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MDMSF Honorees on Display at Pavilion



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The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) is now showcased at the MSU Pavilion. On the wall just outside the auditorium are photos of all the MDMSF Honorees over its 52 year history. Each photo panel displays 54 MDMSF Honorees. As other Honorees are named, an additional photo panel will be placed on the Pavilion wall. In addition to the photos at the Pavilion, MDMSF Honorees have their names inscribed on a plaque in Anthony Hall at MSU. The biography and photograph of all MDMSF Honorees are in permanent records in the MSU Department of Animal Science and can also be found on the MSU department of Animal Science web site.

The MDMSF Board of Directors would like to thank the Department of Animal Science and the staff at the MSU Pavilion for their assistance with the MDMSF Honorees display project. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase individuals for their distinguished service to Michigan's dairy industry. ☺





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. More than 160 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. In addition, their biography and photograph 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 at 517-432-5443 or msw@msu.edu

CANR Development office at (517) 355-0284

President's Address

Greetings from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation

The economic recession of 2009 has had a dramatic impact on all residents of Michigan. The resulting loss of jobs and the loss of state revenues are requiring significant restructuring within Michigan State University, the Extension Service, and the Michigan Experiment Stations. While this restructuring will have a large impact at MSU and on all in agriculture, it also gives the Michigan dairy industry the opportunity to help focus the issues that will be important to its future growth and contribution to the state's economy.

One thing we all agree on is that higher education is more important today than ever before and it will become even more so in the future. That is why the MDMSF continues to be of vital importance.

For the current academic year, MDMSF maintained the same level of its scholarship awards, even after receiving fewer dollars as a result of the loss of endowment income. The development of an expendable fund helped provide the same amount of scholarship dollars as in the prior year.

To help insure the continuation of these scholarships awards in the future, I encourage you to use the contribution form on the back page of this newsletter. The support of our youth will help insure a strong Michigan dairy industry for the future.

President, MDMSF

Dairy Memorial Honorees



Ernest Anthony

Ernest L. Anthony was born in Wescott, Nebraska on September 6, 1888, and grew up on the family farm in Linn County, Missouri. He received the B.S. degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri in 1912 and the M.S. degree from Pennsylvania State College in 1914. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Missouri in 1952.

From 1912 to 1918, Anthony served on the dairy staff at Pennsylvania State College, leaving that institution in 1918 to become head of the Dairy Department at the University of West Virginia. In 1923-24 he was a Niels Poulson Fellow at the University of Copenhagen. He

came to Michigan State College in 1928 as head of the Dairy Department and was appointed Dean of Agriculture in 1933, serving until his retirement in 1953.

Dean Anthony was a delegate to the International Dairy Congress at Copenhagen in 1931 and president of the American Dairy Science Association in 1932. The U.S. Department of Agriculture appointed him to import an experimental herd of Red Danish cattle in 1935. This herd formed the foundation of the Red Dane breed, which became well established in Michigan. Dean Anthony was active in the development of the University of Ryukyus on Okinawa and in establishing a cooperative educational program with the National University of Columbia, South America under the Point-Four program.

Mark Your Calendar!

***April 23, 2010 – Annual meeting of MDMSF Board of Directors
Deadline for freshman and Ag Tech scholarship applications –
September 27, 2010***

***For more information about MDMSF Scholarships, visit
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/dept/ans/academics/index.html>
and click on the scholarship link.***

Randy BeVier

Randy BeVier is the eldest of four children of Bruce and Marion BeVier. He grew up in southeast Michigan, mostly in the West Bloomfield area, spending summers working on his grandfather's dairy farm, near Fowlerville.

He graduated from West Bloomfield High School in 1970, went on to MSU and found a niche in Food Science. As a junior he served as Vice President of the Food Science Club.

He was awarded a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship as a senior. Randy graduated from MSU in 1974 with a B.S. in Food Science.

He has worked in the dairy industry at C.F. Burger Creamery, McDonald Dairy, Michigan Milk, Country Fresh, and Dean Foods. Randy currently is the Plant Manager of Frostbite Brands, a division of Dean Foods in Toledo, Ohio.

Randy has served as board member of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation for several years. He has enjoyed the interaction with college students applying for Dairy Memorial scholarships, and he knows the pain and anguish suffered by many board members when there are insufficient scholarships for all who have applied. However, he carries home with him at the end of each meeting the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed to the growth and continued succession of the dairy industry.

Randy and his wife, Mary Sue, also a member of the MSU graduating class of 1974, have three children, two of whom are also MSU graduates. They are committed to family and family traditions such as tailgating, AutumnFest in the fall, or maybe an occasional ice cream cone at the MSU Dairy Store.

Dr. Bill Bickert

For forty-five years Dr. William G. Bickert served in numerous capacities within the Agricultural Engineering Department at Michigan State University: instructor, extension educator, researcher, and mentor.

In the early part of his career, Bill taught courses in the area of agricultural electrification. During the early 1970s, Bill with a team of graduate students developed the first automatic milking machine detacher (patented) and other milking parlor innovations that increased per person cow milking productivity three fold.

Throughout the eighties, Bill pioneered strategies and designs for the modern day embodiment of naturally ventilated freestall facilities and transition cow housing, which included overall facility layout, freestall environment, stall design, and stall base options. Each of these developments resulted in increased cow health and increased producer profitability. Nearly all of the most modern dairy facilities today utilize some form of naturally ventilated housing system. Also, starting in 1980 with Bill's leadership, the Michigan Ag Expo was held on the Michigan State campus at what is now known as the Ag Expo site. Ag Expo has gone on to be the largest agricultural exposition in the region. Bill served as the Chairman of Michigan Ag Expo until 1994.

Throughout the 1990s to present, Bill's focus was on manure management and how it relates to overall dairy production systems as well as society as a whole. With the widespread acceptance of sand bedding as a freestall base came a host of manure handling challenges. Bill along with graduate students developed a system for separating sand from manure (patented) and strategies for



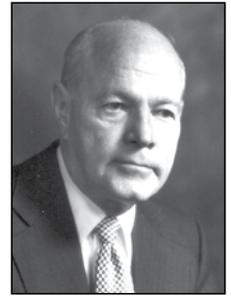
handling sand-laden manure, which resulted in the often referenced publication "Storing and Handling Sand-Laden Manure—a Description of Manageable Practices for Midwest Farms".

Red and Edna Cotter

Red was a 1937 graduate of MSC and after served as a guest lecturer in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He was employed for 43 years with Ralston-Purina, serving as the Sales Manager for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana at the time of his retirement. Mr. Cotter was an inspirational leader and a well-respected motivator of sales and marketing executives. Since their return to MSU in 1971, the Cotters were strong supporters of MSU.

