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DMI Awards Education & Communication Scholarships

Denmark, WI. The National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce the recipients of the NDS / Dairy Management Inc Education & Communication Scholarships for 2018. These generous scholarships made possible by Dairy Management Inc. and NDS to encourage students to pursue education or communication careers in the dairy product industry or related food industries. Major areas include Marketing, Education, Food Science, Nutrition (Human), Public Relations, Promotion, Social Media and Communications.

Emily Annexstad of St Peter, Minnesota has been awarded the NDS / DMI Education & Communication top scholarship of \$1500. Emily is an Animal Science and Agricultural Communication & Marketing double major at the University of Minnesota. Emily is an active member of the Agricultural Education Club, President of the MN National Agri-Marketing Association and editor of the Gopher Dairy Club Yearbook. She is already an experienced communicator by serving as the 64th Princess Kay of the Milky Way and on numerous other dairy promotion activities. Emily future plans are to becoming a dairy advocate communicator for a progressive organization. .

Additionally, five other undergraduate students have been awarded \$1000 scholarships:

Rebekka Paskewitz of Browerville, Minnesota is an Agricultural Education major at South Dakota State University. Rebekka has been very active in FFA serving as a MN state officer, the SDSU dairy club, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Agriculture Future of America, Sigma Alpha, and a member of the SDSU Chamber Orchestra. After an internship as an Agricultural Communicator, Ms Paskewitz has demonstrated talent in social media, graphics, education workshops and public speaking. Rebekka is planning on a future in agricultural education as she loves to mentor youth.

Haely Leiding of Fountain, Minnesota, attends the University of Minnesota and is majoring in Agricultural Education with a minor in Animal Science. Haely has been a leader in the Minnesota Junior Holstein Association, 4-H, FFA, Gopher Dairy Club, Beta of Clovia Sorority and the Agricultural Education Club. Haely has sought out challenges in the education field by serving as an intern for the Minnesota Extension Service and the Minnesota FFA Association. Those experiences have guided Haely in her future plans of becoming an agricultural educator who helps develop future dairy leaders.

Abigail Hopp from Chatfield, Minnesota, attends South Dakota State University and is double majoring in Agricultural Communications and Dairy Production. Abigail currently serves as the SDSU Dairy Club President, also serving as an FFA Regional Officer, 4-H County Federation leader, Sigma Alpha and member of the SDSU Jazz & Concert Bands. Abigail competed at the 2013 International Judging Contest in the United Kingdom and has continued dairy judging in college along with Dairy Challenge. Her love of communications led her to an internship with Dairy Star. Abigail plans a future in dairy communications or marketing.

Christy Achen from Lakin, Kansas is attending Utah State University majoring in Agricultural Communication & Journalism. Christy is currently the Utah Dairy Club President, a National Brown Swiss Youth Ambassador & Youth Achievement winner, a member of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and active in dairy judging & Quiz Bowl. Growing up on a family farm has given Christy a real passion for dairy and the need to educate the public. This summer Ms Achen is serving as the Hoard's Dairyman Intern after previously serving an internship on Utah Public Radio. Christy plans a future that combines production agriculture, education and agri-tourism.

Brooke Trustem from Evansville, Wisconsin, attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is majoring in Dairy Science. Brooke has served as the President of the Rock County 4-H Council, the Evansville FFA and is currently serving as the Wisconsin Holstein Princess Attendant. On campus, Ms Trustem serves as the Association of Women in Agriculture Secretary, an active member of the Badger Dairy Club & Collegiate Farm Bureau and as the student representative to the CALS Student Association. She has served as a Milk Marketing intern for Grande Cheese and Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese. Her future goals include helping farmers improve their milk quality & animal welfare while educating consumers about dairy.

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The annual National Dairy Shrine Scholarship & Awards Banquet will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, on Thursday October 4th at 5:30 PM. For more information about the students being recognized by National Dairy Shrine or tickets for the Awards Banquet, contact the NDS office at info@dairyshrine.org. Additional information on National Dairy Shrine membership or other activities is also available at www.dairyshrine.org. Dairy enthusiasts are encouraged to become a part of the most important dairy organization helping to inspire future dairy leaders, honor current dairy leaders, preserve dairy history, and promote the dairy industry.

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