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Supporting Tomorrow's Dairy Leaders!



MDMSF scholarship recipients at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the MDMSF board of directors. Pictured L-R, from back: Jacob Buning, Ethan Haywood, Jared Lyzenga, Nathan Buning, Brittini Tucker, Gabriel Klaasen, Katelonne Spaans, CJ Berens, Kelly Raterink, Jennie Lubbers, Torei Kulpinski, Carrie Szybisty, Laura Lubeski, Lynette Jackson, Rebecca Swartzendruber and Ellen Launstein

THE MICHIGAN DAIRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: AT A GLANCE

Thanks to the generous support of donors, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is proud to highlight an impressive list of scholarships made possible in 2014-2015:

- \$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 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** – \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with a major in Agribusiness Management
- **Redmond and Edna Cotter Purina Memorial Scholarship** – \$4,000 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school. Preference to those with international interest.
- **Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship** – three \$1,000 scholarships for international experiences
- **Archie Studer Scholarship** - \$3,500 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** - \$3,500 for a second-year student in the Ag Tech Dairy Management Program
- **Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship** – \$3,500 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school
- **Nick Bellows Scholarship** - \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy promotion



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Being part of the MDMSF board of directors for the past several years has been an honor and a great opportunity to work with other passionate individuals in the Dairy Industry. We meet so many youth with a solid interest in creating a career to sustain this great industry that is an integral part of Michigan's economy.

This is dating me, but when I went to MSU, the cost of tuition and room and board totaled less than \$3,000 per year. A MDMSF scholarship back then easily paid for a full year's tuition for many dairy students. Today this same scholarship only pays for a fraction of what students have to pay to receive a college education. We continue to strive to raise the bar and increase our initial principal to make more scholarships available to these students.

Fortunately, the MDMSF continues to be one of the largest scholarship funds within Michigan State University which reflects how strong our dairy industry is in the State of Michigan and its support of today's youth. The number of new honorees continues to grow thanks to all of my fellow board members who find so many opportunities to acknowledge peers in the industry for their dedication to promoting Dairy in everyone's lives.

I encourage you to give generously and consider donating to the MDMSF either to the general fund or to recognize a deserving individual as an honoree. It only takes \$1,000 for an individual to be honored by the fund and have their picture and name permanently displayed at Michigan State University as a leader in the Dairy Industry. Please check out the contribution form on the back page of this newsletter or talk to anyone listed as a board member of MDMSF.

Let us all continue to support the future of the Dairy Industry.

Nancy Blaauw
MDMSF Board President

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

MICHIGAN DAIRY MEMORIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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students in dairy industry-related fields.

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2014-2015 DAIRY MEMORIAL HONOREES



PAUL MIKLASZ

Paul Miklasz was born in Detroit during September of 1956 and grew up as a “city” boy, graduating from Osborn High School in 1974. Paul attended Walsh College in Troy, MI, and finished his degree in business management at Webster University near St. Louis, MO.

Paul began his career in the retail industry, working for Chatham Supermarkets into the late 1980s. Then, a career change brought Paul into the dairy industry. He started as a production planner and purchasing agent at Borden Dairy in Madison Heights, MI, where he began to develop important relationships that would mold his future career path. Paul went on to manage the manufacturing plant and milk scheduling for McDonald Dairy and Country Fresh at the Flint, MI, facility.

In 1992, Paul and his family moved to St. Louis, MO, where he began working in milk sales for T.C. Jacoby & Co., a dairy commodity marketing firm. This new role allowed Paul to come in contact with all aspects of the industry. He worked with dairy farmers to help them market their milk independently or through smaller cooperatives, and he also worked with other cooperatives and processors throughout the country to help improve milk supply chain efficiency. Through his efforts, Paul earned a reputation as an exceptional leader in the dairy industry at the national level.

Paul served the dairy industry until his unexpected passing in December of 2014. Paul will be remembered as a valued co-worker and a longtime friend to those both in and outside the industry. His legacy lives on through his family, his wife Lisa, and three sons, Jared, Adam and Perry. He is greatly missed by all who came to know him.



JAMES B. AND BERDIE LOU COOK

James (“Jim”) was raised on Janeland Farms, a purebred dairy farm in Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan. The farm began in 1921, but when his father and grandfather decided to sell their large herd, Jim at age 10, acted as a co-conspirator with his mother and hid nine of their best heifers at the neighbors to escape the sale. At the conclusion of the sale, Jim and his mom brought those heifers back and resumed farming.

Berdie was raised on a dairy and crop farm in Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan. Jim and Berdie began their relationship in 1964, marrying 3 years later.

Jim and Berdie worked together to focus their efforts on improving quality of their registered Holstein herd. Over the years, Jim bred numerous high-classified animals that had premier levels of yearly milk production and butterfat. Jim received the Holstein-Friesian Association of American Progressive Breeders Registry Award from 1979 until 1991 and the Michigan Holstein Association Master Breeders Award.

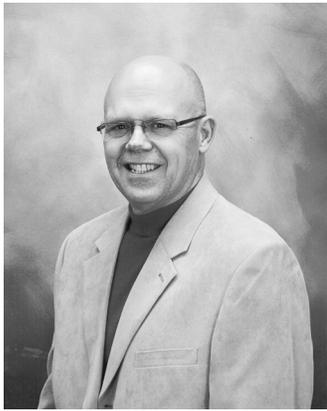
Jim, Berdie, and their daughters Jamie, Jennifer and Cindy, treasured the opportunity to show their dairy cows at the district, state and national levels.

They were active members of the District V Michigan and National Holstein Associations, and Jim served as President of both the District V and Michigan State Holstein Associations. In addition, they were both involved with the MMPA, Jim contributing on the Board of Directors. They were honored in 1979 to serve as the Outstanding Young Dairy Couple. In 1984, Berdie took over the daily milking duties while Jim pursued his childhood dream of becoming an auctioneer. For almost a decade, they continued to farm and conduct auctions. In the spring of 1992, with daughters in college and a growing auction business, the family sold their beloved Holsteins.