Edna was born on a farm on which is now located MSU's Turfgrass Research (the square bordered by Mt. Hope, Beaumont, Farm Lane and Forest Roads). Edna was a student at MSC in the 1930's. Edna was a generous supporter of the Redmond and Edna Cotter Agri-Business Scholarship Fund, Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Carrigan Chair for Feline Health (CVM).

Edna was pleased that her husband's success in life enabled them to be generous to MSU. "Red did everything to make all of this possible. And he got his start here at MSU."



Ken Dunn

Ken was born and raised on a farm in Barry County and as a youth was a 4-H Club member. He graduated from Hastings High School. Ken graduated from Michigan State College in 1942. While at M.S.C. Ken participated in many student activities, including both the Dairy Cattle and Dairy Product Judging Teams.

Ken was a member of Farmhouse Fraternity and, as a student, worked for internationally acclaimed dairy nutritionist Dr. C.F. (Shorty) Huffman.

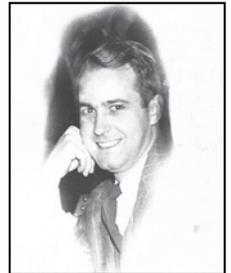
When Ken graduated in 1942 the United States was at war and he joined the Army Air Force which later became the U.S. Air Force. In December 1942 he married Thelma Loudonbeck.

Ken was soon deployed to the Pacific Theater where as a fighter pilot, he completed over one hundred missions, attaining the rank of Captain before he was discharged at the end of the War in 1945.

Ken returned to M.S.C. on the Dairy Department staff and earned his Master of Science degree with specific research on the nutritional qualities of corn silage for dairy cows. Ken and Thelma had two children, daughter Anne Marie and son Marvin Otis.

Ken continued his works on the M.S.C. dairy faculty, teaching courses in animal nutrition. He was proceeding with his studies toward his Ph.D. while researching the effect of cows' rations on the composition of milk.

Before he concluded that work, tragically in July 1950 he was killed in an automobile accident, not only robbing his family of a loving husband and father but also ending the career of a brilliant dairy scientist who had already obtained national recognition. 🍓





It is an honor to be chosen for the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. I cannot thank you enough for the support the MDMSF has provided me throughout my education. I am proud to have the support of the Michigan dairy industry behind me as I enter the career world this coming spring. The assistance you provide to Michigan State students is crucial for many of us to continue our education. One day I hope to become part of a foundation like MDMSF and be able to give to college students interested in working in the agricultural industry. Thank you for the work you do continuing to support students interested in the dairy industry. **Nicole Schaendorf**

Thank you very much for awarding me a Dairy Memorial Scholarship this year. I appreciate it very much and it is very helpful in funding my education. I think this is very important especially in a year that has been a struggle for us in the dairy industry. It is important to continue to promote dairy and to keep students involved in becoming dairy leaders in the future of Michigan. **Brandon Gingrich**

Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient for your scholarship this past year. Without the support of people like yourself, I would not be able to pursue my dream of continuing my education and for that I am forever thankful. **Kelli Rau**

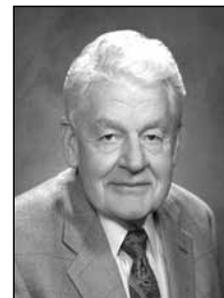
It is a great privilege to be honored with a scholarship from the Dairy Memorial Foundation. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Through my education and experiences at MSU, I know I will be well prepared for graduate school and for a career in genetics research. Thank you for making my dreams a reality! **Michelle Dawes**

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of the 2009-10 freshman scholarship recipients. I greatly look forward to being a part of the Animal Science program for the next four years and to work in the dairy industry in the future. To receive this scholarship is greatly appreciated and is a great start to help me achieve these goals. Thank you again. **Kelsey Byars**

Dairy Memorial Honorees

Ralph Frahm

Ralph Frahm is a native and long-time resident of Frankenmuth. He has been actively engaged in farming and agricultural activities throughout his life and has been extensively involved in community and public service organizations. He is a current member of the Michigan Guernsey Breeders Association and Michigan Brown Swiss Association, as well as the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association.



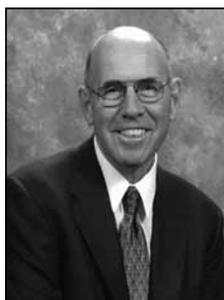
He holds a B.S. degree in dairy science from Michigan State University and was the recipient of an American Guernsey Cattle Club scholarship. Following military service in the U.S. Army from 1954-56, he enrolled in post-graduate programs at Minnesota State University, then at Michigan State University.

Frahm's service to agriculture includes a term as president of the Saginaw Valley Guernsey Breeders Association, board of directors of the Gratiot Farmers Cooperative, and the secretary/treasurer of the Guernsey Milk Producers Association. He served on the boards of District 10 Michigan Milk Producers Association; Michigan Sugar Beet Growers; and the local unit of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA). Later he was elected to the state and national boards of directors of DHIA.

A 37-year member of the Saginaw County Agricultural Society (which sponsors the Saginaw County Fair), Frahm was appointed to its board of directors in 1972 and continued in that capacity through 2008 and is a past president of the organization. His service to 4-H was recognized by induction into the Emerald Clover Society in 2002.

From 1978-85, Frahm was field assistant with Federal Land Bank. Following that he was a loan officer with National City Bank, working primarily in agricultural loans until his retirement in 1994.

Ralph and his wife Marilyn are parents of three sons: Ross (Dawn) Frahm, DVM; Jeffrey (Karen) Frahm; and Eric (Teresa Crook) Frahm. They have seven grandchildren.



Velmar Green

Velmar Green has been an innovative and active leader in the dairy industry. After completing his B.S. degree at Michigan State University, he and his brother, Duane, joined their father, Merle, in partnership on the family dairy farm. Since it's beginning, Green Meadow Farms has been instrumental in providing leading dairy genetics, practical research application for universities and leadership in state and national organizations. Green Meadow Farms continues its legacy today as one of the foremost dairy operations in the country.

Velmar has held leadership positions with milk marketers, breed associations, DHIA, cattlemen's association, university advisory groups and agriculture lenders. He has served on the MMPA Board of Directors since 1969. Most recently, in 2009, Velmar was appointed by the Governor to become a member of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture.

Velmar, who has served as chair of the National Milk Producers Federation Animal Health Committee, has been instrumental in many national animal health issues. In Michigan, he has been at the forefront of the TB issue and the implementation of electronic animal identification. He has also worked on several committees at NMPF on animal health issues. Velmar represented the dairy industry on the U.S. Animal ID Working Group Task Force.

