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Can you believe that 2004 is now a reflection in the mirror, and 2005 is upon us with new challenges and opportunities? We all know that Michigan's dairy industry is alive and well, but each year we need to continue to bring resources to keep this industry growing and viable. The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) continues to add value and resources by offering support to those students who are committed to this tremendous dairy industry.

The great news is that this past school year, the MDMSF provided 27 students with financial support to support their education in a dairy-related curriculum at MSU. A business must continue to pull from its tremendous pool of resources to remain in the work world tomorrow. Today's competitive business environment means that all aspects of the agricultural industry are competing for quality students. A commitment of the MDMSF is to illustrate to students the importance of the resources that Michigan State University and all of the contributors to the MDMSF have provided to the dairy industry.

However, we are not done yet. Even though we were able to offer quality scholarships to 27 students, we had to turn some students away. With your continued support and contributions, wouldn't it be great to provide scholarship opportunities to all qualified students who apply? One creative student could unleash tremendous potential for our industry.

We want to thank each of you for your contributions to make this foundation one of the strongest at Michigan State University. Here's to a tremendous industry and the next generation of people who will make it an even more profitable and dynamic industry.

Mike Fordyce  
President, MDMSF

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## Holli Wittenbach

### Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship Recipient

Holli Wittenbach, daughter of Don and Laurie Rosekrans of Ionia, is this year's recipient of the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship through the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (MDMSF).

The \$4,000 scholarship was awarded to Holli on the basis of her academics, extracurricular activities and interest in a dairy-related career. The scholarship is named for Russel Erickson, retired Michigan State University professor of animal science.



## Cortney Peissig

### Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship Recipient

This year's recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship is Cortney Peissig, daughter of Thomas and Peggy Peissig of Dorchester, Wis.



Cortney graduated from MSU in December 2004 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and natural resources communications. She finished her MSU degree in 2 1/2 years by taking summer courses and a full class schedule during the regular school year. She was pleased to receive the scholarship provided through the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc., which covered her tuition and fees for the 2004-05 academic year at MSU. Cortney received the award on the basis of her academic and extracurricular activities, and interest in a dairy-related career.

"I was surprised and really excited to receive the scholarship," Cortney says. "The scholarship has really helped out a lot."

Growing up on her family's dairy farm gave Cortney the opportunity to

take part in 4-H, where she showed dairy cows and participated in dairy judging. She was also active in FFA.

Following high school, Cortney spent two years as a state FFA officer in Wisconsin before enrolling at MSU.

During her short time at MSU, Cortney

has been involved in the National Agri-Marketing Association, the ANR Ambassadors program and the Bailey Scholars lifelong learning focus program. The lifelong learning program helped Cortney decide she wanted to specialize in agricultural international trade and policy as part of her ANR communications degree.

"The ANR communications program allows a lot of flexibility, which allowed me to take classes in foreign and international trade," Cortney says. "I could customize it the way I wanted to."

Cortney currently works part time at a marketing firm in Lansing. She plans to enter the workforce for a few years before enrolling in graduate school to study international trade and policy. ♦

"The scholarship made a big difference to me," Holli says. "It was a great honor to receive. I have been working on this degree for a long time. It took a big load off my shoulders and made it possible for me to focus on the dairy side of things and finish up this semester."

Holli did not grow up on a farm and got her first exposure to dairying when she milked cows on a farm after high school. It was then that she decided to enter the two-year MSU dairy tech program. She continued her MSU education, completing her bachelor's degree in animal science with an emphasis in agribusiness in December.

At MSU, Holli was a member of the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU dairy judging team, and she twice competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge. The scholarship allowed her to spend more time as a 4-H leader and dairy judging coach in Ionia County.