Jim and Berdie have always been avid supporters of their their community, including 4-H and FFA youth programs. Jim was, and Berdie remains, a life member of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

During Jim’s 57 years of life and 38 years of marriage, he chose to focus on the things he loved – his family, farming and auctioneering. His family feels very blessed knowing that he enjoyed life and lived each day to the fullest. They pursue their lives following his example.

2014-2015 DAIRY MEMORIAL HONOREES, CONTINUED



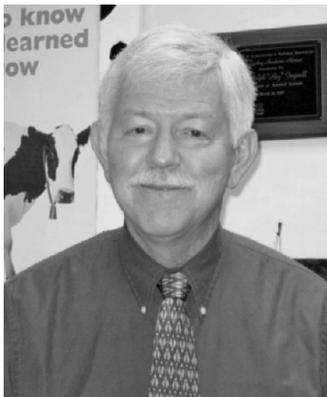
GARY SMITH

Gary Smith has served NorthStar Cooperative in various capacities from 1977 to 2015, most recently as General Manager and Executive Vice President. Throughout his career, Gary also held positions including Director of Ag Products and Technologies, Regional Sales Manager, Director of Sales for Michigan & Indiana, Marketing Director, A.I. Training Specialist and A.I. Technician. During this time, his respect for customers and value of employees were always his top priorities. Gary proved that you can build a culture of learning and personal growth benefiting both employees and producers while impacting everyone working with him to live out the mission of NorthStar Cooperative, “Enhancing producer profitability through integrated services.”

As General Manager, Gary oversaw the Cooperative’s business units: NorthStar-Select Sires, DHI Services, Ag Products and Technologies, AntelBio and Universal Lab LLC. Smith also acted as Executive Vice President of AntelBio, and served as Chairman of the Select Sires Member Managers group. In addition to his duties with the company, Gary was an officer on the Board of Directors for the Mid-America Council for Cooperatives (MACC) and held a seat on the Dairy Memorial Scholarship Board.

Gary expanded the scope and integration of NorthStar Cooperative through his leadership in long-term strategic planning efforts with NorthStar’s Board of Directors, staff and cooperative owners. Gary’s strong passion for coaching, personal learning, leadership development and customer service facilitated the creation of an online employee learning system, prioritized leadership development courses, and led to the formation of a team-based environment to better serve customers.

Outside of work, Smith’s interests include competitive pistol shooting, hunting and fishing. Gary owns RodMaster Fishing Charters, LLC, providing professional fishing trips on Lake Michigan during the spring and summer. Smith recently retired this past March, and plans to expand his charter fishing company and spend time with his wife Denise, sons Curtis and Brandon, daughter-in-laws Cindy and Janelle, and grandchildren Jacques and Joelle.



RALPH LEROY (ROY) FOGWELL

Dr. Roy Fogwell retired in December 2013 after 36 years on the faculty in the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University (MSU).

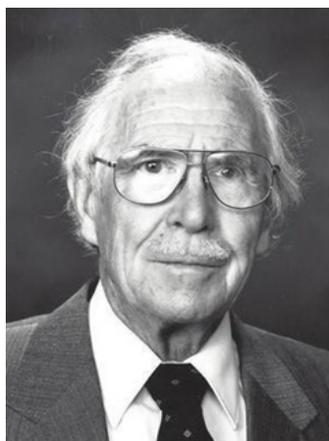
Roy was raised on the DelMarVa Peninsula in Maryland and earned his BS and MS from the University of Maryland. In 1977, he earned his Ph.D. from West Virginia University in Reproductive Physiology. The initial position at MSU was majority research. The broad goal was to increase successful use of artificial insemination in cattle. Implications of early research were to enhance methods to synchronize estrus. Numerous field studies tested different methods for synchronization and introduced PGF2 (Lutalyse) to dairy herds in Michigan. Later aspects of research were focused on effects of negative energy balance on expression of estrus and endocrine aspects of estrous cycles. Intake of food, not yield of milk, explains 80% of the variation in reproduction.

Throughout his career, Roy maintained association with commercial beef and dairy herds. Independent of his formal appointment in extension, there were many individual presentations, day-long workshops at multiple locations, and teaching inseminators basic reproductive biology.

This adult education activity increased Roy’s interest to teach and advise students during the last half of his career. The main courses taught were Endocrinology of Reproduction and Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals. As an advisor, Roy coordinated Production Animal Scholars a program for students interested in veterinary medicine with food animals. Roy also served as Faculty Coordinator for the MSU Dairy Farm and advisor to MSU Dairy Club for several years. For many years, Roy interviewed candidates for the State 4-H Dairy Award and was a moderator for 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl. In teaching and advising, the intent was to perform with clarity, fairness, and integrity.

Roy’s lasting legacy as a dairy scientist and educator at Michigan State University will be his enhancement of reproductive management on farms and his positive impact on young people to enhance the next generation who enter animal agriculture.

2014-2015 DAIRY MEMORIAL HONOREES, CONTINUED



J. WILLIAM "BILL" THOMAS

Bill Thomas was born in Palmyra, Utah, March 25, 1918, to John B. and Kate Annie (Tolhurst) Thomas. He died October 15, 2014. On January 6, 1945, Bill married Carolyn Palmer and they have 4 children.

He earned a BS at Utah State University and attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin and Cornell University. During WWII, Bill was involved in war-time defense chemical research at Northwestern University. After the war he returned to Cornell and received his PhD in 1946.

Bill was employed by the USDA Dairy Research Center at Beltsville, MD as a biochemist-animal husbandman from 1946 until 1960 when he joined the Michigan State University, Department of Dairy Science and retired from Michigan State University in 1985.