Velmar and the Green family have developed a respectable legacy in the dairy industry as leaders, as innovators and as friends. Their contributions to the dairy industry have been recognized by many organizations. Velmar's list of recognitions include: Michigan State University Dairy Farmer of the Year, Michigan State University Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, Clinton County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award. Velmar and his wife Margaret have two children, Margie and Craig.

Dr. Kirk L. Heinze

Dr. Kirk Heinze spent the bulk of his 30-year career at Michigan State University leaving an indelible mark on the lives of students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR). As director of the undergraduate program for agricultural and natural resources communications, he worked with hundreds of students, including many with a dairy background or interest. He was a key player in establishing a strong Study Abroad Program for the CANR, and helped introduce many students to global agricultural issues. His alumni now boast successful careers in key marketing, public relations, advertising and journalism positions through the United States.



Kirk spent the latter part of his career as director of ANR Communication, a unit that provides wide-ranging communications support for the CANR, MSU Extension and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. Among his responsibilities was developing communications strategies to mitigate difficult situations which could adversely affect the perceptions and beliefs about CANR, MSUE, MAES and Michigan agriculture.

Among other tributes, Kirk received the “Distinguished Faculty Award” from the MSU Senior Class Council; the CANR Alumni Association’s “Distinguished Faculty Award”; and the “National Student Advisor of the Year” award from the National Agri-Marketing Association. He received the Honorary American Farmer Degree from the National FFA, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Albion College.

Following retirement in 2008, Kirk and his wife, Katha, established K & K Consulting, specializing in communications and educational consulting. Kirk hosts a weekly radio program, “Greening of the Great Lakes,” on WJR 760 AM, Detroit, Michigan’s major AM radio station. The program explores issues related to environmental, economic and social sustainability not only in the Great Lakes region, but around the globe.



Terry and Jean Nugent

Terry and Jean Nugent’s involvement in the dairy industry started in the early 1960’s. Jean’s interest started on her family farm where the main focus was the apple orchard, but her interest was in the small herd of cows they owned. Terry worked on his cousin’s dairy farm while growing up and later purchased. Nugentdale Farm today consists of 189 registered Holstein

cows and 1475 acres of corn, soybeans, alfalfa and wheat.

They have maintained a predominately registered Holstein herd, bred a number of Excellent and Very Good Cows and found a continuing market for high-quality registered Holsteins. A family pastime of showing cows has also resulted in state premier breeder and premier exhibitor honors.

Terry’s state and national involvement include serving on the NorthStar Cooperative Inc. board of directors, five years on the board of Select-Sires Inc., Vice President and President of Michigan Holstein Association with over 15 years as a Michigan delegate to the National Holstein Convention. He is currently a member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association Advisory Committee.

Jean has been an active member of the Michigan Holstein Association and the National Holstein Association for 40+ years and has managed a career as a Registered Nurse.

In 2007 Terry and Jean received the Michigan Holstein Association Master Breeder Award and were inducted into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. In 2009 they were named Dairy Farmers of the Year by the Michigan State University Department of Animal Science.

Green and white ties run deep in this family too. Their four children, sons Mike and Tom, and daughters Sheila Burkhardt and Renee McCauley attended Michigan State University and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources with at least one attending MSU for 13 years straight.

Carleton Wilson

Carleton Wilson was born in 1921 on the Centennial Farm that his great-grandfather settled in 1851. The farm has been owned and operated by the Wilson family for six generations. He was the youngest of seven children and as he was growing up, he worked along with his father.



After graduating from high school, he attended MSU, which at that time was called Michigan Agricultural College, for the two year short course. Upon returning home from college, his father purchased their first tractor, to entice him to stay home and farm. He married Margery DeVries in 1946 and moved his new bride into the farm house he was born in. Over the next eight years they had three children: Brent, Barbara and Brian.

Carleton was an innovative and progressive farmer. In 1954 he built the first milking parlor in the county. He also started artificial insemination in the early 1950’s. The dairy herd has been on DHIA test since that time. The farm had been on the Telfarm accounting program through MSU for 50 years.

Carleton has also been a leader in his community. He was North Shade Township Supervisor for twenty-eight years, served on the Carson City-Crystal School Board for twelve years, served on the Independent Bank Board for thirty-five years and was on the Gratiot County Farm Bureau Board for six years. He is also an active member of the Carson City United Methodist Church. He also held various leadership positions with Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Carleton retired from the Pioneer Insurance Company Board of Directors in 2009 and was instrumental in helping to negotiate a merger with State Mutual Insurance Company of Flint. 🗨️





Thank you for awarding me a scholarship of \$1000 to be applied toward my animal science education here at Michigan State University. The award came as a welcome surprise. I am glad that there is a scholarship fund within the state that promotes the dairy industry, and makes it possible for students to be awarded for their interest and dedication to the industry. Thank you, **Gina Varner**

Thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I am honored to accept the challenge of becoming a leader in the dairy industry. Education is the most important thing someone can invest in and I am grateful that you chose to do that. **Dale Dick**

My studies of Animal Science at MSU mean a lot to me and I would like to sincerely thank you for your support. This past summer I went to Montreal for the American Dairy Science Association student affiliate division annual meeting. It is because of this experience that I am currently involved in undergraduate research project on a possible therapeutic reagent for Coliform mastitis. Thank you for helping make my education possible and for the opportunities it has given me. **Karmen M. Jackson**

From very early in my childhood, I have dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. It is taking quite a few years of school and more than a couple dollars to realize this dream. I am honored and thankful to be chosen for the Harold & Lillian Gremel Scholarship. I am forever thinking of the amount of debt I will have incurred by graduation. Your scholarship will help ease that burden so I can better concentrate on my studies. I believe the Production Medicine Scholarship program is a fantastic way to encourage student's involvement in food animal medicine, and I am delighted to have your support! I have continued to pursue my dairy interest through the Food Animal Club in the College of Veterinary medicine. I have attended several of their palpation sessions at the MSU Dairy and was recently elected as Treasurer. I am excited to be more involved in the club. I love the dairy industry and enjoy being a representative of it. Again, I sincerely thank you all for your generous support. **Christine Hadley**

Andrew Rupprecht **Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship Recipient**

Andrew Rupprecht, a senior at Michigan State University, is this year's Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship recipient. He was chosen to receive the \$4,000 scholarship based on his interest in a dairy related career, extracurricular activities and academics.

"This award is a great honor to me as I finish my college career," Andrew says. "It is awesome to see how much confidence people in the current dairy industry have in me and my future. I would like to thank them and all those in the dairy industry for their continued support throughout my college career."