For the past two years, Holli worked as an intern for ABS Global as a reproduction manager and GMS evaluator. Her main duties were relief breeding, tail chalking, and helping farms evaluate cows and establishing reproductive programs. She is planning to work full-time as an ABS representative after graduation. ♦



## Scholarships awarded to dairy students

**T**he Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation has provided scholarships to more than 350 students since its founding in 1957. In the current academic year, scholarships were awarded on the basis of academic merit, extracurricular activities and professional goals to the individuals listed below.

### Freshman Scholarships (\$1,000)

**Clare Alderink**, from Belding, has worked on a dairy farm since he was 12 years old and plans to continue working on the farm after college. He is a freshman in the Ag Tech dairy management program and also participates in the MSU Dairy Club. He participated in FFA and 4-H.

**Dave Bateman**, from Ionia, is a freshman in the Ag Tech dairy management program. He is employed on a dairy farm. He recently served with the Marines in Iraq and is attending a community college. Following graduation, he plans to be a dairy herd owner or manager.

**Jessica Geurink** grew up on a family dairy farm in Allendale, where she has worked since a young age. In addition, she has been extensively involved in 4-H, the Michigan Junior Holstein Association and dairy cattle judging. She is a freshman in the agribusiness management program and plans to work in the dairy industry after graduation.

**Daniel Radloff**, a freshman in the Ag Tech dairy management program, is extensively involved on his family's

dairy farm in Sandusky. He participated in FFA as well as the biotechnology program in high school, and he is a member of the MSU Dairy Club. He plans to return to the family farm after graduation.

**Alyssa Selesky**, of Lakeview, is a freshman in animal science. She participated in 4-H, the National Honor Society and student government in high school and was employed as a crop insurance office assistant. Alyssa plans to work in the dairy industry after graduation.

### Ag Tech Scholarships (\$1,500)

**Ashley Benthem**, from McBain, is a sophomore in the Ag Tech agricultural industries program. She grew up on a family farm, where she has worked since a young age. In addition, she participated in sports and student council in high school. She plans to work in the agricultural finance area following graduation.

**Ryan Benthem** is a freshman in the Ag Tech dairy management program. He grew up on a family dairy farm in McBain, where he has worked since a young age. He was active in sports and 4-H in high school, in addition to working at an equipment dealership. He plans to return to the family farm after graduation.

**Maria Johnson**, from Pittsford, is a sophomore in the Ag Tech agricultural industries program. She participates in the National Agri-Marketing Association and is employed at the MSU Dairy Plant. Maria plans to pursue a bachelor's degree and work in

dairy nutrition or pharmaceutical sales after graduation.

**Pieter Serne** from Lowell is completing the Ag Tech dairy management program and plans subsequently to obtain a bachelor's degree. He participates in FFA and the MSU Dairy Club, in addition to working at the MSU Dairy Farm and another dairy farm. After graduation, Pieter plans to work as a herdsman and eventually become a partner in a dairy operation.

**Mary TenBrink** is a freshman in the Ag Tech dairy management program from Coopersville. During high school, she participated extensively in FFA and 4-H dairy cattle judging. She works on her family's dairy farm and participates at MSU in the Dairy Club and the Agronomy Club. Mary plans to pursue her bachelor's degree before returning to the family farm.

### Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$3,000)

**Mitch Fabus**, from St. Johns, is a junior in the crop and soil sciences program. Mitch grew up on a dairy farm and worked after high school on a custom harvesting crew in the West. Mitch works at the MSU Agronomy Farm and plans to return to his family's farm after graduation.

**Calby Garrison** is a senior in agribusiness management from Onsted. Calby participates in MSU dairy judging, the CANR Student Senate, Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural fraternity, the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Young Spartan program. Calby

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## Scholarships awarded to dairy students (continued)

owns and operates his own farm and plans a career in providing financial management services to dairy producers.

**Joann Greenfield**, from Annapolis, Md., is a junior in animal science. Joann became interested in dairy cattle while growing up near a relative's dairy farm. She works at the MSU Dairy Farm and participates in the MSU Dairy Club. After graduation, Joann plans to become a veterinarian working with dairy producers.