As a professor at MSU, Bill's work was primarily research related to the nutrition, feeding and management of dairy cattle. He supervised the studies of numerous graduate students and had more than 250 publications in peer-reviewed journals articles and several hundred more in other printed forms. He presented research findings at annual American Dairy Science Association meetings for sixty-five years. Bill received local and national awards in his field, the most notable being the Borden Award, the American Feed Manufacturer's Award and the Superior Service Award from USDA for outstanding research with dairy cattle.

Also, during his time at Michigan State University he presented well-received extension dairy nutrition courses and other educational programs for farmers throughout Michigan and in other states. He was instrumental in the development of the Spartan Dairy Ration Evaluator, Spartan-1.0. He consulted in Russia, East Germany, Romania, China, Viet Nam, Mexico and Brazil.

Bill is listed in American Men of Science and Who's Who in America. He belonged to numerous professional organizations and was an Emeritus Professor at MSU. Bill was awarded the honor of being a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Dairy Science Association, the American Society of Animal Science and the American Society of Nutritional Sciences.

In his retirement he was involved in commercially sponsored field research. Bill enjoyed downhill skiing (which he did well into his 90s), gardening and photography.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 27, 2015

Deadline for freshman, Ag Tech and vet student scholarship applications

February 28, 2016

Deadline for scholarship applications
(first-time and renewal applications for 4-year students)

April 29, 2016

Annual meeting of MDMSF Board of Directors

*For application or more information about MDMSF Scholarships,
visit www.ans.msu.edu and click on the "students" link.*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) has awarded more than \$90,000 in scholarships to 31 Michigan State University (MSU) students pursuing dairy industry-related programs of study for the 2014-15 academic year.



JENNIE LUBBERS

Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship

Jennie Lubbers of Lake Odessa, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-2015 recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. The scholarship is named after Michigan dairy farmers Glenn and Anne Lake and provides \$7,500 in scholarship money divided over two semesters. Glenn Lake served as president of the National Milk Producers Federation and provided leadership in creating the Great Lakes Milk Marketing Federation, which helped dairy farmers secure bargaining rights to market their milk. Lubbers, the daughter of Dennis and Melissa Lubbers, will graduate in May with a major in animal science.

While at MSU, Lubbers has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association (ASURSA). She has traveled to multiple annual American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) - Student Affiliate Division (SAD) meetings and has participated in several ASURSA research projects, including projects at the MSU Dairy, Swine and Horse Teaching and Research Centers.

Lubbers competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge, and participated in the Dairy Challenge Academy and the MSU Academic Quadrathlon. She completed an internship with Arm and Hammer and has been employed as a student assistant with the MSU Nutritional and Digestive Physiology Laboratory since 2012. This past summer, Lubbers traveled to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany as part of the two-week MSU Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program. Prior to attending MSU, Lubbers was active in both 4-H and FFA and had the opportunity to compete in national dairy cattle judging and dairy quiz bowl contests. In 2014, Lubbers was selected as a senior ambassador in the Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program.

Upon graduation, Lubbers envisions working for an animal nutrition research laboratory or animal nutrition feed company.



CARRIE SZYBISTY

Redmond and Edna Cotter Purina Scholarship

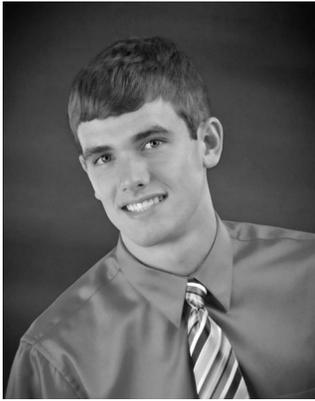
Caroline (Carrie) Szybisty of Redford, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the Redmond ("Red") and Edna Cotter endowed scholarship. The \$4,000 scholarship is named in honor of Red Cotter, an inspirational dairy industry leader and respected motivator of sales and marketing executives, and his wife Edna.

Szybisty, the daughter of John and Linda Szybisty, graduated from MSU with a bachelor's degree in animal science in 2012. She's currently a third year student in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Production Medicine Scholars Program. Szybisty aspires to become a production animal veterinarian specializing in dairy cattle, focusing primarily on reproductive physiology or food safety.

At MSU, Szybisty has been employed as an animal caretaker at the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center and participated in a MSU CVM Food Systems Fellowship production animal research program with the Madras Veterinary College in Chennai, India. She also has been an active member of and served in leadership roles for the MSU Dairy Club, the MSU CVM Food Animal Club, the MSU CVM Theriogenology Club and the MSU Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association, and is a member of the MSU CVM Equine Club.

Szybisty was the outreach program coordinator this past summer with the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association SAMY (Science, Animals, Medicine and You), and is completing the National Veterinary Business Management Association business certificate program. She also has been the large animal exhibit coordinator for the annual MSU Vet-A-Visit event the past two years. Sybisty has represented MSU at the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge and competed regionally and nationally with the MSU Figure Skating Club.

The Redmond ("Red") and Edna Cotter endowed scholarship honors the Cotter couple and their many contributions to the dairy industry.



NATHAN BUNING

John and Barbara Dilland Scholarship

Nathan Buning of Falmouth, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the John and Barbara Dilland endowed scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of John Dilland, former MMPA controller, director of finance and general manager, and his wife Barbara. The award is presented to an MSU sophomore, junior or senior student majoring in the field of agribusiness management.

Buning, the son of Norman and Holly Buning, is a junior at MSU pursuing a degree in agribusiness management and expects to graduate in spring 2016.

At MSU, Buning is a member of the MSU Dairy Club, and he was a 4-H member for more than 10 years, during which time he competed on the county's dairy quiz bowl team. In addition, he worked on the family's 1,500-acre, 360-cow dairy operation.