Andrew is the son of Nathan and Vickie Rupprecht, of Vassar. He is studying Agri-Business Management at MSU and aims to obtain a post graduate ag-related job, and eventually help him fulfill his ultimate

goal of owning and operating a dairy of his own.

"I grew up on a family owned dairy, participating in the day-to-day operations as well as in the show aspect of the industry," Andrew says. "After we dispersed our herd, my want to be involved in the industry only grew and almost felt as if a part of me was now missing."

At MSU, Andrew is has served as the MSU Dairy Club president during the 08-09 school year, and is a member of the MSU National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), the MSU Collegiate Farm Bureau and the MSU Driving Club. Scholastically, Andrew has been recognized on the Dean's List for several semesters. 🍓

Greta Koebel **Russel Erickson Scholarship Recipient**

Greta Koebel, a senior studying Agribusiness Management at Michigan State University, is this year's recipient of the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship was awarded to Greta based on her interest in a dairy related career as well as extracurricular activities, and her academics at MSU. This is the second consecutive year Greta has received the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship.

"I appreciate the financial support of the donors who make this scholarship possible," Greta says. "Receiving financial assistance through scholarships has most definitely helped me to obtain the most of my educational experience because it has freed up more time to spend in clubs and associations as well as other industry activities that I may have otherwise had to forgo to spend more time working to pay for school."

Greta is the daughter Terry and Jennie Koebel who own and operate Tri-Koebel Registered Holsteins and Jerseys in Three Oaks. She is in her final course of study in Agribusiness Management at MSU.

Upon graduation, Greta plans to seek a position with a major company in the dairy industry or in management at a dairy farm with registered cattle. Eventually, she would like to own and operate her own farm of registered Holsteins and Jerseys.

"Although my college education has consumed a great deal of my time and money, I have still continued to breed and purchase animals that will be a sound foundation for my own herd someday," Greta says. "My passion has always been working with cows and people that share these same interests."

While at MSU, Greta has been very active in the MSU Dairy Club, serving in several leadership positions. She is also a member of the Collegiate Farm Bureau. In the industry, she has served as President of the Michigan Junior Holstein Association. 🍓



Nicole Schaendorf

Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship Recipient

Senior Michigan Dairy Ambassador Nicole Schaendorf is this year's recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship, which provides her with full tuition and fees through the MDMSF while she completes her senior year at Michigan State University.

Nicole, daughter of John and Connie Schaendorf, of Hopkins, qualified for the scholarship based on her interest in a dairy-related career, academics and extracurricular activities.

"It is an honor to be chosen for the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship," Nicole says. "The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation has helped me throughout my career at Michigan State, I am proud to have the support of the Michigan dairy industry behind me as I enter the career world. One day, I hope to become part of a foundation like MDMSF and be able to give to college students interested in working in the agricultural industry."

Nicole is currently pursuing her degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications, specializing in Agri-Business Management and Public Relations at MSU.

"Growing up, I have always been involved in many avenues of agriculture, but I fell in love with the communications aspect

through FFA and Farm Safety 4 Just Kids during high school," Nicole says. "My experiences with public speaking, presenting and layout and design showed me my creative and outspoken personality. This encouraged me to study Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications at MSU. I also decided to specialize in Agri-Business Management and Public Relations to become more diversified for future careers."



In addition to her duties as the Senior Michigan Dairy Ambassador, Nicole is also a member of the Leadership in Agriculture and Environmental Fields (LEAF) Club, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) and the MSU Dairy Club. While at MSU, she has served as an officer on the Student Senate for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and as the national editor for ACT. Nicole served as the 2006-2007 Michigan FFA Region I State Vice President and was a member of Agricultural Ambassadors.

Following graduation, Nicole hopes to stay in Michigan, working in agricultural sales, marketing or communications.

Our Endowment at a glance

This past year we faced a sharp decline in our earning just like any other investor. However, compared to all big 10 Universities MSU lost the least at 20% overall decrease in our endowment funds.

Thanks to the generosity of many supporters over the years, \$788,407 has been contributed to the MDMSF endowment and \$92,821 is available in FY 09-10 for dairy science programs and student scholarships. The amount to be given for scholarships is less than we anticipated which is why our board decided to establish an expendable account where contributions go directly to scholarships rather than the endowment.

Your gift to the MDMSF endowed fund provides a long-term, dependable source of funding, ensuring that generations of students pursuing careers in the dairy science industry will be able to count on scholarship help from the MDMSF.

Please consider making a donation today. It makes a huge difference.

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

Make a contribution to:

Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation



Where the earnings provide scholarships to worthy students in dairy industry-related fields.

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Department of Animal Science; Michigan State University
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Thank you for your support of the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship has allowed me to explore the dairy industry to its fullest. This opportunity has made me more committed to continuing my education in dairy as much as possible. Again, thank you so much.

Hannah Tucker

I would like to thank you for all of your support. It is greatly appreciated. I am very excited about what I'm learning here at MSU and am looking forward to working in the industry after graduation. **Eric Cole**

Thank you very much for selecting me as a 2009 Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship recipient. It was an honor to be selected. I will use the money to help continue my education and make an impact on the dairy industry. After graduation I plan to go home to our family dairy farm and expand while continuing to improve our herd's genetics. I hope to have a positive impact in the dairy industry and continue to make opportunities for other young men and women.

Max Dunneback Jr.

Thank you for supporting students financially. It is great to know that there is such great support for the future of the dairy industry. You have helped many students pay for college and prepare for their futures. I am very grateful and thankful to win this award and feel very fortunate to receive this scholarship. **Eric Westendorp**

Throughout my college career I have strived to achieve great goals and continuously capture the knowledge of the agriculture industry. As I continue my education I am becoming increasingly interested in the financial aspects of the dairy industry. I have worked hard to achieve my goal of keeping my financial debt to a minimum. This generous contribution of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship will help me to reach this and many other lofty goals I have set for myself. Thank you once again for everything, especially your continued support.

Beth Motz

Scholarship Recipients

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded approximately \$90,000 in scholarships to undergraduates with a dairy interest at Michigan State University. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academics, extracurricular involvement, and interest in a career in the dairy industry. For the 2009-2010 academic year, scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

Dairy Memorial Recipients

\$1,000 scholarships provided by Michigan Milk Producers Association in the name of Velmar Green

Brandon Gingrich

Brandon Gingrich, grew up on his family's farm in LeRoy where he was actively involved in the Osceola County 4-H program. Brandon is exploring his interest in the dairy industry by studying animal science at MSU and hopes to return to his family's operation upon graduation. Brandon is the son of Craig and Amy Martin.

