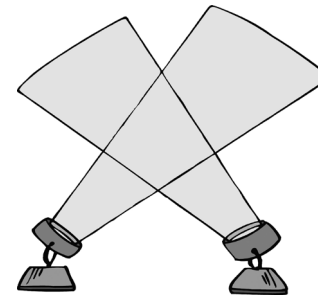
been a key leader in the MSU Dairy Nutrition Roundtables. This program held each year at several sites in Michigan is designed to bring the latest in research and "hot topics" to about 50 professional nutritionists working in Michigan. These three accomplishments signify the impact that Herb has had on dairy Extension programming during his career.

On the lighter side, Herb is fondly known as the consummate Extension Specialist who can take a single overhead and present an action-packed, day-long Dairy Nutrition Short Course to a room full of attentive dairy farmers, looking to enhance their nutrition and feeding programs of their herds. With self-deprecating humor, he can dispel any notion that his ideas are those of an out-of-touch ivory-tower professor. Herb has a knack for putting things in practical down-to-earth terms. Perhaps one reason he is so good at this is because he has a great deal of practical experience as a former dairy farmer and dairy farmers can sense that.

Perhaps Herb's single most important contribution in dairy nutrition has been to emphasize the importance of relationships built on trust and respect. Herb has encouraged healthy relationships on farms, within the farm team, amongst the various industries that support dairy farms, and between these industries and the university.

Honoring Herb as one of Michigan's dairy leaders is a most fitting tribute to a very distinguished lifelong professional career focused on educating dairy farmers, professional nutritionists, veterinarians, and students to improve their understanding, businesses, and livelihoods.

Mark Your Calendar!
April 17, 2009 - Annual meeting of MDMSF Board of Directors
September 27, 2009 - Deadline for freshman and Ag Tech scholarship applications



Board Member Spotlight

In this issue of the newsletter, we are featuring two long time supporters of the MDMSF and members of the MDMSF Board of Directors: Jack Barnes and Bruce BeVier.

How many years have you been involved with the MDMSF?

BeVier: I was seated on the Board in 1980 representing Michigan Dairy Foods, and the dairy processors who were founding members and participated in the mission development and drafting of original by-laws.

Barnes: I was on the Board beginning in the early 60's, served as President. Left the Board sometime around 1970. Returned to Board in 1987 (I think) so all together my involvement is 30 years plus.

Why did you become involved with the MDMSF?

BeVier: I am a graduate of Michigan State, in the first University Class - 1955 - with a major in Dairy Manufacturing. I grew up in the business, so to speak. My parents operated a small "raw milk" operation near Haslett, a village east of Lansing. Entering college, as did Jack Barnes, I worked at the College Dairy Barn, primarily to have a place to eat and sleep. I was a milker but a jack of all trades, no matter what needed doing.

Barnes: I believed in the two pronged purpose: 1) Provide for scholarships for deserving young people and 2) Provide a means to honor or memorialize deserving individuals. I saw this as an opportunity to "give back" to MSC and in some small way show my appreciation for what MSC (MSU) has done for me.

What do you feel is the most significant accomplishment of the MDMSF throughout your involvement with the MDMSF Board?

BeVier: As far back as I can remember the MDMSF board members have, for the most part, been highly interested in identifying the student who demonstrated genuine interest in our field - DAIRY - be it on the production or processing side. To that end, the board has kept the monetary sums of the scholarships at premium levels. The Boards have stepped up to their responsibility in seeking funding enhancement which allowed for growth

of the program. They have been actively involved in executing and development of new avenues of approach in identifying the best of the best, and trying new ideas such as freshman scholarships, support for judging teams, graduate instructor support, overseas classes, etc... Our boards come with their sleeves rolled up, ready to get to work, not as an invisible pin in a pegboard. They, I believe, take great pride in the accomplishments of their students, those who go through during their watch.

Barnes: Continuing to award scholarships and secure funding to make "impact" awards. Also expanding to freshmen, Ag Tech and judging team support and continuing to build our financial base. As the State's share of the cost of a college education continues to shrink, scholarships for deserving students become more important especially those with limited resources.

What message do you have for students considering a career in the dairy industry?

BeVier: The processor side of the dairy business is no longer considered part of dairy but rather "food science" which of course it has been all along academically. But it has changed so dramatically from the small alley shop romantic type of small business which would provide a good living for individuals who immersed themselves into the business. Technology changes in every phase of dairy manufacturing no longer favor such ventures popular 50 or so years ago. However, there is room for the good and above average individual who understands the composition and chemistry of dairy products, formula development, packaging, distribution, marketing, etc...

Barnes: The dairy industry is important. It is Michigan's number 1 in agricultural income. Agriculture is extremely important to Michigan's economy. There are opportunities actively in dairy production and in other related activities. A look at where past

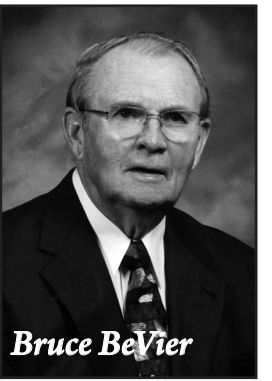
recipients are now working gives a glimpse of the opportunities.

Is there any other information you would like to share with donors, scholarship recipients, etc. regarding the MDMSF?