The John and Barbara Dilland endowed scholarship was established in 2010 by MMPA upon John's retirement after 35 years of service to the organization.



GARRETT SLAVIK

Russel Erickson Scholarship

Garrett Slavik of Ashley, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the Russel Erickson Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is named after Russel Erickson, Michigan State University (MSU) professor emeritus in the Department of Animal Science, and is awarded to a student whose career aspirations include working on or with dairy farms.

Slavik, the son of Jim and Doreen Slavik, is scheduled to graduate in May with a degree in animal science. He has completed two internships with Cargill Animal Nutrition and aspires to pursue a career as a dairy nutritionist or consultant. He also retains an interest in returning to the family's 400-acre, 160-cow dairy and 50-head beef cattle operation one day.

At MSU, Slavik is an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and served in several leadership positions, including roles on the executive board, education committee and Spartan Spectacular Sale committee. He was a member of the 2013 MSU collegiate dairy judging team that earned the overall high team award at the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., and high team awards both overall and in oral reasons at the 2014 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, Slavik is involved with the MSU Navigators (Bible Study), served on the Michigan Junior Holstein Association board of directors, participated in the 2013 Dairy Challenge Academy and competed in the 2013 MSU Dairy Challenge.

Prior to attending university, Slavik was active in 4-H, president of his school's National Honor Society, earned 11 varsity letters in three sports during his high school years and was named all-conference, all-district and all-region in baseball and all-conference in football. It was during these formative years that Slavik took an active role as a dairy farmhand and became co-owner of Slavik Show Cattle, his family's successful beef cattle company.



KELLY RATERINK

Archie Studer Scholarship

Kelly Raterink of Zeeland, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the Archie Studer Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named after the late Archie Studer, who owned and operated Kenowa Acres Dairy Farm for more than 35 years.

Raterink, an MSU animal science sophomore in the Production Animal Scholars Program, is the daughter of Dennis and Brenda Raterink. Her plans include being accepted into the MSU College of Veterinary Science and becoming a large animal veterinarian. A 2013 graduate of Zeeland High School, she was an active member of her church youth group, the National Honor Society and served as president of the Ottawa County 4-H Teen Club, was an Ottawa County 4-H Council board member and elected to the Michigan Junior Holstein Association executive board of directors. Raterink was a star athlete in high school softball and basketball and was a finalist for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete in Class A. She works as a dairy farm laborer on her family's 80-cow Holstein operation and is the manager of her own market lamb business, Ba Ba Acres Club Lambs, since 2009.

At MSU, Raterink is an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Block and Bridle Club. She competed on the Michigan 4-H dairy cattle judging team and placed among the top 20 individuals overall at all three major judging contests. Raterink was the third high individual overall and a member of the second place Michigan 4-H team in the 2013 All-American Dairy Management Contest held in Harrisburg, Pa. She is also a former junior Michigan Dairy Ambassador.



BRADLEY COLE
Velmar Green Scholarship

Bradley Cole of Bancroft, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the Velmar Green Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of innovative dairy leader Velmar Green of Elsie, Mich. The award is presented to a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program and Cole is the fourth scholarship recipient.

Cole is the son of Jeff and Cheryl Cole and is interested in returning to his family's 3,500-acre cash crop and 650-cow dairy operation after graduation.

While at MSU, Cole completed an internship on a large-scale Texas dairy in 2014. He was an 11-year 4-H member and past president of his 4-H club. Cole was chapter president with Durand FFA, the vice president for Region IV FFA and earned both his state and American FFA degrees. He is a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity at MSU.

The Velmar Green Scholarship was established in 2009 by MMPA to recognize Green for his 40 years of service to the MMPA board of directors.



SAMANTHA MAMAROW
Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship

Samantha Mamarow of Saline, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the Donald and Valera Murray endowed scholarship. The \$4,000 scholarship is named in honor of Donald Murray, a former MSU Extension dairy specialist, and his wife, Valera.

Mamarow is the daughter of Ed and Jane Mamarow. She's currently a senior pursuing a major in animal science and is on schedule to graduate in May.

At MSU, Mamarow has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and committed numerous hours to helping with the Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale, competed as a member of the Club's dairy quiz bowl team at the 2013 and 2014 Midwest American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) annual meetings, attended the 2013 National ADSA annual meeting and participated with several dairy promotion and education projects. She competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge and the Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge as well as on the MSU Dairy Products Evaluation Program team at both regional and national competitions. Mamarow was also a member of the 2014 MSU dairy cattle judging team.

The Donald and Valera Murray endowed scholarship was created in 2007 to recognize Dr. Murray's leadership role in establishing the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. He guided the Foundation and served as its secretary from its beginnings in 1957 until he retired in 1972.



JARED LYZENGA
Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship

Jared Lyzenga of Bryon Center, Mich., has been chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the Harold and Lillian Gremel endowed scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of Harold and in memory of Lillian Gremel of Sebawaing. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student currently in veterinary school at MSU who completed the Production Animal Scholars Program in the Department of Animal Science.

Lyzenga, the son of Dave and Michelle Lyzenga, graduated from MSU with a bachelor's of animal science degree in production medicine in May 2013, and is on schedule to earn his doctorate of veterinary medicine specializing in production animal medicine in May 2017.

As an MSU student, Lyzenga has been an active member of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Food Animal Medicine Club, the CVM Food Animal Club and the Theriogenology Club. He was the advanced division winner in the 2012 MSU Dairy Challenge and competed in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge in 2013 and awarded a silver medal from the American Dairy Science Association for outstanding scholastic and leadership achievements. As a student, Lyzenga was employed by the MSU Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research Center as an animal caretaker, helped conduct feed efficiency research studies for Dr. Michael VandeHaar and participated in a study abroad program in 2012. He completed an internship with Zoetis in spring 2014 and worked on Trierweiler Dairy Inc., since spring 2013.