Sara Girbach

Sara Girbach grew up on her family's farm in Saline where she developed a passion for animals. While in high school, Sara served as president of both her FFA Chapter and local 4-H club. She is currently in her sophomore year majoring in the Animal Science department. Sara has future aspirations of applying to the College of Veterinary Medicine, where she plans to become a large animal veterinarian. Her parents are Gary Girbach and Pamela Tighe.

Lynnae Slavik

Senior scholarship recipient Lynnae Slavik learned about the dairy industry first-hand while growing up on her family's farm in Ashley. She served as the 2008 Michigan Dairy Ambassador. Upon completion of her degree in Animal Science with a specialization

in agribusiness, Lynnae will be exploring different career opportunities such as working for an animal health company, a genetics company or returning to the family's farm. Lynnae's parents are Jim and Doreen Slavik

Eric Sneller

Eric Sneller grew up on his family's farm in Sebawaing and has always known that he would be involved in the dairy industry. During high school he was very active in 4-H and FFA programs. Since beginning college, he has become involved in the MSU Dairy Judging Team and the Dairy Club. His long range plans include returning to the family farm. His parents are Darwin and Kathy Sneller.

Gina Varner

Gina Varner's involvement in her family's dairy farm in Midland helped influence her decision to obtain a degree in Animal Science. At MSU she is a member of the National Agri-Marketing Association. Gina will graduate in May 2010 and is considering using her agriculture background and experience to become an agricultural lawyer. Her parents are Jerry and Kristi Varner.

\$1,000 scholarships provided by Expendable Fund

Krista Beeker

Krista Beeker from Constantine is a senior studying animal science at MSU with a specialization in agribusiness management. Krista has continued to develop her interests in the dairy industry through her involvement in 4-H, FFA, serving as the 2007 Michigan Junior Dairy Ambassador and as an intern in MSU ANR Communications. Upon graduation, she would like to pursue a career in dairy communications and promotions, and eventually in raising replacement heifers. Krista is from Constantine and her parents are Brent and Eva Beeker.

Joe Pasch

Joe Pasch developed his passion for the industry while growing up on his family's dairy farm. He is studying animal science with an agribusiness management specialization. Joe is currently a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, MSU Dairy Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau and has participated in the MSU and Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge contests. Upon graduation, he would like to return to help manage his family's dairy farm. Joe is from Beal City and his parents are Bob and Mary Pasch.



Several MDMSF 2008-09 scholarship recipients participated in the 2009 Annual Meeting of the MDMSF board of directors. Pictured left to right: Eric Sneller, Autumn Sieffert, Brandon Gingrich, Nicole Schaendorf, Joe Pasch, Ashley Orlowski, Drew Rupprecht, Hannah Tucker, Nathan Southwell, Angelee Musser, Melissa Brower.

\$3,500 Dairy Memorial Scholarships

Joseph Ankley

Joseph Ankley is a senior scholarship recipient from Imlay City, MI. He is studying agriscience, and his parents are William and Virginia Ankley. Joseph has been actively involved in FFA, Block and Bridle, and 4-H. He plans to become an agricultural educator and FFA advisor. Joseph's long-term goal is to add value to his family's farm by processing and selling dairy goods.

Gail Carpenter

Senior scholarship recipient, Gail Carpenter, is the daughter of Dan and Sandy Carpenter of Dansville, MI. Her involvement in the MSU Dairy Club, participation in dairy judging, and work experience have contributed to her enthusiasm for the dairy industry. Upon graduating with a degree in animal science, Gail plans to attend graduate school to pursue a Master's Degree.

Michelle Dawes

Michelle Dawes receives a scholarship as a senior studying animal science. She has been an active member of Block and Bridle, FFA, 4-H and the MSU Triathlon Team. Michelle plans to pursue a master's degree focusing on livestock genetics and hopes to be able to impact the dairy industry in the future through ground breaking research. Her parents are Jason and Cindy Dawes of Saranac, MI.

Olivia DeVooght

Scholarship recipient Olivia DeVooght is a junior studying animal science and general management. Her parents are Bill and Mary DeVooght of Marquette, MI. Olivia has been involved in the dairy industry since she was very young. At MSU, she has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and has jumped at opportunities to lead animals at auction sales. She plans to pursue a career in the dairy industry.

Karmen Jackson

Animal science junior, Karmen Jackson, receives a scholarship. She grew up on a dairy farm and has been an active member

of 4-H, MSU Dairy Club and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Student Senate. Karmen has an interest in conserving Michigan's natural resources and would like a career that combines animal agriculture with conservation. Karmen is the daughter of Gale and Lisa Jackson of Caro, MI.

Elizabeth Motz

Scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Motz, feels that her family history naturally led her to a career in agriculture, but her experience working at a local dairy farm helped further develop her interests in the dairy industry. Her ideal future would include a career in either agricultural financing or sales in the dairy industry. Elizabeth is currently a junior studying animal science and agribusiness. Her parents are Timothy and Cheryl Motz from St. Johns, MI.

Kelli Rau

Kelli Rau receives a scholarship as a junior studying animal science. She is planning to attend graduate school to further study ruminant nutrition. Kelli would like to pursue a career in Michigan working as a dairy nutritionist and eventually travel overseas to help teach farmers about the importance of nutrition and utilizing their resources to maximize their cattle's performance. Kelli is from West Branch, MI, and her parents are Mark and Vicki Rau.

Henry Reinart

Henry Reinart, son of Chris Reinart, is a senior scholarship recipient. He is currently studying animal science, but has been accepted to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program in the production medicine track. He eventually would like to join an existing veterinarian practice near his hometown of Hopkins, MI, where he will specialize in dairy cattle and other livestock species.

Rosemary Rice

Senior animal science student, Rosemary Rice receives a scholarship. Her parents are Donald and Denise Rice from Filion,

MI. Rosemary developed her interest in the dairy industry by growing up on a small farm with eight siblings. She has been an active member of FFA and 4-H, and has enjoyed sharing her experience with younger members through her involvement in showmanship workshops. Upon graduation, Rosemary plans to return to the family farm.

Jacquelyn Rowley

Jacquelyn Rowley, daughter of Robert and Mary Rowley, receives this scholarship as a senior studying animal science. She is from Richmond, MI. Jacquelyn has been an active member of MSU Dairy Club and the Michigan Dairy Ambassador program. She plans to complete her undergraduate degree and attend veterinary school to pursue a career in production medicine. She would like to specialize in dairy production and open her own veterinary practice.