**Jolene Griffin**, from Hastings, is a senior in agriculture and natural resources communication. She grew up on a family dairy farm, where she continues to work. She participates in the Dairy Club, the Collegiate Farm Bureau Club, the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge. She has held several internships during college and plans to work in public relations after graduation.

**Alysa Isley**, from Palmyra, is a junior in agriscience education. She participates in FFA, the Agricultural Education Club, Sigma Alpha and Collegiate Farm Bureau, and is employed in the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. After graduation, Alysa plans to become a high school agriscience teacher and FFA adviser.

**Matthew Jakubik** is a sophomore in agricultural education from Whittemore. He grew up on a family dairy farm and currently lives and works at the MSU Dairy Farm. He participates extensively in FFA, the Agricultural Education Club and Alpha Gamma Rho, and he recently

completed a Study Abroad program in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Scotland. After graduation, he plans to become a high school agriscience teacher.

**Matthew Kapp** is a senior in agriculture and natural resources communications from Ann Arbor. Matthew completed the Ag Tech dairy management program. He participates in FarmHouse and Alpha Zeta, and he is currently employed in the MSU Meats Laboratory and in MSU ANR Communications. He plans to work in public relations or journalism in the dairy industry after graduation.

**Deidre Kieren**, from Grant, is a senior in environmental studies and political science. She is involved extensively in the Bailey Scholars, the National Agri-Marketing Association and FFA. After graduation, she plans to pursue her long-held interest in agricultural policy through a career involving environmental management and agricultural policy.

**Garrett Landel** is a junior in animal science from Waldron. Garrett grew up on a farm and plans to work as a state dairy inspector after graduation. He works on his family's farm in addition to operating a lawn service and working as a dairy foods processor at the MSU Dairy Plant. Garrett participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge and is a member of the MSU Dairy Club.

**Calvin Lindberg** is a senior in animal science from Coopersville. He participates in the MSU Dairy Club and is employed at the MSU Dairy Plant. Calvin grew up on his family's dairy farm, where he continues to work on all aspects of the operation, and he plans to

return to the dairy farm after graduation.

**Julie Raap** is a senior in animal science from Bailey. She started working on a dairy farm during high school and later worked on a cash crop farm. In addition, Julie interned at a veterinary clinic for a summer. Julie participates in Sigma Alpha and Rodeo Club.

**Katherine Shuster** is a senior in animal science from Belmont. Katie worked at the MSU Dairy Farm and completed an undergraduate research project to evaluate the effect of pasteurization of colostrum on health indicators in calves. Katie plans to pursue an advanced degree, possibly in veterinary medicine.

**Bryce Slavik** is a junior in animal science from Ashley. Bryce grew up on a dairy farm, where he developed his career plan of becoming a veterinarian. He continues to work on his family's farm and is completing an undergraduate research project in the Department of Animal Science. Bryce is currently an officer in the MSU Dairy Club.

**Emily Sneller** grew up on a dairy farm in Sebewaing. A senior in crop and soil sciences, Emily plans to pursue an advanced degree in this area after graduation. Emily is president of the MSU Dairy Club and participates in the Agronomy Club. She is extensively involved in the Michigan Junior Holstein Association and also participated in MSU dairy cattle judging.

**Joseph Tarkowski** is a senior in animal science from Belding. Joe currently works as assistant farm manager on a dairy farm. He also

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## 2005-06 Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications (new, renewal) for the 2005-06 academic year are due February 28, 2005. Freshman and Ag Tech scholarship applications are due September 27, 2005. Applications can be obtained at [www.ans.msu.edu/academics/undergrad/scholarships.html](http://www.ans.msu.edu/academics/undergrad/scholarships.html) and returned to Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen at the following address:

Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen  
Department of Animal Science  
1250E Anthony Hall  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI 48824-1225

Questions regarding the MDMSF scholarship program can be directed to Dr. Weber Nielsen at (517) 432-5443 or by e-mail at [msw@msu.edu](mailto:msw@msu.edu).