The Harold and Lillian Gremel endowed scholarship was established in 2007 by the Gremel family. Together during their 52 years of marriage, the Huron County dairy producers and lifetime industry supporters were past recipients of the West Huron MMPA Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, honored as the MMPA Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperator and chosen as the MSU Dairy Farmer of the Year.



MEGAN BUSH
Nick Bellows Scholarship

Megan Bush of Swartz Creek, Mich., was chosen as the 2014-15 recipient of the Nick Bellows Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of Nick Bellows, the former chief executive officer of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM). The award is presented to an MSU student with a career interest in dairy promotions.

Bush is the daughter of George Bush and Elizabeth Fontenot. She's interested in one day attaining a career in agricultural marketing or communications or dairy-related sales. Bush is a senior majoring in agribusiness management and expects to graduate in Dec. 2015.

At MSU, Bush has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and served as the organization's second vice-president, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Student Senate representative and co-chairperson of the club's Spartan Spectacular calf sale. She was a member of the Michigan 4-H dairy judging team that placed first overall and first in oral reasons at the 2012 National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. In this contest, Bush finished second place overall, fourth place in placing points only and fifth place in oral reasons. The team earned an invitation to travel to Europe to participate in an International Livestock Judging Tour in 2013, and Bush was a member of the highest placing dairy judging contest pair at the 2013 Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was one of two senior Michigan Dairy Ambassadors for 2014 and served as secretary of the Michigan Junior Holstein Association. Bush has been a resident assistant in Wilson Hall on the MSU campus for two years, was employed by Brody Culinary Services and as the web content editor and manager for the Michigan 4-H and Youth Dairy Program website and completed an internship in summer 2014 with Zoetis.

The Nick Bellows Scholarship was established in 2011 by the UDIM board of directors and staff members to recognize Bellows for his two and a half decades of commitment and dedication as the organization's CEO.

JACK AND BETTY BARNES SCHOLARSHIP

Three Michigan State University (MSU) students have been awarded the Jack and Betty Barnes Scholarship. Chelsey Clemens, animal science senior and production animal scholar from West Branch, Samantha Mamarow, animal science senior from Saline, and Katelynne Spaans, animal science senior with a Production Animal Scholar Program concentration and agribusiness specialization from Belding, each received the \$1,000 scholarship earmarked towards completing an international study experience.

The scholarship is named after the late Jack and Betty Barnes. Jack Barnes was employed with MMPA for 39 years and served 26 of those years as general manager.



CHELSEY CLEMENS, the daughter of Eric and Shelly Clemens, took part in the Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany in summer 2014. She grew up on a 160-cow dairy operation and aspires to pursue a career as a dairy cattle nutritionist. While at MSU, Clemens has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club, served as a teaching assistant and assisted in collecting and interpreting data for feed efficiency research for Dr. Michael VandeHaar and worked at the MSU Dairy Research and Teaching Center. She also participated in the 2013 MSU Dairy Challenge and attended the 2014 National Dairy Challenge Academy.



SAMANTHA MAMAROW is the daughter of Ed and Jane Mamarow. She has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and committed numerous hours to helping with the Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale, competed as a member of the club's dairy quiz bowl team at the 2013 and 2014 Midwest American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) annual meetings, attended the 2013 National ADSA annual meeting and participated with several dairy promotion and education projects. Mamarow competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge and the Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge, as well as on the MSU Dairy Products Evaluation Program team at both regional and national competitions. She was also a member of the 2014 MSU dairy cattle judging team.



KATELYNNE SPAANS, the daughter of Dick and Julie Spaans, also participated in the Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany in summer 2014. Her extracurricular activities have included serving on the executive board and as the recognition banquet committee chairperson for the MSU Block and Bridle Club, competing on the MSU Meats and Livestock Judging teams and participating in the MSU Dairy Challenge for the past three years. Spaans has also worked as an undergraduate research assistant with dairy nutrition research projects and remains active in local 4-H programming.

DAIRY MEMORIAL RECIPIENTS

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$3,500)

JACOB BUNING, of Falmouth, is a junior studying Agribusiness Management at MSU. He assists with a research project at the MSU Mastitis Lab by collecting milk samples and observing parlor habits. Buning also works on his family dairy operation, Buning Dairy Farm, LLC. He took part in the MSU Dairy Quiz Bowl Challenge from 2006 to 2009. He is active in the MSU Dairy Club and continues to participate in the Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show every August.

CAELAH DOERR, of Owosso, received her bachelor's degree in animal science from MSU in May 2015 and plans on furthering her education by studying veterinary medicine. Doerr traveled to the Netherlands and Belgium to study dairy husbandry in May 2014 to learn more about the dairy industry. She worked as an undergraduate research assistant for the MSU Neuroscience department and as a farmhand for Heritage Hill Farms. At MSU, Doerr was active in the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association by taking on the roles of research committee member and research co-chair.

ASHLEY IMMEL, of Osseo, is a May 2015 graduate with a bachelor's degree in animal science from MSU. She studied abroad with the Dairy Husbandry program in May 2014 to further her knowledge about the dairy industry. While at MSU, Immel was active in the Block and Bridle Club, acting as the National Convention Chair and Membership Coordinator in 2014. She was also active in the MSU Dairy Club and worked at the Michigan State Dairy Farm as an animal caretaker.

LYNETTE JACKSON, of Caro, is a 2015 MSU graduate with a bachelor's degree in animal science with an animal industry concentration. While at MSU, Jackson was a member of the MSU Meat Judging Team and the MSU Women's Alliance Club. Off campus, Jackson was an active member of the Caro Horizons 4-H club, serving as President from 2008-2011. Jackson won the Tuscola County Fair 2013 Large Livestock Judging Contest in addition to many other awards. She worked at MSU Greenhouses and on her family's dairy operation, Jackson Dairy Farm.