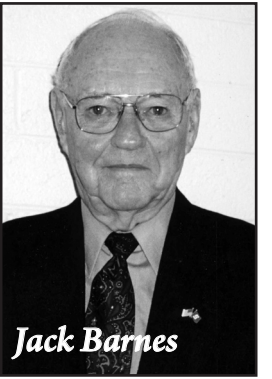
BeVier: Our oldest son was a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship winner in the early 1970's.

He majored in Food Science, his second choice behind vet school. The amount, maybe \$300-500, was a God-send at the time. We, my wife and I, didn't have two nickels extra and we had three others coming along. But we were grateful. No such programs were available to the two of us when we went through. We vowed to ourselves that this would be a loan, as opposed to a GIFT, which we would guarantee and repay. We have, in spades. This attitude however, at board level, provides for a healthy, highly sought after and growing scholarship plan. I have always been a believer in the program, ready to discuss it at the drop of a hat anytime, ready to work when I entered a meeting, and overwhelmingly proud of the accomplishments, program and students. I pray that one day people will remember me, as one of many I have worked with, who believe in the YOUTH of today by being a part of such fine programs as the two, Trout included, both at MSU.

Barnes: I would like to see more financial participation and support from past recipients - yearly pledges, even if they are small. We were built by contributions from hundreds of donors. We will continue to grow to meet future needs by contributions from many donors.



Bruce BeVier



Jack Barnes





My college career is coming to a close and I am forever grateful to the Dairy Memorial Scholarship for all their support over the past 4 years. It is greatly appreciated. **Mary TenBrink**

I would like to sincerely thank you for providing a generous scholarship to myself as well as to other deserving dairy students. Your continued support will help those of us who are interested in the dairy industry to gain the necessary knowledge needed to become dairy leaders in the future. Please know that your contributions are greatly appreciated. **Sincerely, Laura Zeldenrust**

Thank you very much for awarding me a scholarship. I really appreciate the support and help towards my degree in Animal Science and Ag Communications. I am a sophomore this year and look forward to getting more involved at MSU as well as in the dairy industry. **Thanks again, Krista Beeker**

Words cannot express how thankful I am that foundations like yours support me in my education. Without financial aid, I would not be able to continue my studies at MSU. I have worked in the dairy industry since I was a child and I can't wait to be a part of the ever expanding future. Thank you for helping me achieve my goals. **Thanks, Melissa Brower**

I would like to thank you so very much. The financial help is greatly appreciated. I have an extreme passion for the dairy industry, and it is great opportunities like the MDMSF that has helped me have the opportunity to pursue my passion here at MSU. **Thanks so much, Sarah Bartley-Mann**

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to continue my education. This scholarship is of great help to keep my goal of obtaining a degree in Animal Science within reach. It also assists with my final goal of being a food animal veterinarian in the Midwest. **Sincerely, Hannah Tucker**

Thank you very much for considering and selecting me for one of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Freshman Scholarships of 2008-2009. I appreciate this scholarship as I will be attending Michigan State for four years in the Animal Science Program to be successful in the future's dairy industry of Michigan. The scholarship will help me financially this year allowing me less worry about financing and more focus in studying in the dairy field for my future as a dairy farmer. I have always been interested in dairy farming since I was very young. I grew up on my family's dairy farm and always spent a majority of my time there working with my Grandparents, Mom, and Uncle which intrigued me to come to Michigan State. I am honored to receive this scholarship and I will continue working hard. Thank you once again for this opportunity! **Sincerely, Brandon Gingrich**

Freshman Recipients

\$1,500 Scholarships

Sarah Bartley-Mann

Sarah Bartley-Mann received a freshman scholarship to help her pursue her studies in animal science at MSU. She developed her interest in the dairy industry through her involvement in 4-H and FFA, and has also participated in dairy judging. Sarah would like to pursue a career in dairy management, communications or another area of agribusiness. Her parents are David and Ella Mann from Camden.

Lisa Vander Veen

A freshman scholarship is awarded to Lisa Vander Veen. Although she wasn't raised on a dairy farm, Lisa has taken an active interest in dairy production because of her 4-H activities. She plans to pursue a degree in agribusiness management and would like to work as a dairy farm manager or in a related field that would promote the dairy industry. Lisa is from Grand Haven and her parents are Jeffrey and Joanne Vander Veen.

William Stinson

William Stinson received a freshman scholarship to help pursue a four-year degree focused on dairy nutrition. He would like to pursue a career where he can apply his knowledge on farm and hopes to eventually own and operate his own dairy. William is the son of Joe and Cathy Stinson from Kinde.

Ashley Orlowski

Ashley Orlowski developed her interest in the dairy industry through working on a local dairy farm. Her involvement in 4-H and serving as a State FFA Officer led her to pursue an agribusiness degree at MSU. The freshman scholarship she received will help her pursue her goal of working as a sales representative in then dairy industry upon graduation. Ashley is from Saranac and is the daughter of Joe and Connie Orlowski.

Brandon Gingrich

Brandon Gingrich, son of Craig and Amy Martin in LeRoy, is a recipient of a freshman scholarship. He grew up on a family farm and has been actively involved in the Osceola County 4-H program. Brandon is exploring his interest in the dairy industry by studying animal science at MSU and hopes to return to his family's operation upon graduation.

