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National Dairy Shrine Announces 2018 Scholarship Winners

Denmark, WI. The National Dairy Shrine is pleased to announce the winners of their dairy scholarships for 2018. National Dairy Shrine will provide 40 scholarships worth more than \$45,000 to students at their annual scholarship & awards banquet on Thursday, October 4th in Madison, Wisconsin. This announcement highlights the scholarship winners so their friends and family can plan ahead to attend the NDS Banquet. More detailed news releases on scholarship recipients will be published this summer as student recipient photos become available.

Kildee Scholarships

Receiving a H.H. Kildee Graduate Studies \$3,000 Scholarship is **Gabriella Sorg of Hastings, Minnesota**. Gabriella attended the University of Minnesota and will be entering graduate school at the University of Minnesota in Agricultural Economics.

Trent Dado of Amery, Wisconsin, has been selected as this year's recipient of the H.H. Kildee Undergraduate Studies \$1000 Scholarship. He attended the University of Minnesota and majored in Animal Science.

Senior Student Recognition Scholarships

The NDS Senior Student Recognition program recognizes graduating seniors planning a career related to the dairy industry who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, academic ability, and a sincere interest in dairy cattle. Each university is allowed to nominate up to two candidates for this recognition in any given year. The highest winner receives a \$2000 award, the second a \$1500 award and the other winners receive \$1000 awards.

The top award winner of \$2000 is **Gabriella Sorg from Hastings, Minnesota** who majored in Animal Science and Agricultural & Food Business Management at the University of Minnesota. The second award \$1500 goes to **Laura Jensen of Comstock, Wisconsin**. She is graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Animal Science. The next \$1000 recipient is **Jordan Siemers from Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin**, who received an Animal Science degree from Cornell University. Then **Emma Brenengen from Middletown, Maryland**, who majored in Animal Science at Penn State University. Following is **Kirby Krogstad from Baltic, South Dakota**, who majored in Dairy Production at South Dakota State University. Next is **Marina Sweet from London, Ohio**, who was an Animal Science - Bioscience major at the Ohio State University. Next is **Jill Seiler from Valley Center, Kansas** who majored in Agricultural Communications & Journalism at Kansas State University. The final senior recognition honoree is **Nicole Hardy from Perkasio, Pennsylvania**, who was a major in Dairy Science at Virginia Tech.

NDS / DMI Milk Marketing & Dairy Products Scholarships

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

Morgan Krause of Buffalo, Minnesota has been awarded the NDS / DMI Milk & Dairy Products top scholarship of \$1500. Morgan is an Animal Science and Agricultural Communications double major at the University of Minnesota.

Additionally, four other undergraduate students have been awarded \$1000 scholarships. These scholarship recipients are **Lauren Heberling of Carsonville, Michigan** who is majoring in Agribusiness Management at Michigan State University. **Brooke Roberts of Whitelaw, Wisconsin** who is attending the University of Minnesota majoring in Agricultural Communications. Next is, **Rebecca Roberson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota** who is attending South Dakota State University and majoring in Dairy Manufacturing, finally **Leta Larsen of Scottsville, Michigan** who is attending the Michigan State University and majoring in Agribusiness Management.

NDS/DMI Education & Communication Scholarships

These generous scholarships are made possible by Dairy Management Inc. and NDS to encourage students to pursue education or communication careers in the dairy product industry or related food industries. 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.

Additionally, five other undergraduate students have been awarded \$1000 scholarships. These \$1000 recipients are: **Rebekka Paskewitz of Browerville, Minnesota** a Agricultural Education major at South Dakota State University, **Haely Leiding of Fountain, Minnesota**, who attends the University of Minnesota and is majoring in Agricultural Education, **Abigail Hopp from Chatfield, Minnesota**, who attends South Dakota State University and is double majoring in Agricultural Communications and Dairy Production, **Christy Achen from Lakin, Kansas** who is attending Utah State University majoring in Agricultural Communication & Journalism, and **Brooke Trustem from Evansville, Wisconsin**, who attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is majoring in Dairy Science.