TOREI KULPINSKI, of Coldwater, is a sophomore majoring in animal science. She first entered the dairy industry by working on her family farm, Kulpinski Dairy Farms. Kulpinski was an active member in the Algansee Farm Boosters 4-H Club and held leadership roles in the National Honor Society and Student Council. At MSU, Kulpinski is been active in the MSU Dairy Club and plans to pursue a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine.

CAITLIN MCNICHOLS is a Harrisville native and May 2015 graduate of the MSU Department of Animal Science Production Animal Scholars Program. McNichols plans to attend veterinary school and obtain a degree in veterinary medicine with a focus on production animals. While at MSU, McNichols was a member of the MSU Pre-Veterinary Medical Association, MSU Dairy Club, MSU Block & Bridle Club, MSU H-Star, MSU Honors College Programming Board and St. John's Women's Group. Outside of school, McNichols interned with Agrivision Farm Management, LLC in Dalhart, Texas. She also worked at the McPhail Equine Performance Center.

BETHANY OGLESBY, of Lakewood, Illinois, graduated in May 2015 from the Production Animal Scholars Program at MSU. Oglesby was on the Dean's List and also a member of the MSU Dairy Club and American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), the MSU Block and Bridle Club, MSU Dairy Nutrition Journal Club, Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association and participated in the 2013 Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge. Oglesby also worked as an undergraduate research assistant in the Digestive Physiology Lab dealing with ruminant nutrition. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in animal nutrition.

LAURA SMALL, of Kimball, graduated in May 2015 from MSU with a bachelor's degree in animal science with a concentration in the Production Animal Scholars Program. Small worked for the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center, Reid's Dairy Farm and Small Dairy Farm and job shadowed at Thumb Veterinary Services. At MSU, she was an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association. In 2013, Laura was appointed dairy superintendent for the MSU Little International Stock Show.

BRITNI TUCKER is a junior in the MSU Department of Animal Science Production Scholars Program. At MSU, she is a member of the MSU Dairy Club, Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association, participated in the Dairy Husbandry Study Abroad Program in 2014 and took part in the MSU Dairy Challenge and Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge. Off campus, Tucker has been a 4-H member since 2002 and acquired work experience through the MSU Chemistry Graduate Office, Thelen Farms in Fowler, Breakfast on the Farm in Langlade County, Wisconsin, and the Lion's Club.

Freshman Scholarships (\$1,500)

ETHAN HAYWOOD, of Hastings, is a freshman studying animal science at MSU. He worked at Sand Creek Dairy and helped develop Haywood Family Cheese. Haywood was active in the Hastings FFA Chapter as the president and vice president and Region 1 treasurer. Haywood participated in many leadership contests and received numerous awards throughout his FFA career. He was also active in the Business Professionals of America, Student Council and 4-H.

DAVID KRAFFT is a first year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. Krafft holds an associate's degree from Ferris State University in heavy equipment technology. He works on his family farm in Frankenmuth and is active at St. Lorenz Church.

KAYLA HOLSTEN, of Milan, is a first year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. She was an active member of the Saline FFA Chapter, serving as the vice president and reporter. She was also an active 4-H member and received multiple awards from both organizations. Holsten competed in the National Livestock Judging Competition and the National Dairy Judging Competition. Currently, Holsten works on Sweetland Dairy Farm and at Amazin' Popcorn & Beef. After completing the dairy management program, she looks forward to earning a bachelor's degree in animal science.

AMBER IDEN, of Bad Axe, is a first year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. In high school, Iden was involved in wrestling and student council. Amber gained valuable work experience in the dairy industry by working for Aquila Farms, Highland Dairy, Pine Row Dairy and Five Star Dairy.

Ag Tech Scholarships (\$2,000)

REBECCA SWARTZENDRUBER, of Bay Port, graduated from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program in December 2014. She plans to continue her education and pursue an Agribusiness Management degree from MSU. Rebecca is active in the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Dairy Judging Team where she competed at the World Dairy Expo in 2014. She interned with Alexandre Dairy in Crescent, CA and worked at Aquila Farms, Highland Dairy and Riverside Farms as well.

GABRIEL KLAASEN, of Hamilton, is a December 2014 graduate from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. He was active in the MSU Dairy Club and 4-H. Klaasen completed an internship with DayBreak Dairy and was employed by Schaendorf Dairy Farm and Klaasen Feeder Calves.

CLAYTON (CJ) BERENS, of Holland, graduated from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program in December 2014. He completed an internship with First Farm in Ionia. Berens was a member of the Hopkins FFA chapter, the Monterey, Overisel and West Allegan 4-H clubs, the Michigan Junior Holstein Association and the

CARA PERKINS, of Hudson, Indiana, is a first year student at the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. Perkins was an active member of her local FFA chapter while holding numerous leadership positions. She competed at the National Ag Sales competition earning a bronze medal. Perkins was also active in LaGrange County 4-H, LaGrange County Extension Board, National Honor Society and the International Barrel Racing Association.

LAURA LUBESKI, of Bad Axe, is a first year student at MSU studying animal science. At MSU, Laura is active in the MSU Dairy Club and is a Michigan Dairy Ambassador. Off campus, Lubeski works at Gucwa Farms, participated in 4-H and was the 2012-2013 64th Michigan Bean Queen First Runner Up and 2013-2014 65th Michigan Bean Queen First Runner Up.

ELLEN LAUNSTEIN, of Mason, is a freshman studying animal science through the Department of Animal Science Production Animal Scholars Program at MSU. Launstein was active in the Dansville FFA Chapter, the National Honor Society and was a member of the volleyball, cross country and track teams. Ellen works on her family dairy operation, Launstein Dairy, and assisted Professor Jon Althouse in the MSU Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Department. Ellen is also active in the MSU Dairy Club and the Residential Initiative to the Study of the Environment (RISE) Program. She plans to attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at MSU once she completes her undergraduate studies.