Eric Sneller

A freshman scholarship is awarded to Eric Sneller. Eric grew up on his family's dairy farm in Sebewaing and has always known that he would be involved in the dairy industry. Since beginning college, he has already become involved in the MSU Dairy Judging Team and Dairy Club. After graduation, Eric hopes to find a job working with dairy genetics. His parents are Darwin and Kathy Sneller.

What are you doing now?

Neal Francisco (1993, BS, Food Science, Food Systems Economics and Management, MSU) currently a food scientist for Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, MI and living in Olivet.

Ira Krupp (1979, BS, Dairy Science, MSU) Now the Southwest Michigan Extension Dairy Educator in located in Coldwater, Michigan.

Alysa (Isley) Sanford, (2007, Agriscience, MSU) recently hired as the Agriscience Education Intern for Springport High School.

Nancy Blaauw (1982, Animal Science, MSU) Trade Credit and Leasing Specialist for GreenStone Farm Credit Services in East Lansing, Michigan.

Melissa (Siemen) Rogers (2003, Ag Communications & Advertising, MSU) Marketing Specialist for GreenStone Farm Credit Services in East Lansing, Michigan.

Carrie Vollmer-Sanders (2002, BS, Agriscience Education, 2006, MS Agricultural Economics, MSU) currently an Agricultural Ecology Specialist with Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing, MI.

Nelson Sperry Dairy Memorial Honoree



Nelson Sperry grew up on a farm in Orland, Indiana. He joined the Navy in 1945 right out of school. He served during WWII on a supply ship. In 1947 he came home from the service and married Ilareene Forrester.

Nelson and Ilareene started farming on shares in 1949 in Indiana. In 1960 Nelson, Ilareene, their five children, 35 cows and farm equipment moved to the farm in Kinderhook, Michigan. In the mid-60's they purchased the farm and Sperry Dairy Farm began.

Over the years Nelson served his community as Kinderhook Township Justice of the Peace and as a trustee on the Township board. He has served on the Branch County Dairy Herd Improvement Association board, Branch County Agribusiness Council, Branch County Farm Bureau board, was a local board member for the Michigan Animal Breeders Co-op, and served as a delegate to the Milk Marketing Inc. board for several years. He was also on the Steuben County Co-op Board for a number of years, serving as President for several terms.

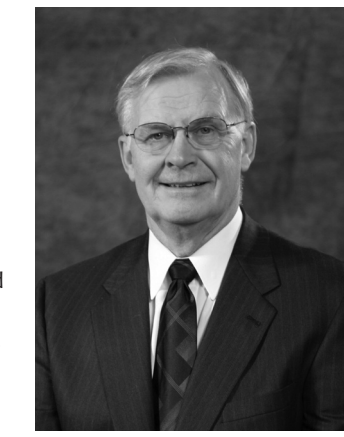
In the mid-80's their son, Doug, bought the farm. Nelson continued to help and offer his guidance and wisdom.

Sperry Dairy Farm is now on the third generation, as grandson Mark has joined the operation. Nelson continues to help with the field work and care of calves. Nelson and Ilareene enjoy traveling and spend several months in Florida each winter.

Dairy Products Evaluation Team

The 2008 Dairy Products Evaluation Team competed in two contests during the Fall Semester. The team made up of Hunter Gartner, Chelsea Fogwell and Keith Emery competed at the Regional Contest at the Kraft Technology Center in Glenview, IL and finished 4th out of 8 teams. Notable team finishes included 1st place (trophy) in Yogurt, 3rd place in Butter and 3rd place in Cottage Cheese. Among 24 individual contestants, Hunter Gartner finished 1st in yogurt and 4th in All-products while Chelsea Fogwell finished 4th in yogurt and 8th in All-products. At the National Contest held at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, OH, Hunter and Chelsea were joined by Karen Ziemanski and finished in 6th place out of 15 teams from the U.S. and Canada. By placing in the top 10 in 5 of 6 categories, Hunter distinguished himself with a 4th place finish in All-products. He received a certificate and a life-time membership in the Dairy Shrine (Fort Atkins, WI) as a top 5 finisher. Chelsea finished in 6th place in butter.

Wayne H. Wood Dairy Memorial Honoree



Wayne H. Wood is a dairy farmer and the 16th president of the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB). He and his wife, Diane, farm in partnership with their son, Mark, and Wood's brother, Randy. The 1,600-acre family farm milks 300 cows and grows corn and alfalfa.

Wood has served as the MFB president since December 2000. Prior, he served 12 years as the organization's vice president. During that time, he served on and chaired several state Farm Bureau committees, including the Policy Development Committee.

Wood was first elected to the MFB Board of Directors in 1984 as a director-at-large. He was later elected a District Six Director, representing Farm Bureau members in Michigan's Thumb region.

Always active in his county Farm Bureau, Wood served as the Sanilac County Farm Bureau president for five years before joining the state board. In addition, he served on and chaired numerous county committees.

Wood's Farm Bureau involvement also includes four years spent presiding over the Michigan Farmland and Community Alliance (MFCA), an MFB affiliate organization dedicated to farmland preservation. MFCA activities have since been folded into the Michigan Farm Bureau Public Policy and Commodity Division.

Over the years, Wood's leadership has extended to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF). Prior to becoming state president, he served on the AFBF Labor Advisory Committee. Earlier, he spent four years chairing the AFBF Dairy Advisory Committee. Nationally, he was appointed by former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz to the Rural Environmental Conservation Program Advisory Board.

