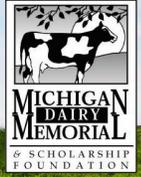




# MICHIGAN DAIRY MEMORIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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## MDMSF Scholarships Fund: At A Glance

Thanks to the generous support of donors, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) at Michigan State University (MSU) is proud to highlight an impressive list of scholarships:

- \$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 for up 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** - \$4,000 over two semesters for two students majoring in Agribusiness Management
- **Redmond and Edna Cotter Purina Memorial Scholarship** - \$4,000 over two semesters for a student in veterinary school with preference extended to those with international interest
- **Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship** - scholarships for international experiences
- **Archie Studer Scholarship** - \$4,000 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** - \$4,000 for a second-year student in the Ag Tech Dairy Management Program
- **Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship** - \$4,000 over two semesters for a student in veterinary school
- **Nick Bellows Scholarship** - \$4,000 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy promotion
- **George and Shirley Hazle Scholarship** - \$4,000 over two semesters for a student with a strong 4-H background
- **Gary and Carolyn Trimner Scholarship** - \$4,000 scholarship for the MMPA Food Systems Fellowship intern or a veterinary student pursuing a career in bovine medicine

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Bridgette Voisinnet

If there's a silver lining to the remarkable present we find ourselves in, it is that we are reminded not to take things for granted. In that light, I extend my sincerest gratitude to all the generous donors who make Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) scholarships possible. With over \$100,000 awarded to students in the 2020-2021 school year alone, the impact of a long legacy of recognizing the value of developing youth, and acting on that conviction, is clear when you consider that the foundation has been supporting the dairy leaders of tomorrow, for the past 64 years! Generations have benefited from the Foundation's financial backing, and that has only been possible with the vision and generosity of producers and allied industry organizations. THANK YOU to all who have invested in the future of the dairy industry through the MDMSF.

Whether given through named endowments or individual honorees, all those gifts add up to the largest scholarship programs in MSU's College of Ag and Natural Resources. As with 600 prior MDMSF recipients, this year's crop of 28 awardees span a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and degree programs, including 2-year, 4-year and veterinary focused. While unique in their stories, all share a passion for the dairy industry. As the current president of the foundation board, I congratulate each of them on their accomplishments and wish them the joy and satisfaction a life of learning and service in this industry can provide. In addition to direct scholarships, MDMSF also provides funding for dairy cattle judging, Dairy Challenge and dairy product evaluation teams.

With tremendous coaches and mentors, and a track record of success, the foundation recognizes the value such extra-curriculars afford in terms of experiences and connections.

We love to hear from past recipients about what they are doing now, and how their path has been shaped by their college experiences. We welcome you to reach out and share your story as it can also serve as support for future dairy leaders. Updates can be sent to [msh@msu.edu](mailto:msh@msu.edu).

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to 28 Michigan State University students pursuing dairy industry-related programs of study for the 2020-21 academic year.



## MDMSF HONOREE

# David Beede

Retired C.E. Meadows Endowed Chair of dairy management and nutrition, David Beede was recently recognized as a Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Honoree. Beede was awarded for his significant contributions to the Michigan dairy industry and Michigan State University.

David K. Beede, Ph.D., has been a member of and leader within the education and research communities of the U.S. dairy industry since 1974.

Recognized for his contributions to academia and the dairy industry, Dave has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Dairy Science Association's (ADSA) Applied Dairy Nutrition Award, Merial Dairy Management Research Award, the Award of Honor for Outstanding and Distinguished Service and was inducted as Fellow of the ADSA. He received the Outstanding Extension Specialist Award from the Michigan Association of Extension Agents, and served as the MSU Delegate to LEAD21, a year-long leadership development program sponsored by the Land Grant Universities, USDA and the Cooperative State Research, Extension and Education Service (CSREES).

With nearly \$10 million from 42 grants and endowment resources, David trained numerous graduate students and undergraduate researchers in his laboratory. He authored 19 book chapters, 68 refereed journal articles, 116 conference proceedings and 67 popular press publications. In 14 countries around Asia, Europe, South America and Australia as well as the U.S., David gave 201 talks focused on consulting and education in ruminant management and nutrition. He was editor-in-chief for the international reference e-book Large Dairy Herd Management (3rd edition) published in 2017 by ADSA.