Allegan County 4-H Youth Council. Berens was a member of the teams representing the state at the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Management contests.

HAYLEY OBRADOVICH, of Fruitport, graduated from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program in December 2014. She was a member of the MSU Dairy Club and participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge. Obradovich gained various skills through on the farm experiences at Eubanks Farms in Marne and through an internship at Jem-Lot Dairy in Westphalia. Obradovich currently works for Northstar Cooperative on Dairy Herd Improvement.

ELLA HIGGINS, of Elsie, is a December 2014 graduate from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. While at MSU, she was a member of the MSU Dairy Club, MSU Block & Bridle Club and the MSU Dairy Challenge. Outside of school, Higgins was employed by Clona Farms in Dansville and completed an internship with Green Meadow Farms in Elsie.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Judging Team Takes Top Honors



The Michigan 4-H dairy judging team won top honors at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo Sept. 29 in Madison, Wisconsin. The team finished as the No. 1 team overall, ahead of 26 teams from across the country, as well as the top team in reasons. Several members also ranked in the top 10 individually.

Team members Bryce Frahm of Frankenmuth, Kayla Holsten of Saline, Suzanna Hull of North Adams and Lucas Moser of Dansville evaluated 10 classes of dairy cattle at the national competition before delivering reasons on five of these classes. Youth competed for a place on the national team through a rigorous statewide selection process. Team members first had to place in the top 25 at the Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days judging competition in July. After that, they were required to attend at least four additional judging practices at dairy farms across the state to qualify for an intensive judging workout weekend at the Maryland State Fair.

As a result of their success, the team was invited to compete at the 2015 International Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest in Scotland in June 2015. The 2014 team is the second Michigan 4-H team in the past three years to place first at the national contest. The Michigan dairy judging program is coordinated by team coach Dr. Joe Domecq, MSU Dept. of Animal Science, along with co-coach and 4-H volunteer Sarah Black.

Celebrate Dairy Leaders with the Gift that Keeps Giving

Name an MDMSF Honoree

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 180 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 and honoree biographies and photographs are kept in permanent records in the MSU Department of Animal Science. In addition, photographs of MDMSF Honorees are now on display 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
- Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen at 517-432-5443 or maw@msu.edu
- CANR Development office at 517-355-0284

DONATING RAISED COMMODITIES SAVES TAXES

BY JEFF BUSHEY, CPA, NIETZKE AND FAUPEL, PC

The IRS allows cash basis farmers to make charitable contributions of raised commodity inventory. There are a number of potential tax advantages for farm proprietors:

- 1.** Making charitable contributions of raised commodity inventory avoids wasting the federal standard deduction. Normally a cash donation is deducted on Schedule A of Form 1040. If the taxpayer's total itemized deductions listed on Schedule A do not exceed the allowable standard deduction, taxpayers can use the standard deduction. The standard deduction for a married couple filing a joint return for 2015 is \$12,600. If a taxpayer makes cash contribution but ends up using the standard deduction because the total itemized deductions did not exceed the standard deduction the cash contribution is "wasted". If a taxpayer, who is a farmer, contributes a portion of his or her raised commodity inventory the "wasting" of the cash contribution is avoided because the charity, not the farmer, sells the commodity. The income never appears on the farmer's return.
- 2.** Donating raised commodities can decrease self-employment taxes as well. If a farmer sells his or her commodity the income from the sale is reported as self-employment income and self-employment tax will be paid. If the commodity is donated to a charity the charity sells the commodity and no self-employment income is reported by the farmer.
- 3.** The donation of raised commodity inventory will also help reduce a farmer's state income tax liability. Michigan does not allow the deduction of charitable contributions. A donation of raised commodity inventory to a charity will keep the sales proceeds from the inventory out of the income reported on the farmer's state tax return. Also, if a Michigan farmer has farmland enrolled in the Farmland Preservation program, donating raised commodity inventory can also increase the amount of the farmland tax credit. Farmers in states other than Michigan should check with their tax advisor to determine the state tax implications of donating raised commodity inventory.

The tax rules regarding the donation of raised commodity inventory have some very specific requirements so be sure to consult with your tax advisor before making a donation of raised commodity inventory for the first time.

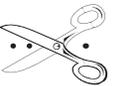
AVOID ESTATE TAXES BY GIFTING TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

There is a way to avoid all estate taxes. The Federal Estate tax laws allow each individual to pass along approximately \$5,300,000 to heirs of a decedent's estate without incurring estate taxes. With the rapid increase in farmland values many farmers' estates may exceed this amount. Current law will tax any estate larger than the federal exemption at approximately 40%. However, the Federal estate tax laws allow an individual to gift part of their estate to charitable organizations. This gift is fully deductible in calculating the value of the decedent's estate. There estate tax can be avoided if charitable gifts are made to reduce the estate value to less than the federal exemption. To take advantage of this estate planning opportunity this gift should be written into the taxpayer's Will and/or Trust documents.

Michigan State University will accept either of these types of gifts. For more information of the details please contact:

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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.

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Mail, fax or e-mail to Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen at: Department of Animal Science, MSU, 2265 Anthony Hall, 474 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824-1225 / Fax: 517-353-1699 or email: msw@msu.edu

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you for choosing me as a 2014 recipient of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I am incredibly honored to have been chosen as a recipient. Because of this scholarship, I am able to pursue a degree in Animal Science and receive an education in something I am very passionate about. After graduation I plan to obtain a career in the dairy industry with a focus on the reproduction field. I also hope to be able to remain involved with our family dairy farm. Thanks again for your generosity!