Hannah Tucker

Hannah Tucker, junior studying animal science, receives a scholarship. She is from Elsie, MI, and her parents are Glenn and Joni Tucker. Hannah plans to become a large animal veterinarian specializing in dairy cattle. She would like to own a practice in Mid-Michigan that customizes medicine based on client needs and helps teach new practices to producers.

Harold and Lillian Gremel \$3,500 Scholarship

Christine Hadley

Christine Hadley, daughter of Gail and (the late) David Hadley in Hartford, MI, is the recipient of the Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship. She is a first year student in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Christine was a member of MSU's Platinum 1st place team at the 2008 National Dairy Challenge, and Block and Bridle. Her desire is to live and practice large animal medicine in rural Michigan. 🐄





I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your generous contribution in support of my college education at Michigan State University. Your financial assistance will allow me to focus more time and effort on school work and less time working just to make ends meet. I am really excited about my classes at MSU, as I am majoring in agri-business management with a focus in the dairy industry. I have more confidence in my future, knowing that the people I look up to in the dairy industry believe in my ability to succeed.

Tera Koebel

I would like to thank you very much for the scholarship I received this academic year for my studies. I am currently a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in Animal Sciences and I will be attending the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine this coming fall. This scholarship will certainly help me financially as I move towards my goal of becoming a veterinarian in the dairy industry. I really appreciate all of the work you put into helping college students, like me, ease the financial burden of college.

Henry Reinart

Thank you for accepting me to receive a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship through contributions from the MMPA in the name of Velmar Green. In these tough economic times, I am certainly grateful for the scholarship in order to continue my education at Michigan State University, where I am working towards a degree in Animal Science specializing in Pre-Veterinary courses. This scholarship is also special to me, due to the fact that my grandfather, Ernest Girbach, served on the MMPA Board of Directors with Velmar Green. It is a great honor for me to be selected to receive this scholarship, and I believe that I can uphold the standards that the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation looks for in their scholarship recipients. Thanks so much.

Sara Girbach

Ag Tech Recipients

\$2,000 Ag Tech Scholarships

Eric Cole

Dairy management sophomore, Eric Cole, receives a scholarship. He has been an active member of FFA, 4-H and FarmHouse Fraternity. After graduation, Eric plans to return to his family's dairy farm and would like to build ownership in the operation. His parents are Jeff and Cheryl Cole of Bancroft, MI.

Dale Dick

Dale Dick is a scholarship recipient from McBain, MI. His parents are Gordon and Susan Dick. Dale has been an active member of 4-H and plans to return to the family farm upon graduation. He would like to build equity in the operation and increase his management responsibilities.

Matthew Spitzley

Matthew Spitzley, sophomore studying dairy management, receives a scholarship this year. His parents are Luke and Shelly Spitzley of Pewamo, MI. Matthew developed his interest in the dairy industry while working on his uncles' farm during weekends. He is

looking forward to completing the program and plans to work full time managing a heifer operation.

James Weber

James Weber, a sophomore in the Dairy Management Program, completed an internship in California this past summer. James is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and the dairy cattle judging team, and he has participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge. James plans to transfer to the four-year program. His parents are Duane and Sandy Weber of Vassar, MI.

Eric Westendorp

Eric Westendorp, son of Doug and Louisa Westendorp of Nashville, MI, is a scholarship recipient. He is currently studying dairy management at MSU. Eric is very interested in dairy genetics and has been actively involved in his family's farm which has recently begun processing their own milk. He plans to pursue a career in the dairy industry.



Updates from the Department of Animal Science

The department welcomed new faculty this year working in the areas of dairy and food science:

Dr. Adam Lock's research and extension involves the regulation and manipulation of ruminant lipid metabolism, allowing improvements in the efficiency of animal production and providing opportunities to design foods that are consistent with consumer perceptions and dietary recommendations. The impact of milk on human health, in particular the role of milk fat, is also of special interest. He earned his doctorate in dairy nutrition from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom, and completed postdoctoral work in lipid metabolism at Cornell University.

Dr. Richard Ehrhardt provides support to the sheep and goat industry through an applied research program and outreach activities. His interests are improving the efficiency of production through improving management practices to optimize grazing programs, parasite management, newborn care, feeding systems, nutrition and reproduction. He is developing educational programs for several target audiences including youth, producers and veterinary students. He received his doctorate at Cornell University.

Dr. Robert Blake is a noted expert on livestock production and sustainable food systems in developing countries. He is the new director of MSU's Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. He also has an appointment in Animal Science and will be lending his expertise to the department. He earned his doctorate at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Jason Rowntree's

extension and research is focused on forage utilization in commercial cow-calf production systems. In addition, he is

interested in localized beef production and pasture-based finishing systems of cattle and other ruminants. He earned his doctorate in animal science from Michigan State University.

Dr. Santiago Utsumi's area of expertise is grazing ecology. Working primarily at Kellogg Biological Station (KBS), he conducts research into the relationships between plants and animals in grazing systems. He is interested in using research outcomes to support the development of novel cost-effective and environmentally sound grazing and farm management strategies directed at using natural resources more efficiently and optimizing animal performance. Dr. Utsumi is the faculty coordinator of the new pasture-based dairy at KBS. He earned his doctorate at New Mexico State University.

Dr. Matt Zwiernik has expertise in environmental toxicology, both screening level and baseline ecological risk assessment approaches including the identification of contaminants and receptors of concern, site-specific data collection and analysis, derivation of toxicity reference values, risk characterization, and the use of risk assessment in sustainable development. He earned his doctorate at Michigan State University.

It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of Herbert Allen Tucker ("Tuck"), Professor Emeritus of Animal Science and Physiology at Michigan State University. Dr. Tucker was a leading expert on mammary biology and lactation in dairy cattle who had served on the MSU faculty for 38 years. He passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2009. Please visit the following site to read Dr. James Ireland's tribute to Dr. Tucker: www.canr.msu.edu/dept/ans/news/DrTucker.html

The grand opening of the new dairy facility at the Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) was held under sunny skies on August 19th. The new facility features two robotic milkers, a state of the art energy efficient barn design, and pastures for 120 lactating cows along with dry cows and heifers. The dairy will serve as



a research center for faculty and students from a broad range of disciplines, enhance educational and outreach programs throughout MSU, and serve the

needs of a growing number of stakeholders who have no other venue for getting the information they need to make informed decisions about alternative animal production practices.

Only the second of its type in the state, the robotic milkers demonstrate labor-saving technology that offers improved quality of life for farmers who are otherwise restricted by daily milking schedules. In addition, the cows enjoy the freedom to come and go as they wish throughout the day, rather than having to adapt their schedules to the farm's milking times.



