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National Dairy Shrine Announces Lancaster Sophomore Scholarships

Denmark, WI. The National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce the recipients of the Mike Lancaster Sophomore Merit Scholarships for 2018. These scholarships are designed to encourage qualified sophomore status undergraduate students to pursue careers in the dairy industry or related occupations. This scholarship is named in honor of National Dairy Hall of Fame Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder and Klussendorf honoree Mike Lancaster.

Emily Annexstad of St Peter, Minnesota has been awarded the top scholarship of \$1500. Emily is double majoring in Animal Science and Agricultural Communication & Marketing at the University of Minnesota. Emily is president of the campus National Agri-Marketing Association, vice president of the Beta of Clovia Sorority, vice president of the Minnesota Junior Holstein Association and active in the Gopher Dairy Club. Ms. Annexstad is currently serving as the 64th Princess Kay of the Milky Way. Emily plans on a career in dairy communications championing the positives of the dairy industry.

Additionally, three other undergraduate students have been awarded \$1000 scholarships. They are: **Madeline Meyer of Ionia, Michigan**, who is majoring in Animal Science at Michigan State University. Madeline has been active in Michigan FFA, MSU Dairy Club, MSU Block & Bridle, and Collegiate Farm Bureau. She has successfully competed in Dairy Challenge, Dairy Quiz Bowl, and Dairy Judging. On campus she has worked in the Ruminant Nutrition laboratory and the MSU Dairy Plant. These research activities have helped Madeline plan a career as a University Professor educating future dairy leaders.

Shoshana Brody of Baltimore, Maryland, who is attending Penn State University majoring in Animal Science. Shoshana is an excellent student who is currently in the Honors Program at Penn State and a member of Gamma Sigma Delta. On campus she is active in Penn State Dairy Club and serves as secretary of the Penn State Reproduction Research Team. Ms Brody has taken advantage of summer internships with Palmyra Farms, Hillacres Jerseys and the New Bolton Veterinary Center. Shoshana loves chemistry & biology and plans a career using her science knowledge to aid the dairy industry.

Sarah Thomas of Snow Camp, North Carolina who is attending Virginia Tech and majoring in Dairy Science. Sarah has served as the North Carolina FFA State Vice President and the North Carolina Junior Holstein Association President. Sarah has competed in Dairy Challenge, Dairy Bowl, Dairy Jeopardy and Dairy Judging. On campus she is active in the Dairy Club, Sigma Alpha Pi and Collegiate FFA. Ms. Thomas is very passionate about dairy and mentoring youth. She plans a future in possibly working for the Holstein Association or Holstein Foundation on dairy youth education. .

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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