—*Laura Lubeski*

Thank you so much for giving me the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be a big help in paying off my student debt. After school I plan on hoof trimming more and hopefully some day I will own my own farm. Thank you again and I am honored to be selected for this scholarship.

—*CJ Berens*

Thank you for awarding me with the Dairy Memorial Scholarship! I can not express to you how grateful I am for this scholarship. The money is all going towards paying for this semester's housing and tuition. Because the scholarship money is paying for a large portion of my bills for this semester, I will be able to get up on my feet and start my life a little quicker! So thank you so much for that!

—*Ella Higgins*

I would like to personally thank you for the scholarships I received. This will allow me to begin paying off my student loans and begin my career after school. Once again I would like to thank you for rewarding me the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship.

—*Brad Cole*

Thank you so much for this incredible and helpful opportunity. Your scholarship foundation has helped me achieve my dreams of coming to Michigan State and completing the dairy management program. I'm am passionate about the dairy industry and am thankful that this foundation is there to help students like myself, become more involved in the industry and get an exceptional education.

—*Hayley Obradovich*

A huge thanks to all involved in the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to those who generously donated money, and to those who were involved in the decision making processes. This money is going to greatly help with the college debt I have accumulated over these past 3 semesters.

—*Gabe Klaasen*

“I would like to express my gratitude upon receiving a Dairy Memorial Scholarship this fall. I feel extremely honored to have been recognized as a recipient, and I am so thankful for being considered for this award. I want nothing more with my life than to spend it pursuing my passion which is dairy farming. I am lucky to have found a path in my life that is not a career, but a lifestyle. The education that I am pursuing at Michigan State is setting me up for great opportunities in the dairy industry and each day that I am here, I am one step closer to my life in dairy. Once again, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and show my appreciation.”

—*Amber Iden*

I am very thankful and honored to be a recipient of an Ag Tech Scholarship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As my final semester in the Dairy Tech program starts to come to a close, I begin to reflect on how much I have gained from this outstanding program. Not only was I able to travel to a California dairy for my internship, but was also able to compete in Wisconsin and Kentucky for dairy judging. I have had many great experiences at Michigan State University and I am looking forward to what lies ahead of me in the dairy industry. This scholarship will be used to help cover the cost of the agri-business management degree I will be pursuing in the fall semester of 2015. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

—*Rebecca Swartzendruber*

Thank you all so much for awarding me with this scholarship. You have given me the opportunity to expand on my learning experiences and be able to afford classes and even a study abroad program that will help me in my career after college. With your generosity, I can now afford to be a part of beneficial experiences in and out of the classroom. I will work extremely hard to be as accomplished as past recipients. Thank you all again so much for taking the time to interview me for this amazing award.

—*Ellen Launstein*

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as one of the scholarship recipients this year. Also, I would like to thank you for helping support the education of students, including myself, that will one day be working in such a great industry. Thanks again for everything you do, and for supporting and promoting the dairy industry.

—*Cara Perkins*

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 contests this fall because of your support. Dairy judging has increased our knowledge of the dairy industry and we have developed valuable communication skills. We cannot thank you enough.

—*MSU Dairy Judging Teams*

Thank you for supporting this year's MSU Dairy Challenge. This program is an amazing learning opportunity for us, the students. It would not be possible without your support. We all found it a very educational and eye-opening experience. It also helped us get better ideas of what we see ourselves doing in the industry after school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

—*Participants in the MSU Dairy Challenge*

I am writing to extend my sincerest appreciation for your generous support in the form of the Red and Edna Cotter Purina Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I am a third year veterinary student with plans to practice dairy cattle medicine in Michigan. I would also like to transition into a veterinary position working somewhere in the dairy industry, such as a government position or a pharmaceutical company. I would like to thank you for considering a non-traditional agriculture student as a recipient. As a student from the city, I have encountered challenges learning the industry, but nonetheless have developed a strong passion for dairy. I am highly involved in extra-curricular clubs and employment that allow me to further my experiences with dairy cattle. In receiving this scholarship, I am encouraged in my pursuit of knowledge as others recognize my vigor and enthusiasm. Once again, I would like to thank you for your support. I honestly cannot describe how much this means to me.

—*Caroline (Carrie) Szybisty*

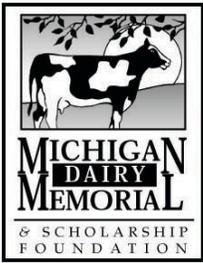
Thank you for providing us students with this great opportunity. I know that it takes a lot of time and effort to make something like this possible and we all greatly appreciate it. It means a lot to students knowing that there are so many generous and supportive people investing in us so that we can become more successful within our future careers. The scholarships that we receive go a long way in helping to fund our education and we are very thankful for them. I truly enjoy being a part of the Michigan dairy industry because it has provided me with so many great opportunities and resources that have helped to advance me within my career. I hope that I will be able to give back to and help strengthen the dairy industry upon graduation also so that others can benefit from it just as I have.

—*Jared Lyzenga*

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

Walter Iciek, MDMSF Recipient 2000-2001, has had broad experiences in the dairy industry over the last several years working in dairy nutrition and also commodities merchandising with DFA in Colorado. During 2014, he and his wife, Deidre (Kieren) Iciek, MDMSF Recipient 2004, returned to Michigan to purchase his parents' family farm located just outside of Gladwin. In the past year, they have expanded from 240 to 600 cows and plan to continue to grow the business. Deidre helps manage the finances and administration on the dairy, but also is a consultant for Blue Wing Consulting, LLC. She works with farmers across central Michigan on nutrient management planning, CAFO compliance, MAEAP verification, and NRCS projects. Walter and Deidre welcomed their son, Judah Parkin, this past January.

Charles Randall, earned his bachelor of science degree in dairy in 1987. Today Charles is actively farming in Osseo, Michigan.



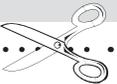
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