The freestall barn includes water mattresses in the stalls and automatic alley scrapers. As part of the barn's energy-efficient features, it uses automatic sidewall curtains that raise or lower to regular temperature and is designed to maximize sunlight to reduce the need for electric lighting. Major support for the project came through a \$3.5 million grant in 2007 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Food Systems and Rural Development program. Additional information is available at www.kbs.msu.edu. 🗨





MSU Dairy Judging Program



2009 MSU Collegiate Dairy Judging Team L-R: Coach Renee McCauley, Rosemary Rice, Amanda Sollman, Emily Butcher, Melissa Brower, Coach Dr. Joe Domecq

On behalf of all the young people who participated on Michigan 4-H, FFA, Ag Tech and Collegiate Dairy Judging Teams this past year, I want to thank you for your generous financial support. Over 25 students and youth participated throughout this past summer and fall. The state of Michigan was successfully represented in several contests during the past year. The Michigan 4-H team earned an invitation to participate in an international judging competition in Europe. This is the third time in the last 5 years that a team from Michigan has been invited to participate on this trip.

While doing well in a contest is very special, the skills that these young people are developing are more important than contest results. We all know the importance of the communication and decision making skills that dairy judging develops. Students also benefit from the exposure to the different people and experiences during the fall judging season, which will hopefully open their eyes to all of the opportunities that are available in the dairy industry.

Your continued financial support makes participation in judging easier for youth in Michigan and allows students and youth to travel to many different locations across the country. I hope you are all as proud of the efforts of these outstanding young people as I am. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Joe Domecq, Coordinator, MSU Dairy Judging Program

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!

The Dairy Judging Team

Thank you for your support of the Michigan Dairy Judging Program. Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated and has given me many learning opportunities. The skills I've gained through dairy judging will last a lifetime and I truly thank you for your continuous generosity.

Sarah Michalek

By Joe Domecq

The Michigan State University Collegiate, Ag Tech, and several Michigan 4-H Dairy Judging Teams spent many summer and fall weekends visiting farms and judging cows in preparation for the 2009 judging season. The teams visited several dairy farms in Michigan and across the Midwest. The hard work resulted in outstanding results at three national dairy judging contests. Following is a summary of the results of the Collegiate and Ag Tech teams.

The 2009 MSU Collegiate Dairy Judging Team members were **Melissa Brower** (Jamestown), a junior in Animal Science, **Emily Butcher** (Corunna), a junior in Animal Science, **Rosemary Rice** (Filion), a senior in Animal Science, and **Amanda Sollman** (Brown City), an Agriculture Education senior. The MSU Ag Tech Dairy Management Program was represented by **Eric Cole** (Durand), **Gerald Green** (Williamston), **Liz Reed** (Owosso), **James Weber** (Vassar), and **Eric Westendorp** (Nashville).

The first contest of the year was at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA. The MSU

Collegiate Team and Michigan 4-H team participated in the contest.

The Collegiate Team placed 2nd in Ayrshires, 9th in Brown Swiss, 10th in Guernseys and Holsteins, 11th in Jerseys, 10th in oral reasons, and 11th overall. Individually, Rosemary was 1st in Ayrshires and Emily was 1st in Jerseys. Amanda was 4th in Holsteins and 11th overall.

In early October, the Collegiate, Ag Tech, and 4-H Teams traveled to Madison, WI for the national contests at World Dairy Expo. The Collegiate Team placed 2nd Ayrshires, 5th in Brown Swiss and Guernseys, 6th in Holsteins, 4th in Red and Whites, 9th in oral reasons, and 10th overall. Amanda was 2nd in Ayrshires and 12th in reasons. Emily placed 8th in Guernseys, 5th in Holsteins, 3rd in Red and Whites and 14th overall.

The Ag Tech Team placed 3rd in Brown Swiss, 4th in Guernseys, and 8th overall. Eric Cole was 2nd in Brown Swiss and 6th in Guernseys. Liz was 4th in Red and Whites. Eric Westendorp was 2nd in Holsteins and 5th overall.

The final contest of the year was held

at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY in November. The Collegiate Team placed 1st in Ayrshires, 5th in Brown Swiss, 7th in oral reasons, and 9th overall. Melissa was 3rd and Emily was 5th in Ayrshires. Amanda was 10th in Guernseys.

The Ag Tech Team placed 4th in Ayrshires, 6th in Holsteins and Jerseys, and 9th overall. Eric Westendorp and James Weber placed 8th and 9th respectively in Holsteins.

The Collegiate and Ag Tech team members are selected from students at Michigan State University who have completed a judging course and have been part of the judging program during their education at MSU.

The MSU Dairy Judging Team would like to extend special appreciation to the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation for their support of the MSU Dairy Judging Program. 🍌

Jack Barnes



We are saddened by the passing of MDMSF Board member Jack Barnes who passed away on February 20, 2010 at the age of 89. Jack was involved with the MDMSF for over 30 years, serving as president in the early 1960s. Jack was employed with Michigan Milk Producers Association for 39 years, the last 26 as general manager. He retired from MMPA in 1985.

“Although Jack had been retired from MMPA for 25 years, he never lost interest in the people and the issues at MMPA and in the dairy industry,” says MMPA general manager and MDMSF President John Dilland. “He had a very strong interest in MSU and its educational foundations and was one of its most active recruiters. His involvement, his enthusiasm, and his positive outlook will be missed.”



MDMSF Board of Directors at the 2009 MDMSF Annual Meeting

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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Thank you so much for awarding me the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. It will help me out a great deal the next couple of years while I attend MSU. I am very honored that I was able to apply for this scholarship and I am very thankful that I was chosen as a recipient. I greatly appreciate this scholarship and I look forward to attending one of your spring events. Thank you again.

Trent Hooks

I would like to send my sincere thanks to the members of the board that considered and selected me to receive your scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year. On behalf of the other recipients and fellow classmates, I would like to give praise to your organization for what you have given to me and my fellow students. Receiving this award not only helps pay the way through our tuition and other various expenses, but in addition, we are given a wave of confidence that we are on the correct path to engage in a successful career in the industry. It is due to this organization and its generous donators that we, as an industry, are able to survive in tough times and thrive as an industry that displays strong integrity, morals and ambitions to succeed. **James Weber**

I would like to say thank you for choosing me as a winner for the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I am very thankful to be one of the participants chosen to be awarded this scholarship. This money will be extremely helpful in furthering my education in Dairy Management. Again, I would like to say thanks for awarding me this scholarship. **Matthew L. Spitzley**

Thank you for selecting me for the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. With your support, I am able to help finance my future education, especially in these hard economic times. I am honored that I am part of such a generous industry that cares for their future generations.