## Scholarships awarded to dairy students

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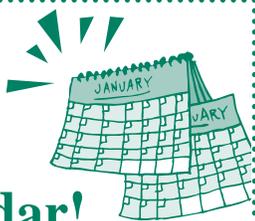
worked at MSU University Farms. In addition, Joe participates in FarmHouse fraternity and is a member of the MSU Dairy Club. He plans to return to the farm following graduation.

### Jack & Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)

The Barnes scholarship is provided through an endowment from Jack and Betty Barnes and is given annually to a student interested in a dairy industry career who is participating in an international experience to enhance his or her education. This year's recipient was Jolene Griffin, who is mentioned on page 4. Jolene participated in a Study Abroad program in Australia and New Zealand in summer 2004. ♦



## Mark Your Calendar!



- Deadline for scholarship applications (new and renewal applications for four-year students) – **February 28, 2005.**
- Deadline for freshman and Ag Tech scholarship applications – **September 27, 2005.**
- MSU Dairy Club annual recognition banquet – **March 18, 2005.**
- MDMSF annual meeting – **April 20, 2005.**

## Your MDMSF Gift Keeps on Giving

Your contribution to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund (MDMSF) endowment helps students today as well as future MSU students.



Your gift to an endowed fund is a gift that grows. The principal (the money you give) is invested in perpetuity, and only a portion of the investment income is spent. This means your gift will live and grow forever. Each year, a portion of the annual investment earnings from the MDMSF endowment principal is distributed as scholarships. The rate of this distribution (currently 5.75%) is determined by the MSU Board of Trustees each year. The principal itself (your gift) remains untouched and, in fact, continues to grow as a portion of the annual earnings is reinvested each year. As of 6/30/04, the MDMSF endowment had a principal balance of \$568,052.

As traditional funding sources for the university decline, endowed funds such as the MDMSF provide a long-term, dependable source of funding for programs and scholarships. Through your gifts, generations of students pursuing careers in the dairy science industry will be able to count on scholarship help from the MDMSF. ♦



## Dairy Memorial Scholarship Thank You's from 2004-05

**T**hank you for selecting me to receive the Glenn and Anne Lake Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship for the 2004-05 academic years. I feel extremely honored to be chosen and am proud to accept this award.

Because I grew up on a small dairy farm in central Wisconsin, I have always had a strong interest in the dairy industry. Today, as a student at MSU, I've expanded my interest toward international agriculture and trade. I plan to pursue a master's degree in international trade and public policy following my graduation from MSU. In the future, I would like to work with international agriculture trade issues such as international free trade agreements, milk protein concentrates, food law or environmental regulations.

In the dairy industry, it is necessary to understand the importance of being constantly aware of both current and pending legislation from foreign governments and international agencies that might affect dairy operations. My goal is to become actively involved in developing those international agricultural policies which will ensure a successful future for our agricultural sector.

I am very appreciative of the opportunities that your generous scholarship helps make available to me, and I will continue to work hard to get the most out of my experience at Michigan State University.

*Cortney Peissig*

**I**would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude towards all of you who represent the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation for choosing me as a 2004-05 scholarship recipient. Having applied twice now for Dairy Memorial Scholarships and receiving both of them, I feel that I have really gained your trust. It is a great honor to know that some of the industry's greatest leaders believe in me and trust me to be a future leader as well. As the college tuition rate

increases each year, students are having a harder time not only staying in college but also making it to college in the first place. Your funding has made my life so much easier for this upcoming year that words cannot explain how much I appreciate your scholarship. You have my word that I will continue to remain a dedicated and focused student in the agricultural field. Again, I thank you all for your contributions and will always think very highly of your organization.

*Mitch Fabus*

**T**hank you for the Ag Tech scholarship I received this past fall. I really appreciate the support of your organization and think your commitment to youth is admirable.