David is known as a dedicated and visionary leader who has had his "finger on the pulse" of the dairy industry, allowing changes to be made proactively. He has the foresight to identify future challenges and his leadership greatly benefited ADSA, as well as the dairy industry. He served a two-term membership on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Dairy Science (JDS) in the late 1980s and provided extensive leadership for ADSA annual meetings. He was chair of the 1988-1989 ADSA Physiology Program Committee, ADSA Production Division Secretary and chair in 1996-1997, chair of the ADSA Production Division Meeting Program in 1997, and overall chair of the first Joint Meeting Program Planning Committee in 2000 in Baltimore. He became more deeply involved in the leadership of ADSA when he was elected to the Board of Directors, on which he served from 1998-2004. He was elected vice president in 2001 and served as president from 2002-2003 and immediate past president from 2003-2004. In addition, he served on the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) Board of Directors from 2003-2004.

# CELEBRATE DAIRY LEADERS WITH THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

One of the ways the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) grows its endowment fund is by honoring individuals for their distinguished service to Michigan's dairy industry. More than 200 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. Honoree biographies and photographs are kept in permanent records in the MSU Department of Animal Science. In addition, photographs of MDMSF Honorees are displayed at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education.

The items needed for naming an MDMSF Honoree include: a \$1,000 contribution to the MDMSF, an 8x10 photo of the honoree and a one-page biography on the honoree. Many times the presentation to an MDMSF Honoree takes place at an industry or MDMSF event. At other

times, an individual is honored posthumously for their service to the industry through 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 costs 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 an 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 Nielsen at 517-432-5443 or [maw@msu.edu](mailto:maw@msu.edu)
- CANR Development office at 517-355-0284

## MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO MDMSF

**When the occasion suggests flowers, consider a living, growing tribute.**



## MICHIGAN DAIRY MEMORIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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**GLENN & ANNE LAKE SCHOLARSHIP**

## Lynn Olthof

Beal City, MI

Lynn Olthof is studying agribusiness management and dairy management. Following her graduation in Spring 2021, she plans to pursue a master's degree in dairy nutrition. Lynn's favorite college experience was traveling to Europe with the Ag Tech Dairy Judging team, during which time they toured several dairies.

**RUSSEL ERICKSON SCHOLARSHIP**

## Hanna Dutcher

Owosso, MI

Hanna Dutcher is an agriculture, food and natural resources education major who plans to take over her family farm in Owosso. "This scholarship helped me to finish my bachelor's degree after being laid off due to the pandemic. The security of knowing that my education was covered allowed me to spend much needed time back on my family farm, something that meant so much to me in a crazy year," Hanna said.

**DONALD AND VALERA MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP**

## Kristen Burkhardt

Fowlerville, MI

Kristen Burkhardt is studying agribusiness management and is involved with the Dairy Club. She enjoys networking with industry leaders and engaging with people in the dairy industry that share her passion. "I feel honored and humbled to receive the Donald and Valera Murray Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Not only does this allow me to further my education, but also encourages



me to fully apply myself to what I am learning and further give back to the dairy industry now and in the future," Kristen said.

**ARCHIE STUDER SCHOLARSHIP**

## Joseph Marsh

Montague, MI

Joseph Marsh is an animal science major and enjoys going to the farms for tours and experiential learning activities. "I am pleased that you chose me for this award, it means that with hard work and determination, anything is possible. I am so grateful to have been granted the amount of \$4,000 from the Archie Studer Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship."

**GEORGE AND SHIRLEY HAZLE SCHOLARSHIP**

## Miriah Dershem

St. Johns, MI

Miriah Dershem is studying agribusiness management and plans to work in the Michigan agriculture industry following completion of her program. "This scholarship resonates with me as I was able to personally meet and experience the impact that George and Shirley Hazle had on the dairy industry. I am grateful to have received this scholarship to help further my education," Miriah said.



**JOHN AND BARBARA DILLAND  
SCHOLARSHIP**

## Aaron Fahrner

Sebewaing, MI



Aaron Fahrner is a senior in agribusiness management. Aaron grew up on a farm and became interested in agribusiness through his interactions with industry professionals. He completed internships with Michigan Agricultural Commodities and plans to work in seed sales and consulting. "From this position, I will be able to help dairy farmers make wise agronomic decisions to help them be more profitable and environmentally sustainable."