Back in Michigan, Wood chairs the Michigan Agriculture Preservation Fund Board, a nine-member board, appointed by the governor, which oversees the state Purchase of Development Rights program and grant funding.

In 2003, Wood became the sole agricultural representative on two high-profile councils. First, Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed Wood to her Michigan Land Use Leadership Council, which was charged with studying urban sprawl and making recommendations to the governor on how to minimize the impact of current land use trends on the state's environment and economy. Second, the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) appointed him to a newly formed Environmental Advisory Council. The Council is responsible for advising the department on major issues that may affect DEQ programs, policies and operations.

In 2005, Governor Granholm appointed him to a newly formed Michigan Food Policy Council, which is charged with making recommendations on ways to increase economic development opportunities in Michigan's food sector while improving agricultural production, community well-being and public health across the state.

At home, Wood served his community by chairing the Sanilac County Mental Health Board for nearly 20 years. He also spent nearly two decades as the Marlette Township supervisor. Wood also is a member of the Marlette Second Presbyterian Church and has served as a trustee, treasurer and elder.





Thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients of the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This is a great honor and will help me continue my education at MSU. I plan to use the education that I have received along with my personal experiences to contribute the dairy industry in the future. **Jessica Fry**

I would like to take this time to thank you for all of your contributions and allowing me to be a recipient of your scholarship. I have used and continue to use this scholarship to further my education and to make a difference within the dairy industry. This funding has helped me greatly considering I am funding one hundred percent of my own education. Upon graduation I would like to pursue a career in farm credit and it couldn't have been possible without your help. - **Autumn A. Steffert**

Thank you for selecting me as one of your 2008-09 scholarship recipients. The money is greatly appreciated and will be used to pursue my education in the dairy industry. My ultimate goal is to take over my family's dairy farm and be active in the community and the dairy industry. Thank you for your continued support of kids like me. **Sincerely, Josh First**

Thank you very much for your support. It was greatly appreciated and will be put to good use in the future. So once again thanks for everything. **Sincerely, Eric Cole**

I would like to thank you for choosing me as one of the students to receive the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship money is very helpful to me in pursuing my career in the Agriculture Industry. Again, thanks for providing me money for my fall semester. **Sincerely, Matthew L. Spitzley**

I would like to thank you for the recent Michigan Dairy Memorial scholarship I received. I am extremely excited about finishing my Ag Business degree at Michigan State and beginning work within the dairy industry in the upcoming years. Working in the Ag business community has always been a dream of mine and this scholarship has helped me take one more step closer to making my dream a reality. Again, thank you very much for this opportunity. **Ashley Orłowski**

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for choosing me as one of the recipients for the Michigan Dairy Memorial Freshman Scholarship and supporting the MSU Dairy Judging teams. I am appreciative to have the support from the foundation to lighten the burden of tuition and to help aid the dairy judging teams in their travels; every little bit helps. I hope to become a valuable asset to the dairy industry in the future and look forward to returning on the investment your foundation has made in my education. **Thank you again, Eric Sneller**

Lindsey First Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship Recipient

Lindsey First, a senior at Michigan State University is this year's Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship recipient. She was chosen to receive the \$4,000 scholarship based on her interest in a dairy related career, extracurricular activities and academics.

"I am very grateful for the Murray scholarship," Lindsey says. "It has helped to relieve some of the stress that goes along with college and I have been better able to focus on my classes and not worry about the financial aspect."

Lindsey is the daughter of Dan and Margie First, of Ionia. Her upbringing on the family dairy farm and affection for cows helped Lindsey choose her course of study at MSU— Animal Science with Specialization in Business Management. When she graduates, Lindsey would like to work in dairy reproduction.

"Reproduction largely piques my interest

due to the positive impact reproductive specialists made on the overall herd at our farm," Lindsey says. "The herd has uniform conformation and genetic quality that has enabled my father to have a profitable herd. I want to help other farms grow and succeed like the reproductive specialists did for my family's farm."

At MSU, Lindsey has served in many roles in the MSU Dairy Club, has been involved in the Collegiate Dairy Judging Team, the MSU Dairy Challenge and the Midwest Dairy Challenge. She has been selected to be a member of the 2009 National Dairy Challenge Team. Lindsey received her American FFA Degree in 2006. 🐄



Greta Koebel Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship Recipient

Greta Koebel, a senior studying Agribusiness Management at Michigan State University, is this year's recipient of the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship was awarded to Greta based on her interest in a dairy related career as well as extracurricular activities, and her academics at MSU.

Greta is the daughter of Terry and Jennie Koebel who own and operate Tri-Koebel Registered Holsteins and Jerseys in Three Oaks.

"Growing up on a dairy and grain farm I always knew I wanted to stay involved in farming," Greta says. "Agribusiness management seemed like the program that was the best fit for my interests because it combines production agriculture and business skills."

Upon graduation, Greta plans to continue farming with her family and is interested in working for the dairy industry dealing with high profile breeding stock and dairy genetics.

"I began showing cows when I was

five and enjoy working year-round to select and develop show animals that can be competitive at every level of competition," Greta says.

While at MSU, Greta has been very active in the MSU Dairy Club, serving in several leadership positions. She is also a member of the Collegiate Farm Bureau. In the industry, she has served as President of the Michigan Junior Holstein Association. She has also received the Michigan and National Junior Holstein Association Distinguished Junior Member Awards and the Merle Howard Memorial Award at World Dairy Expo.