*Josh Gamble*

**T**hank you for selecting me as a recipient of one of your scholarships for 2004-05. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. It is my goal to use the education that I am receiving now to further inform others of the benefits and importance of agriculture today and in the future. Thank you for your support of my education and future goals.

*Alysa Isley*

**I**would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and the entire Michigan dairy industry for supporting the future of Michigan agriculture. I am very honored to have been named a 2004-05 MDMSF recipient. Currently, I am a senior studying agribusiness management and plan to graduate in December 2004. I look forward to serving Michigan's dairy industry and thank you once again.

*Calby Garrison*

**I**would like to thank the Dairy Memorial Scholarship Committee for the time they took out of their busy schedule to interview me. I am very grateful for the award that I received and would like to say this financial

help is going straight to my tuition. The end result is going to lead to a greater dairy industry. Again thank you.

*Dave Bateman*

**A**s a scholarship recipient, I am greatly honored to receive this scholarship funded by all of the hard-working individuals in Michigan's dairy industry. I am very happy to receive this scholarship. The money will really help me pay for college. Thanks again.

*Dan Radloff*

**I** just wanted to take the time to thank you for choosing me as a recipient of one of your Ag Tech scholarships. Without people and foundations like you, paying for my education at Michigan State would be much tougher. After graduating from the dairy management program, I have plans of transferring to the four-year animal science program, and financial support this early on in my college career is reassuring that people are willing to help me further my education. Thanks again!

*Mary TenBrink*

**T**hank you for choosing me as a recipient of the 2004 Dairy Memorial Scholarship. By receiving this scholarship I can continue to educate myself and work to be an active part of the dairy industry. This December I will be completing my courses in the dairy management Ag Tech program. I am working hard with plans to enter a four-year program next fall and complete my education with a degree in agribusiness management. Once again, I would like to thank you all for selecting me to receive this honorable award.

*Pete Serne*





## Animal Science Hires New Chair

**K**aren Plaut will lead the Department of Animal Science in the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, beginning January 1, 2005.

She will succeed Margaret Benson, who has served as acting chairperson for the past two years, and Maynard Hogberg, who served as chair from 1984 to 2002. Dr. Benson will return to the Department of Animal Science faculty. Dr. Hogberg retired from the department last year and now chairs the Department of Animal Science at Iowa State University.

Dr. Plaut comes to MSU from the University of Vermont, where she is the chairperson of the Department of Animal Science and a professor of animal science with a secondary appointment as professor of pathology in the College of Medicine. She also serves as associate director of the Vermont Space Grant Consortium.

Dr. Plaut brings to MSU a distinguished record of achievement in teaching, research and outreach. She has taught courses ranging from introductory animal science to reproductive physiology and endocrinology. Her research interests focus on mammary development and lactation in domestic animals and humans, and the relationship between normal mammary development in the dairy cow and breast cancer in humans.

Her commitment and skills in research and teaching were recognized by the UVM College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with the Joseph E. Carrigan Teaching Award (1997) and the Hub Vogelman Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship (2002). Dr. Plaut's work has also been honored by the American Cancer Society - VT Division, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the American Dairy Science Association and the National Institutes of Health. She has served on peer review panels for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Department of Defense, the California Breast Cancer Research Panel, the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences and the National Institutes of Health. She was invited in 2002 to join the European Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Plaut received degrees from the University of Vermont (B.S. in animal science), Pennsylvania State

University (M.S. in animal nutrition) and Cornell University (Ph.D. in animal science) and pursued postdoctoral studies at the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health. In 1998, she took a two-year leave of absence from UVM to be the lead scientist for NASA's Biological Research Project for the International Space Station. She is currently a member of the American Society of Animal Science, the American Dairy Science Association, and the American Society of Gravitational and Space Biology.