Merton Sowerby Junior Merit Scholarships

The Merton Sowerby Junior Merit Scholarships are designed to encourage qualified undergraduate students to pursue careers in the dairy industry or related occupations. This scholarship is named in honor of National Dairy Hall of Fame Pioneer and Klussendorf recipient Merton Sowerby.

Haely Leiding of Fountain, Minnesota has been awarded the top scholarship of \$1500. Haely is an Agricultural Education major at the University of Minnesota. Additionally, five other undergraduate students have been awarded \$1000 scholarships. They are: **Elizabeth Regusci from Modesto, California** a major in Dairy Science at California Polytechnic State University, **Jared Sanderson of Sandusky, Michigan** who is attending Michigan State University majoring in Animal Science, **Erica Helmer of Plymouth, Wisconsin** who is attending the University of Wisconsin – River Falls majoring in Dairy Science, **Alexandra Gambonini of Petaluma, California** who is attending California Polytechnic State University and double majoring in Dairy Science and Agricultural Business and **Kayla Leiding of Fountain, Minnesota** who is attending the University of Minnesota majoring in Agricultural Communication & Marketing.

Mike Lancaster Sophomore Merit Scholarships

The Mike Lancaster Sophomore Merit Scholarships are designed to encourage qualified undergraduate students to pursue careers in the dairy industry or related occupations. This scholarship is named in honor of Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder and Klussendorf recipient 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. 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, **Shoshana Brody of Baltimore, Maryland**, who is attending Penn State University majoring in Animal Science, and **Sarah Thomas of Snow Camp, North Carolina** who is attending Virginia Tech and majoring in Dairy Science.

Maurice Core Scholarships

These \$1000 scholarships are given in honor of Maurice Core, the long-time Executive Secretary of the American Jersey Cattle Association, and former Executive Director of the National Dairy Shrine. The funds for this award were donated by the friends of Maurice Core. The Core Scholarships are given to freshman status students working toward a degree in dairy/animal science or related majors.

Receiving Maurice Core \$1000 Scholarships are **Summer Henschel of Plymouth, Wisconsin**, who is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Dairy Science with a Pre-Vet Emphasis. Next is **Kalista Hodorff from Eden, Wisconsin** who is majoring in Dairy Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, then **Anna Tarpey of Wildwood, Missouri** who is attending the University of Missouri majoring in Animal Science, next is **Madeline Zutz of Valders, Wisconsin** who is a student at the University of Minnesota majoring in Animal Science. The final recipient is **Isabella Portner of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota**, who is majoring in Dairy Science at Iowa State University, All of these college freshmen have been excellent students and already very active in campus activities.

lager Scholarship

The lager Scholarship for \$1000 is awarded annually to students in a two year agricultural school pursuing a career in the dairy industry. It is based on academic standing, leadership ability, interest in the dairy industry and plans for the future. This scholarship was started with a generous donation from the Charles and Judy lager family of Fulton, Maryland.

The recipients this year are; **Kaleb Kruse of Dyersville, Iowa** , who is attending Kaskaskia Community College majoring in Dairy Science & Agricultural Business and **Lauren Robison from Mulberry Grove, Illinois** who is attending Kaskaskia Community College and majoring in Animal Science & Agribusiness.

Marshall McCullough Communication Scholarships

The Marshall E. McCullough Scholarships are given in memory of Marshall McCullough, the well-respected nutrition researcher and educator from Georgia. This scholarship is presented to two high school seniors planning to attend a four-year college or university to major in an agricultural communications field.

Receiving the \$2,000 McCullough scholarship is **Ashley Hagenow of Poynette, Wisconsin**. She plans to use this scholarship as she continues her education at the University of Minnesota, where she will major in Agricultural Communications and Marketing with a minor in Animal Science. Receiving the \$1500 McCullough scholarship is **Sarah Lehner of Delaware, Ohio**. She will be majoring in Animal Science at Ohio State University. Both seek a future role in mass communications as Dr McCullough desired.

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.