

MMPA Scholarship Winners

Michigan Milk Producers Association awarded seven scholarships to students enrolled in the Dairy Production Program of the Institute of Agricultural Technology at Michigan State University for the 2007-2008 school year. One scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year was also awarded to a student at Purdue University.



Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Lyle and Pamela Vanderwal, of Lake City, graduated from Lake City High School. She has received a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship and a Michigan Competitive Scholarship to assist paying for her studies at MSU. She interned last summer at a 600-cow dairy in Pewamo, Mich.,

owned by MMPA members Brent and Larry Simon. Elizabeth plans to return to her family's 150-cow dairy operation after graduation.



Charlie Hood, son of Tim and Debbie Hood of Paw Paw, Mich., graduated from Paw Paw High School. At MSU, Charlie is a member of Farm House Fraternity and the Dairy Club. He plans to return to his family's 360-cow dairy farm after graduation.



Ashley Dodson, daughter of Mark Dodson and Vicki Alcumbrack of Fremont, is a graduate of Fremont High School where she was involved in FFA and softball. She received the Outstanding Junior Degree and a State Degree through FFA and was named to the second all state team for softball. At MSU, Ashley is involved

in the MSU Dairy Club. She recently completed an internship at Swiss-Lane Dairy in Alto, Mich., where she worked with fresh cows and calves. Ashley is employed by MMPA members Glen, Casey and Andrew Sparks of Fremont and would like to continue working on the Sparks' 200-cow dairy after she graduates.



Nick Leipprandt, son of Keith and Stephanie Leipprandt, of Caseville, Mich., is a graduate of EPBP Laker High School where he was active in FFA and varsity football while in high school. At MSU, he is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Nick wants to work on his family's 110-cow dairy after he graduates.



Adam Lewis, son of Bruce and Jennifer Lewis of Jonesville, Mich., graduated from Jonesville High School. In High School, Adam was active in FFA and played football for 4 years. At MSU, he is on the MSU Dairy Judging Team. Following graduation from the Ag Tech program, Adam plans to return home and join his family's 430-cow dairy operation.



Matt Preisner, son of Jan Koster, of Coopersville, graduated from Coopersville High School where he was involved in FFA. At MSU, Matt is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and recently interned on MMPA member Brian Ingram's farm in Port Austin. Matt works for MMPA member Paul Courtade of Conklin. After graduation,

he wants to work as a herdsman on a large dairy.



Eric Carson, son of Tom and Shirley Carson of Hesperia, Mich., is a graduate of Hesperia High School where he played football and served as a member of the yearbook staff. He was also active in 4-H, showing both dairy and hogs. At MSU, Eric is a member of the MSU Dairy Club. Following graduation, Eric plans to join his family's 85-cow dairy operation.

Purdue University



Craig Blough, son of David and Michelle Blough of Goshen, Ind., graduated from Northridge High School in Middlebury, Ind. Craig is a senior at Purdue University majoring in Agricultural Biological Engineering. He is a member of the Purdue Engineering Student Council, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Purdue Dairy Judging and Dairy Challenge Teams, Purdue Dairy Club and is the co-manager of the annual Boilermaker Heifer Sale. He will soon be starting his fourth internship with John Deere in Iowa, and plans to work in sales and marketing for John Deere following graduation.