We welcome Dr. Plaut and her husband, David Hoover, to East Lansing. In collaboration with other partners on and off campus, the Department of Animal Science and the CANR, MSU Extension and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station will continue to move forward into the national forefront of teaching, research and outreach that are relevant to the needs of our stakeholders. ♦



Several MDMSF 2003-04 scholarship recipients participated in the 2004 annual meeting of the MDMSF board of directors. Standing from left to right are: Cortney Peissig, Rob West, Joe Tarkowski, Katy McCracken, Emily Sneller and Lindsay Kirk.



# MDMSF Honorees

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. Approximately 140 individuals have been named MDMSF honorees since the foundation's establishment more than 45 years ago.

A gift of \$1,000 or more to the MDMSF provides permanent recognition and honors a dairy leader for his/her 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. In addition, their biographies and photographs are kept

in permanent records in the MSU Department of Animal Science.

The items needed for naming an MDMSF honoree are a \$1,000 contribution to the MDMSF, an 8- by 10-inch photo of the honoree and a one-page biography of 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 service to the industry in 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 also investing in 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 a 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 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, [msw@msu.edu](mailto:msw@msu.edu) or the CANR External Relations office at (517) 355-0284.

Support is also provided as needed to the dairy foods judging program, which will be featured in a future newsletter. ♦

## MDMSF Provides Support to Dairy Judging Program

For the past two years, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation has provided financial support to the MSU dairy judging program. The money invested by MDMSF in the judging program helps to support more than 25 students and youth annually. Support from the MDMSF and other organizations greatly reduces the cost of travel and involvement in dairy judging for each student.

"The MSU dairy judging program relies on several organizations for funding and is very grateful for all of the support that is provided," explains Dr. Joe Domecq, coach of the MSU dairy judging teams. "The money provided by MDMSF is pooled with



money from other sponsors and used to support the dairy judging program throughout the year. Because 4-H, Ag Tech and collegiate teams travel and practice together, our limited financial resources are used more efficiently," Domecq says.

The teams are able to travel to Canada, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky,

Ohio and Pennsylvania. Through the support of the MDMSF, the judging teams have been able to participate in additional contests on a fairly regular basis. This has allowed students to see and experience many facets of the dairy industry.

This additional experience outside of the classroom benefits the students and the dairy industry as a whole.

"There are many, many benefits for the youth involved in judging," Domecq says. "Certainly improved decision-making and communication skills are developed. More importantly, I believe every participant in the program develops more self-confidence, which will be critical to their future success in the industry." ♦



## MSU Dairy Store



**T**he MSU Dairy Store is not only a great place to get an ice cream cone or a chunk of cheese — it's also a learning station. The observation deck has been equipped with a state-of-the-art video presentation system. Thanks to the support of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, a video presentation covering the dairy industry of Michigan and the cheese and ice cream operations in the MSU Dairy Plant can be accessed whenever the Dairy Store is open. If you are not able to schedule time for the 25-minute video during one visit, you can watch one of three segments ranging from 7 to 15 minutes in length, giving you an excuse to come back and enjoy another ice cream cone.

The Bagans Memorial display cases located outside the Dairy Store and inside Room 1135 Anthony Hall also present rotating displays of historical and current interest to visitors. A plan to expand this display area is currently being developed. This will expand our educational emphasis in the building. Alumnus Bruce BeVier has been leading the charge to improve the educational display facilities.

The Dairy Store continues to cooperate with the MSU Dairy Club to offer an excellent variety of cheeses for the club's annual sale. 4-H dairy

programs are also working with the Dairy Store to raise funds through the sale of MSU cheeses. Cheeses may also be purchased throughout the year at

the Dairy Store and online at the following Web site:

<https://dairystore.msu.edu/>. ♦

*When the occasion suggests flowers,  
consider a living, growing tribute. Make a contribution to:*  
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**Where the earnings provide scholarships to worthy students  
in dairy industry-related fields.**

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**Mail to: CANR External Relations, 408 Agriculture Hall,  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.**





## What are you doing now?

**Brenda Sanford** (B.S., '82, animal science, Michigan State University; summa cum laude from Cooley Law School, '94). Currently is chief assistant prosecutor, Sanilac County, and lives in Deckerville, Mich.