**JOHN AND BARBARA DILLAND SCHOLARSHIP**

## Darren Kulicamp

Carsonville, MI



Darren Kulicamp, a senior in agribusiness management, grew up on a farm. He enjoyed participating in the MSU chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association and presenting a product as part of MSU's product marketing team at the national conference in addition to other extracurricular activities. Darren plans to work in ag retail to support agricultural producers. "The continued support of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation has been something for which I am extremely grateful, your support has opened the door to many professional and educational opportunities for me."

**NICK BELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP**

## Kelsie Letts

Marshall, MI



Kelsie Letts, a senior studying animal science, showed dairy cattle at her county fair and shadowed a herdsman at a local dairy farm, where she learned health management and artificial insemination skills. At MSU, she enjoyed participating in MSU Dairy Club and Student Senate. In addition, Kelsie interned with Caledonia Farmers Elevator and traveled to the Netherlands for a study abroad program to gain another perspective on dairy management.

**RED AND EDNA COTTER SCHOLARSHIP**

## Monika Dziuba

Riverview, MI



Monika Dziuba is a student in veterinary medicine and plans to become a staff veterinarian for a large dairy group. She has enjoyed giving tours of MSU facilities and farms to prospective students and has represented MSU in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge. "Organizations throughout the dairy industry, such as this foundation, that aid new leaders entering the industry is just one reason why I am so passionate about spreading knowledge about the dairy industry."

**VELMAR GREEN SCHOLARSHIP**

## Kassidy Thelen

Westphalia, MI



Kassidy Thelen plans to return to her family farm after graduation. She enjoyed traveling with the dairy cattle judging team, visiting other dairy farms and meeting new people during the Dairy Management program. "This scholarship means I won't have to pay a portion of my tuition out of my own pocket and can save my money for other expenses."

#### GARY AND CAROLYN TRIMNER SCHOLARSHIP

## Jared Sanderson

Sandusky, MI

Jared Sanderson is a veterinary student and plans to be a staff veterinarian or private practice practitioner. He has enjoyed being a member of great clubs like the MSU Dairy Club, MSU Block and Bridle and the MSU CVM Food Animal Club during his time at MSU. "The MDMSF is truly special and near and dear to my heart. Without the support of this foundation, my dreams may never have been able to come true," he said.



#### HAROLD AND LILLIAN GREMEL SCHOLARSHIP

## Kyle Longcore

Cedar Springs, MI

Kyle Longcore is a student in veterinary medicine, and met his wife in class. Kyle and his wife plan on continuing to grow and manage their family farm. "It is always very humbling to be recognized for the dedication of your pursuits. Six years ago, I came to Michigan State to make dairy medicine and management the focus of my education. I now take this knowledge and skill-set with me hoping to make an immediate impact to the dairy industry here in Michigan," Kyle said.



#### GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

## Katie Butler

Gaylord, MI

Katie Butler is pursuing a double major in animal science and microbiology. She has applied to veterinary medicine programs and plans to work in animal agriculture. "This scholarship will help me to continue my college degree and work toward my career goals of helping the community and our livestock," Katie said.



## Kelsey Pasch

Beal City, MI

Kelsey Pasch is studying animal science and enjoys participating in events organized by MSU Block and Bridle and MSU Dairy Club. "This scholarship will assist me as I continue to grow my passion for agriculture and strive to promote the dairy industry," Kelsey said.



## Rebecca Herzog

Paris, MI

Rebecca Herzog is studying animal science and plans to become board certified in theriogenology and practice large animal medicine. "This scholarship means that I can focus on learning about the beef and dairy industries, which I plan to spend my life working in and advocating for," Rebecca said.



## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

# Rajsri Raghunath

Mumbai



Rajsri Raghunath is studying food science and plans to attend graduate school to focus on research in food safety and the microbiology of dairy foods. "This scholarship will enable me to explore more opportunities in dairy science at MSU, and work towards achieving my future goals in the dairy industry," she said.

# Kelsee Boecher

Mattawan, MI

Kelsee Boecher is a senior in animal science. She interned on a dairy farm to learn herd health and reproductive management, and plans to become a herdsman. "I look forward to my future, and all that I can do for the dairy industry."



# Caitlin Henne

Springport, MI

Caitlin Henne is a senior in agribusiness management. She enjoyed participating in FFA and managing her show lamb business.



## FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

# Rebecca Havelka

Wallace, MI

Rebecca Havelka is an animal science freshman from Wallace, Mich. She grew up on a dairy farm and participates in 4-H. She plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.