"I'm very grateful to have been chosen for this generous award because it will enable me to focus more time on my studies and not have to worry as much about working to get money for school expenses," Greta says of receiving the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship. 🐄



Ag Tech Recipients

Eric Cole
Eric Cole is a recipient of an Ag Tech Scholarship. Eric has been actively involved in the FFA and many aspects of the dairy farm owned by his father and uncle. He would like to return to the farm after studying dairy management at MSU to increase his responsibilities on the family dairy. Eric is the son of Jeff and Cheryl Cole from Bancroft.

Matthew Spitzley
Matthew is a first-year Ag Tech student in the Dairy Management program from Pewamo. Since a young age, Matthew has been working with cows, initially on his uncle's farm and more recently as a herdsman on other farms. After graduation, Matthew plans to work as the head herdsman on a dairy farm. Matthews's parents are Luke and Shelly Spitzley.

Josh First
Josh First, a recipient of an Ag Tech Scholarship, is studying dairy management at MSU in hopes of returning home to take over his family's dairy farm in Ionia. He has been actively involved in FFA and was selected as the State FFA Star Farmer and won the dairy production proficiency award. Josh's parents are Dan and Margie First.

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: _____

Address: _____

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Major (s): _____

Degree (s), year(s) graduated : _____

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

William Huisjen
An Ag Tech Scholarship is awarded to William Huisjen. He is from Fremont and his parents are Carl and Mary Huisjen. Bill was raised on a dairy farm and has been showing Jersey cattle since he was five years old. Last summer, he expanded his dairy experience through an internship on a dairy in California. Upon graduation, Bill hopes to either return to the family farm or pursue a job as a herdsman on a large dairy.

Eric Westendorp
An Ag Tech Scholarship is awarded to Eric Westendorp. Eric is from a dairy farm in Nashville and is the son of Doug and Louisa Westendorp. He is currently studying dairy

management at MSU and hopes to return to the family farm and creamery, and is interested in raising his own heifers to conduct embryo transfer work.

Nathan Southwell
Nathan Southwell developed his interest in the dairy industry while working with a herdsman on a friend's farm. He decided to explore his interests by studying dairy management at MSU and is a recipient of the Ag Tech Scholarship. After completing his studies, Nathan would like to find a job as a herdsman or assisting with reproduction on a dairy farm. Nathan's parents are Jim and Connie Southwell of St. Johns. 🐄

Institute of Agricultural Technology Keeps Up With a Changing World

The goal of the Institute of Agriculture Technology is to remain flexible enough to meet the needs of workers who find themselves needing to retool and sometimes find new careers while still providing a strong educational foundation.

There is much to report from the program, including a proposed name change for the Institute. In order to better reflect the current array of programs and to better serve the needs of all of Michigan's citizens, we have proposed changing the name of the Institute of Agricultural Technology to the Institute of Agricultural, Environmental and Applied Technologies (IAEAT).

The Institute is accelerating the development of partnerships with community colleges to offer IAEAT certificate programs at the local level. New programs are planned for Fall 2009 in the following areas:

- Grounds Management, Wayne County Community College
- Applied Plant Science, Lake Michigan College
- Landscape and Lawn Management, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Four community colleges in northwest Michigan will also find IAEAT expanding the Applied Plant Science Certificate to include concentrations in viticulture and enology, adding to the current concentrations in commercial horticulture,

commercial turf management and nursery and landscape.

The Institute will have 11 community college partners with these new programs, said Tom Smith, specialist for IAEAT. Discussions with Jackson Community College and the University Center in Gaylord are underway.

"These institutions (Jackson Community College and the University Center) may be interested in production agriculture programs, including animal agriculture," Smith said.

Local needs are driving the partnerships, Smith said.

"All of these partnerships are based on local needs in career areas where demand for education and training are identified and students can readily find jobs upon completion of their studies," he said. "Many of these students are already involved in running a business or plan to begin one – making entrepreneurship education a key component of the IAEAT programs." Additionally, IAEAT is working with Michigan State University Extension programs to provide training in specific areas where appropriate as we seek to continue and advance the land-grant mission.

For more information about the Institute, contact us at (517) 355-0190. 🐄





Updates from the Department of Animal Science

The first awards from the Elwood Kirkpatrick Dairy Science Research Endowment, established in honor of **Elwood Kirkpatrick**, former president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), were made in 2008. The endowment, with matching support from the MSU Department of Animal Science, the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, MSU Extension, the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and the MMPA, awarded \$10,000 in competitive research dollars.

Robert Tempelman, MAES biostatistician and geneticist, and **Nora Bello**, MSU animal science doctoral student, were awarded funding for their project, "Modeling the role of herd management on the relationship between production and reproduction in dairy cows." **Lorraine Sordillo** and **Ronald Erskine**, MAES large animal clinical sciences researchers, received funding for their project, "Bovine leukosis virus and vaccine responsiveness in dairy cattle."