**Nancy Blaauw** (B.S., '82, animal science, Michigan State University). After 20 years in the agricultural finance business, she has started her own business painting murals and faux finishes, and teaching decorative painting.

**Dale Darling** (B.S., '87, animal science; M.S., '89, agricultural economics, Michigan State University). Currently export regional sales manager for Blue Diamond Growers, Sacramento, Calif. Climbed Mt. Everest on May 23, 2004, completing the fifth of the famous Seven Summits.

**Amy Sparks** (B.S., '87, animal science, Michigan State University; M.S., '89, dairy science; Ph.D., '92, animal science, Virginia Tech). Currently research scientist and clinical laboratory director of the Reproductive Testing and In Vitro Fertilization Laboratories, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Jenni (Gordon) Piper** (B.S., '96, agriculture and natural resources communications, Michigan State University). Currently is account executive/sales with Adams Outdoor Advertising and resides in Climax, Mich.

**Kristin (Zagata) Bonham** (B.S., '96, agricultural and natural resources communications, Michigan State University). Currently customer operations manager at Monsanto Dairy Business in St. Louis, Mo.

**Andy Zagata** (B.S., '98, animal science, Michigan State University). Currently farms at Oak River Farm in

Sebewaing, a family operation that recently expanded to 400 cows.

**Sarah Zagata** (B.A., '02, international relations; B.S., agricultural and natural resources communications, Michigan State University, with certified specializations in environmental economics and Latin and Caribbean studies). Currently pursuing a J.D. at Vanderbilt University Law School and working at firms in multiple states and Mexico during the summers.

**Delton Parks** (B.S., '62, food science, Michigan State University). Worked in management in dairy and ice cream businesses in Detroit area ('62-'72); Known Foods, New York, N.Y. ('72-'77); Kroger Dairy, and then McDonald Dairy in Michigan ('77-'80) before serving Country Fresh as president and CEO for more than 20 years. Retired in 2000.

**Karen (Green) Batora** (B.S., '82, dairy science; M.A. '87, teaching and curriculum, Michigan State University). Currently co-owner of Daisy Dell Farm and Market, a cheese, ice cream, gift shop, café and petting zoo business. Future plans include expanding to have a 20-stall tie-stall barn milking quality dairy cattle and building a cheese processing plant. ♦

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150 years



The year 2005 marks a special time in Michigan State University's history — its 150th anniversary. In 1855, MSU was established as the Agriculture College of the State of Michigan and was the very first land-grant university in the nation. Five name changes later, it became known as Michigan State University in 1964. MSU served as the prototype for 69 land-grant institutions established under the Morrill Act of 1862. And it became the first institution of higher learning in the United States to teach scientific agriculture.

Throughout 2005 special events will commemorate MSU's sesquicentennial. Academic convocations; Founders' Day events; music, cultural and athletic events; Homecoming, and a sesquicentennial parade are among them. Additional information on the sesquicentennial celebration and activities can be found at [www.s150.msu.edu](http://www.s150.msu.edu).

## MSU Campus Profile

- Located in East Lansing, 3 miles east of Michigan's Capitol in Lansing.
- 5,200-acre campus with 2,000 acres in existing or planned development.
- 660 buildings, including 85 with instructional space.
- 15,000 acres throughout Michigan used for agricultural, animal and forestry research.
- More than 200 programs of study offered by 14 degree-granting colleges and an affiliated law college.
- Students from all 83 counties in Michigan, all 50 states in the United States and about 125 other countries.



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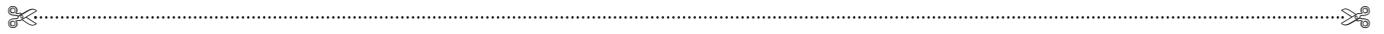
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