## AG TECH SCHOLARSHIPS

# Katie Wilson

Blanchard, MI

Katie Wilson, is a sophomore studying dairy management. She enjoyed an internship that provided her hands-on experience in the industry. "This scholarship means that I can continue studying what I love and that I have the support of others in the dairy industry while pursuing my goals," Katie said.



# Abby VanDyk

Kalamazoo, MI

Abby VanDyk, is studying dairy management and is a member of the MSU Dairy Club. She is excited to be more involved in the club once it is safe to resume in-person activities. After completing the dairy management program, Abby hopes to study agricultural education.



# Rachael Bosse

Moline, MI

Rachael Bosse is studying dairy management and is a member of the MSU Dairy Club. After completing the agriculture technology program, she plans to study animal science and become a dairy nutritionist.



# Mikayla Bowen

Hudson, MI

Mikayla Bowen is in the Dairy Tech Management program and was able to travel to the World Dairy Expo with the Dairy Judging Team.



# Devin Haywood

Hastings, MI

Devin plans to return to his family farm after completing the Dairy Management program. He participated in FFA while remaining active on his family farm and managing his business in cheese production.



## BARNES SCHOLARSHIP

# Orlando Ochoa

North Hollywood, CA

Orlando Ochoa is studying veterinary medicine and hopes to use his language and culture to help improve cattle practices by shrinking the cultural gaps seen in the industry. Orlando has gained many friendships and mentors during his college experience and is thankful for the support he receives.



# Jared Sanderson

Sandusky, MI

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## VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

# Katie Osborne

Millerstown, PA

Katie Osborne enjoys the ability to do externships during her clinical year so that she can learn from other dairy veterinarians and implement their techniques in her practice. She plans to have a career as a dairy veterinarian at a large animal practice.



# Emmy Schuurmans

Caledonia, MI

Emmy Schuurmans is studying veterinary medicine. Following completion of her program, Emmy plans to work alongside farmers as a dairy veterinarian to help improve farm efficiency through management practices with a specific interest in theriogenology.



# Ellen Launstein

Dansville, MI

Ellen Launstein, is a third year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine, pursuing her passion in dairy production medicine. Her inspiration comes from the challenges, triumphs and failures she experienced growing up on her family's dairy farm. Her favorite college experiences are participating in club activities and wet labs, practicing her palpation skills, meeting new people with similar passions and goals. She recently interned with Boehringer Ingelheim through the MSU Food Systems Fellowship program.



In March of 2021, Michigan State University's dairy team released the first Spartan Dairy Newsletter.

The Spartan Dairy Newsletter was modeled after Michigan Dairy Review. Like the MDR, the Spartan Dairy Newsletter aims to provide up-to-date information to dairy producers looking for ways to improve their operations.

In addition, the Spartan Dairy Newsletter serves as a connection point for members of the dairy industry to see what MSU faculty, staff, and students are working on.

We hope that greater connection between MSU and the dairy industry will enhance collaboration, and that information about new efforts at MSU will provide producers a chance to engage in the discovery process.

In addition, this publication provides us an opportunity to stay in touch with anyone who has a soft spot for dairy programs at Michigan State!

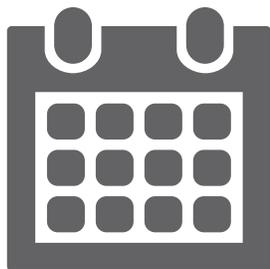
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We would love to hear feedback on the Spartan Dairy Newsletter, or ideas for future issues. Please reach out to Barry Bradford: [bjbrad@msu.edu](mailto:bjbrad@msu.edu)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



February 28, 2022  
Deadline for scholarship applications  
(first-time and renewal applications for 4-year students)

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



## REDUCE THE THREAT OF ESTATE TAXES BY SETTING UP GIFTS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

*by Jeffrey Bushey, Managing Principal, Nietzke & Faupel, P.C.*

There is a lot of discussion about raising estate taxes by lowering the federal estate tax lifetime exemption. Even with these new threats, there is a way to ensure none of your estate goes to taxes. Currently when calculating the total value of an estate, the IRS allows a 100% deduction of charitable gifts to qualified organizations.

To accomplish this, simply have language in your estate documents (trust or will) stating that any amount of estate value above the federal lifetime exemption would be donated to your named charities. With the rapid increase in farmland and stock values, along with the threat of lowering the federal estate lifetime exemption, this may be something you should consult with your estate plan advisor.



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