The department welcomed new faculty this year working in the areas of dairy and food science:

Dr. Janice Siegford, assistant professor of animal science, joined the department in January 2008. Her research examines the long-term effects of early environment and management practices on the behavior and welfare of domestic animals. She is particularly interested in how various weaning strategies affect cattle and swine behavior. She also is working to develop and validate automated, non-invasive ways to remotely assess the behavior and welfare of individual animals, particularly those typically housed in large groups, such as laying hens. Siegford came to MSU as a postdoctoral researcher in 2003 and then worked as a research assistant professor from 2005 to 2007. She received her doctorate in neuroscience from Washington State University in 2003.

Dr. Elizabeth Karcher joined the department in August, and is involved in teaching, advising, and curriculum development for

both the 4 year program and the Ag Tech Dairy Management Program. She teaches courses in dairy feed management and advanced dairy management, assists with the Regional and National Dairy Challenge Teams and advises the MSU Dairy Club. She received her doctorate in Animal Science from Iowa State University.

Dr. Ik-Soon "Ike" Kang was named assistant professor of animal science in January. His research focuses on developing processes that add value to fresh or processed meat products, including red meat, poultry and fish. One of Kang's current research projects is developing a process to accelerate muscle-to-meat conversion, improve protein functionality and ensure microbial safety. Kang also is exploring development of a process to reduce sodium in processed meats. Kang was associate principal scientist for Oscar Mayer/Kraft Foods from 2000 to 2009. He received his doctorate in food science from Texas A&M University in 1996.

In addition, a new dairy facility at the Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) is under construction, with a planned completion date of spring 2009. The pasture-based dairy is a logical extension of the emphasis on ecological research at KBS. The dairy will serve as a research center for faculty and students from a broad range of disciplines, enhance educational and outreach programs throughout MSU.

The pasture dairy will consist of two pastures. A larger (160 acre) pasture will be used for lactating animals and a smaller (35 acre) pasture will be grazed by developing heifers and dry cows. The larger pasture is equipped with a K-Line irrigation system and both pastures will be subdivided for rotational grazing. A free-stall barn with milking parlor containing two robotic milking systems will be located in the middle of the larger pasture. Additional information can be found at www.kbs.msu.edu. ☺

Ashley Messing

Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship Recipient



Past Michigan Dairy Ambassador Ashley Messing's passion for the dairy industry has earned her dividends in the form of full tuition and fees through the MDMSF as she completes her senior year at Michigan State University.

Ashley, daughter of Gregory and Shelly Messing, of Ubly, is the current recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. Ashley's enthusiasm for the dairy industry, interest in a dairy-related career, academics and extracurricular activities qualified her for the scholarship.

"Receiving the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship is a great honor," Ashley says. "The financial support of my education is greatly appreciated and it has greatly decreased the burden of my final year in school. I truly appreciate it."

Attending Dairy Days at MSU when she was younger helped Ashley realize her passion for the dairy industry, and eventually led her to her path of study at MSU—animal science, with an agribusiness management specialization.

"My first time in the show ring started my passion for the dairy industry, carrying it to the farm and to commercial dairy production," Ashley says. "With this passion for dairy cattle, studying animal science is a natural choice for me."

Involvement in dairy-related MSU activities has kept Ashley busy during her time at college. She's a member of the MSU Dairy Club, MSU National Agri-Marketing Association, MSU Block and Bridle and MSU Collegiate Farm Bureau. In addition to her involvement in the MSU Dairy Judging Teams (Collegiate, Post-Secondary, 4-H and FFA), Ashley has competed in the the MSU Dairy Challenge and the Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge. She was member of MSU's First Place Platinum Team at 2008 National Dairy Challenge.

Following graduation, Ashley would like to work in the nutrition or AI industry. She is also interested in eventually working for a national dairy firm or a national publication in the marketing and advertising departments. ☺



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

The Barnes scholarship is provided through an endowment from Jack and Betty Barnes and is given annually to a student interested in a dairy industry career who is participating in an international experience to enhance his or her education. This year's recipient was Gail Carpenter, who is pictured above with Jack and Betty Barnes.

What is an Endowment?

Endowed funds differ from others in that the total amount of the gift is invested. Each year, only a portion of the invested income earned is spent while the remainder adds to principal growth. In this respect, an endowment is a perpetual gift. Always equated with excellence and long-term strength, endowments are absolutely essential if we are to remain leaders in education, research and outreach. Please consider creating an endowment for Michigan State University. It is a great way to link your legacy with our future... forever.

Why Should I Make an Endowed Gift?

Imagine making a contribution that leaves a legacy to Michigan State University for generations to come. This lasting impact can easily be made through the establishment of an endowment. Considered one of the most advantageous sources of funding, endowments enable the university to support excellent students, teachers and programs by providing a steady, consistent and permanent source of income. This steady stream of funding provides the assurance the university needs to recruit and retain the best and brightest students and faculty, and provide access to the most contemporary education possible.

The distribution rate (currently 5.75%) is determined annually by the MSU Board of Trustees. The principal (your gift) remains untouched and, in fact, continues to grow as a portion of the annual earnings is reinvested each year.

Thanks to the generosity of many supporters, \$765,057 has been contributed to the MDMSF endowment and \$99,821 in FY 08-09 is available for dairy science programs and student scholarships.

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. It makes a huge difference.