Jackie Rowley

I would like to thank the Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation for choosing me to receive a scholarship. The scholarship is greatly appreciated and will be very helpful when it comes to paying for school. Again I would like to thank you in assisting in making my college education possible. **Joe Pasch**

Freshman Recipients

\$1,500 Scholarships

Kelsey Byars

Kelsey Byars receives a scholarship as a freshman studying animal science. She is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and has been actively involved in FFA and 4-H. Kelsey would like to pursue a career as a large animal veterinarian. She is from Webberville, MI, and her parents are James and Tammie Byars.

Max Dunneback Jr.

Scholarship recipient Max Dunneback Jr. wants to return to the family farm in Grand Rapids upon graduation. He is currently studying dairy management at MSU and hopes to take what he learns back to the operation so he can expand the herd, practice exceptional breeding, and start a custom chopping business. Max's parents are Max Sr., and Linda Dunneback.

Trent Hooks

Trent Hooks, dairy management freshman at MSU, is the son of Steve and Juliane Hooks from Breckenridge, MI. He would like to return to his family's farm after graduation

and become part owner. Trent wants to help the farm become as efficient as possible and considers expanding the business to include a separate organic milking herd.

Tera Koebel

Freshman agribusiness management student, Tera Koebel, receives a scholarship this year. She developed her interest in the dairy industry through showing cattle. Tera has been actively involved in 4-H, FFA and various breed associations. She is exploring different career opportunities within the field of agriculture. Tera is the daughter of Terry and Jennie Koebel in Three Oaks, MI.

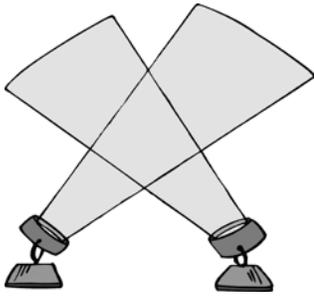
Jeffrey Shepherd

Jeffrey Shepherd is a first-year scholarship recipient from Hemlock, MI. He has been actively involved in 4-H and enjoys working with animals. Jeffrey is currently studying animal science and hopes to become a production animal veterinarian focusing on the dairy industry. His parents are Jerry and Debra Shepherd. ☺



Jack and 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 Nicole Schaendorf, who is pictured above with Jack and Betty Barnes.



Board Member Spotlight

In this issue of the newsletter, we are featuring the current President and Vice President of the MDMSF Board of Directors: John Dilland and Randy BeVier. Both John and Randy have served on the MDMSF Board for the past seven years.

Why did you become involved with the MDMSF?

Dilland: I became involved when I became General Manager of MMPA.

BeVier: I am a relative new comer compared with other board members. I manage an ice cream plant and have a bachelor's degree in Food Science from MSU. I have been honored to be a past recipient of a Dairy Memorial Scholarship in 1974. John Stout, a fellow MDMSF board member, asked if I would be interested in serving on the Board as an industry participant. I thought it would be an excellent opportunity to stay involved and in some small way repay my scholarship debt. It has been a most rewarding and worthwhile experience.

What do you feel is the most significant accomplishment of the MDMSF throughout your involvement with the MDMSF Board?

Dilland: Working with the officers of the board of directors to establish an MDMSF expendable fund to make up for the shortfall in scholarship money in 2009. The MSU Endowment Funds suffered losses from the financial market decline which meant there was less money available for scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. Fund raising efforts for the new expendable fund helped to provide the same amount of available scholarship money as in the prior year.

BeVier: The most significant accomplishment of the MDMSF in my view is the size and tenure of the endowment. The market value of the fund is approximately 2 million dollars. This past year approximately 30 scholarships totaling \$90,000 were

awarded in scholarships. The named scholarships are examples of scholarships honoring outstanding individual service to the dairy industry. The Glenn and Anne Lake scholarship provides full tuition and fees. The Russ Erickson scholarship, Donald and Valera Murray scholarship, the Jack and Betty Barnes International MDMS, and most recently the Harold and Lillian Gremel endowment in the College of Veterinary Medicine for Production Animal Specialists are a few of the others. It is a significant feat that we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the MI Dairy Memorial Scholarship fund in 2007. We have been around a long time.

One of my vivid memories as a board member was a luncheon outing with a group of "old timers" – Bruce BeVier, Al Rippen, Buck Williams, Paul Kloforn, and Al Friesen to express gratitude to Carole Harrison who made a generous donation to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship fund to honor her Father Harold's legacy and service in the dairy industry.

What message do you have for students considering a career in the dairy industry?

Dilland: The dairy industry is dynamic and growing with a broad range of opportunities in production agriculture, field service, and agri-business management. Dairy is the number one agricultural segment in Michigan agriculture.

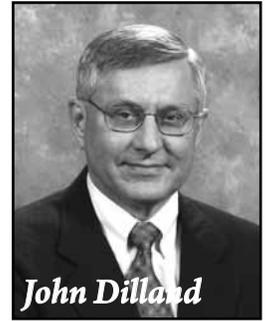
BeVier: My message for students considering a career in the dairy industry is that there is financial help available. I strongly encourage those considering careers in any aspect of the dairy industry to apply. There is tremendous diversity

and scholarship opportunity for individuals in any facet of the dairy industry.

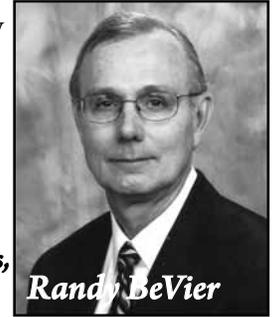
Is there any other information you would like to share with donors, scholarship recipients, etc. regarding the MDMSF?

Dilland: The MDMSF has a large financial base that continues to grow after more than 50 years of providing scholarships to youth interested in the dairy industry. When we contribute to this fund we can expand the number of scholarships available for future dairy leaders. The challenges in the dairy industry have never been greater, but this means the dairy opportunities for well educated individuals to join the industry will also be great. We encourage prior recipients of MDMSF scholarships to reconnect with MSU and contribute to the MDMSF fund to help select and grow the future dairy leaders in Michigan and the United States.

BeVier: The MDMSF has a strong commitment to the dairy industry. It is an excellent way for donors to honor the legacy of loved ones or other outstanding individuals in the dairy industry while at the same time providing financial assistance to students who have expressed a strong interest in the dairy industry during these difficult economic times. It is a very worthwhile endeavor and with the strong oversight and management of its Board the endowment will be ongoing and run forever. 🏆



John Dilland



Randy BeVier



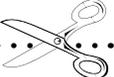


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