I am honored, and very grateful to be a recipient of the Dairy Memorial Scholarship for the 2007-2008 year. Generous scholarships like this one have provided wonderful opportunities for me and make me very grateful to be a part of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It is truly an amazing college that cares for its students and makes it possible for students from small family dairy farms to receive a higher education. Specifically, your support through this scholarship has enabled me to complete my last year of undergraduate studies here at MSU. I look forward to continuing my education and becoming a leader in my field. Thanks again for all your generous support! **Rebecca Prause-Stachnik**

Thank you for selecting me for the Michigan Dairy Memorial Freshman Scholarship. Your support of my education is greatly appreciated. I am honored to accept the challenge of becoming a leader in the dairy industry. **Karmen M. Jackson**

Thank you very much for rewarding me with your scholarship. I believe your program is very beneficial for MSU Students who want to become part of the dairy industry. I am grateful that I am able to be a part and am able to contribute to such a deep-rooted industry. **Nicole Schaendorf**

I am writing to thank the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship committee for selecting me as a recipient of the \$2000.00 scholarship to use toward my education at Michigan State University. I look forward to completing the Dairy Management program at Michigan State University and beginning my career in the Dairy Industry as a Herdsman. **Sincerely, Nathan Southwell**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation for choosing me as a recipient of a scholarship for the 2008/2009 school year. In an industry where education is becoming increasingly important, I know that my time at MSU is becoming more and more valuable to me. This scholarship will make it possible for me to better my education of the dairy industry and earn a degree from Michigan State University. With a better education I will be more knowledgeable about agriculture and the important role it has in today's ever changing world. It will also help me in the future to reach my career goals as a dairy farmer. Thank you again for this assistance in helping me obtain my educational goal. **Joe Pasch**

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It is a huge help in paying for my college tuition. It is great that you are investing in students that are going to be leaders in the dairy industry. **Thanks again, Eric Westendorp**





I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. It is with your support I continue to further my education. In the future, I hope to obtain a degree in veterinary medicine with a specialization in dairy. I hope that you will continue to support students like myself so that we may soon become valuable assets to the dairy industry. **Laura Zeldenrust**

I would like to take this time to sincerely thank the scholarship committee for selecting me as the recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. You cannot imagine my excitement and joy when I opened the letter announcing my award. Paying for college has become a heavy burden for me, as it has for so many of my fellow students. This generous scholarship will allow me to invest in a farm sooner after graduation, rather than paying off my student loans for years. Without your support since my beginning here at MSU, I wouldn't have been able to transfer into Animal Science from Dairy management. I sincerely thank you for everything you have done to support my journey into the dairy industry. **Ashley R. Messing**

I wanted to thank you for helping me finance my education. With your help I am able to continue focusing and working hard on my education. I look forward to continuing work in the dairy industry and to better the industry in any way I can. Thank you again for not only supporting me but many other young people who truly love working in a wonderful industry. **Kayla Stomack**

I am very grateful and honored to have received the MDMS and I cannot thank you enough. It has made funding my own education much easier. You have made it possible for me to further my education at MSU and pursue my dream of a rewarding career in the dairy industry. **Thank you very much! Angelee Musser**

I would like to thank you for your support of MSU and the students who are looking to pursue a career in the dairy industry. The money awarded to me will help me greatly in funding my education here. I am currently a sophomore in the Agri-Business Management major. I hope that the classes I take at MSU will aid me in my future plans of owning and operating a dairy farm of my own. My family has always been involved in dairy, and it is something that I am very passionate about. I appreciate your investment in MSU, in me and in the future of the dairy industry. **Thank you once again. Andrew J Rupprecht**

I would like to thank you for selecting me as one of your recipients for the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This is my third year in college and every little bit counts. Thank you very much. **Sincerely, William Stinson**

Scholarship Recipients

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded approximately \$99,000 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 2008-2009 academic year, scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

Dairy Memorial Recipients

\$3,500 Scholarships

Krista Beeker

Currently a sophomore, Krista Beeker is awarded a scholarship. She is currently studying animal science at MSU with a specialization in agribusiness management. Krista has continued to develop her interests in the dairy industry through her involvement in 4-H, FFA and serving as the 2007 Michigan Junior Dairy Ambassador. Upon graduation, she would like to pursue a career in sales and marketing communications to help promote the dairy industry and dairy products. Krista is from Constantine and her parents are Brent and Eva Beeker.

Melissa Brower

Melissa Brower is the daughter of Gregory and Beverley Brower from Jamestown. As a sophomore studying animal science with a production medicine option, Melissa is a recipient of this year's scholarship. She developed her interest in the industry by growing up on her family's dairy farm and would like to own her own farm someday. Melissa has been actively involved in the MSU Dairy Club, 4-H, and serves as Dairy Days Coach in Ottawa County.

Gail Carpenter

Gail Carpenter receives a scholarship as a senior to pursue her animal science degree. As a daughter of two teachers, she has always enjoyed sharing her passions with others. Her dedication to agriculture and the dairy industry is leading her to pursue a Master's Degree in dairy nutrition upon graduation. She would like to find a career where she can apply her knowledge of dairy science on a practical farm level. Gail is the daughter of Dan and Sandy Carpenter of Dansville.

Jessica Fry

Jessica Fry's involvement in 4-H and experience showing and judging dairy cattle have helped develop her passion for the industry. Jessica is currently a senior studying animal science and has been actively involved in dairy judging and the MSU Dairy Club. Upon graduation, she would like to pursue a career where she

can help farmers get the most milk from their cows while maintaining good health, reproduction and longevity. Jessica is from Blanchard and her parents are Gail and Cathy Fry.

Karmen Jackson

Karmen Jackson, daughter of Gale and Lisa Jackson in Caro, is a sophomore scholarship recipient. Growing up on her family's Holstein and Guernsey farm, Karmen developed a strong interest in the dairy industry. She has represented 4-H as an international exchange ambassador to Australia and would like to study abroad while at MSU. Karmen is an animal science major with the production medicine option. Her dream is to become a large animal veterinarian and start her own practice.

Angelee Musser

Angelee Musser's interest in the dairy industry began at a young age when she began showing dairy goats through 4-H. Since then, she has continued to develop her interests and is currently a senior scholarship recipient studying animal science. Angelee is also an active member of the MSU Dairy Club. Her future goals in the dairy industry are pursuing a career in dairy nutrition or helping to regulate and maintain the quality of dairy operations as an inspector. Angelee's parents are William and Janet Musser from Kingsley.

Joseph Pasch

Growing up on his family's dairy farm, Joe Pasch developed his passion for the industry. Joe received a scholarship as an animal science junior with an agribusiness management specialization. He is currently a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, MSU Dairy Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau. Upon graduation, he would like to work with a dairy away from home to learn a different perspective, and eventually return to help manage his family's dairy farm. Joe is from Beal City and his parents are Bob and Mary Pasch.



Several MDMSF 2007-08 scholarship recipients participated in the 2008 annual meeting of the MDMSF board of directors. Pictured left to right are: Rebecca Prause-Stachnik, Mark Wiley, Mary (TenBrink) Costigan, Autumn Sieffert, Laura Zeldenrust, Jessica Geurink, Ashley Messing, Joe Pasch, Kayla Stomack, Lindsey First, Karmen Jackson, Pete Serne and Colleen Jackson.

Andrew Rupprecht

Andrew Rupprecht is currently a junior scholarship recipient studying agribusiness. Andrew is already applying his dairy knowledge while working on the MSU Dairy Farm as well as through his involvement in the Michigan Junior Jersey Club and MSU Dairy Club. After graduation, he hopes to work either as an assistant herdsman on a dairy farm or for an agricultural business with hopes of saving enough money to start farming on his own. Andrew's parents are Nathan and Vickie Rupprecht from Vassar.

Nicole Schaendorf

Scholarship recipient Nicole Schaendorf is currently a junior majoring in agriculture and natural resource communications with specializations in public relations and agribusiness management. She has seen her family's role in the dairy industry change over the years as they have expanded their herd and also built a second business of custom farming. Nicole has served as a CANR Ambassador and state FFA officer and hopes to become part of the dairy industry upon graduation working in public relations and event coordinating. Her parents are John and Connie Schaendorf from Allegan.

Autumn Sieffert

Autumn Sieffert, an agribusiness management senior, is a recipient of this year's scholarship. Having explored many career options, she hopes to either work for a farm credit agency or pursue a career as a milk inspector upon graduating from MSU. She eventually would like to start her own business as a custom heifer grower. Autumn has served as an officer for MSU Dairy Club and has also been involved in Collegiate Farm Bureau and Block and Bridle. Her parents are Allen and Janet Sieffert from Grawn.

Kayla Stomack

Kayla Stomack, daughter of Wayne and Kay Stomack in Minden City, is a four-year scholarship recipient. Since she was about six years old, Kayla has wanted to be a veterinarian. Currently, she is a senior studying animal science with a production medicine pathway and is involved in Block and Bridle and the MSU Dairy Club. Kayla would like to complete her education and return to Huron County to start her own veterinary practice.

Lynnae Slavik

Junior scholarship recipient Lynnae Slavik

learned about the industry first-hand while growing up on her family's dairy farm. Since coming to MSU, she has been involved in Block and Bridle and served as the 2008 Michigan Dairy Ambassador. Upon completion of her degree in animal science with a specialization in

agribusiness management, Lynnae would like to work for an animal health pharmaceutical company or a dairy industry organization. Her parents are Jim and Doreen Slavik from Ashley.


Katelyn Thompson

Katelyn Thompson, daughter of Michael and Susan Thompson in Charlotte, is a senior recipient of a four-year scholarship. She has been actively involved in Block and Bridle, the MSU Dairy Club, and she currently serves as the dairy superintendent for Eaton County. Upon completion of her animal science degree, Katelyn hopes to actively promote the dairy industry in her future career and would like to continue working with youth to help them develop an appreciation for the industry.

Hannah Tucker

Hannah Tucker is currently a sophomore at MSU and has been awarded a four-year scholarship to pursue a degree in animal science with hopes of attending veterinary school. She would like to become a large animal veterinarian serving the mid-Michigan area. Hannah developed her interest in the dairy industry by working on local dairy farms and interning with Clinton Veterinary Services. Hannah's parents are Glenn and Joni Tucker and she is from Elsie.

Laura Zeldenrust

A desire to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine led Laura Zeldenrust to MSU. She is currently a senior studying animal science and specializing in the production medicine option. Laura has been involved in the Pre-Veterinary Medical Club and participated on MSU's 1st place Platinum team at the 2008 National Dairy Challenge. She hopes to apply practical dairy knowledge along with medical experience to provide quality consultation to dairy herds in the future. Laura is the daughter of Rob and Marva Zeldenrust of Fremont. 

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