

Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (MDMSF) was established over 50 years ago as a way to honor individuals in the dairy industry and provide financial assistance to students with a dairy-related scholastic focus. The Foundation's endowment was established through contributions made in honor of individuals who have served the dairy industry. Income from the endowment creates scholarships that support deserving Michigan State University students who want to pursue careers in the dairy industry. The three largest scholarships available through the MDMSF are awarded each year in honor of Glenn and Anne Lake, Russel Erickson and Donald and Valera Murray.

Ashley Messing

Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship

Past Michigan Dairy Ambassador Ashley Messing's passion for the dairy industry has earned her dividends in the form of full tuition and fees through the MDMSF as she completes her senior year at Michigan State University.

Ashley, daughter of MMPA members Gregory and Shelly Messing, of Ubly, is the current recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. Ashley's enthusiasm for the dairy industry, interest in a dairy-related career, academics and extracurricular activities qualified her for the scholarship.

"Receiving the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship is a great honor," Ashley says. "The financial support of my education is greatly appreciated and it has greatly decreased the burden of my final year in school. I truly appreciate it."

Attending Dairy Days at MSU when she was younger helped Ash-

ley realize her passion for the dairy industry, and eventually led her to her path of study at MSU—animal science, with an agribusiness management specialization.

"My first time in the show ring started my passion for the dairy industry, carrying it to the farm and to commercial dairy production," Ashley says. "With this passion for dairy cattle, studying animal science is a natural choice for me."

Involvement in dairy-related MSU activities has kept Ashley busy during her time at college. She's a member of the MSU Dairy Club, MSU National Agri-Marketing Association, MSU Block and Bridle and MSU Collegiate Farm Bureau. Throughout her involve-



ment in the MSU Dairy Judging Teams (Collegiate, Post-Secondary, 4-H and FFA), Ashley has competed in many events including: the MSU Dairy Challenge and Midwest Dairy Challenge. She was member of the MSU's First Place

Platinum Team at 2007 National Dairy Challenge.

Following graduation, Ashley would like to work in the nutrition or AI industry. She is also interested in eventually working for a national dairy firm or a national publication in the marketing and advertising departments.

Greta Koebel

Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship

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.

Greta is the daughter of MMPA members Terry and Jennie Koebel who own and operate Tri-Koebel Registered Holsteins and Jerseys in Three Oaks, Mich.

"Growing up on a dairy and grain farm I always knew I wanted to stay involved in farming," Greta says. "Agribusiness management seemed like the program that was the best fit for my interests because it combines production agriculture and business skills."

Upon graduation, Greta plans to continue farming with her family and is interested in working for the

dairy industry dealing with high profile breeding stock and dairy genetics.

"I began showing cows when I was five and enjoy working year-round to select and develop show animals that can be competitive at every level of competition," Greta says.

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. She has also received the Michigan and National Junior Holstein Association Distinguished Junior Member Awards and the Merle Howard Memorial Award at World Dairy Expo.

"I'm very grateful to have been chosen for this generous award because it will enable me to focus more time on my studies and not have to worry as much about working to get money for school expenses," Greta says of receiving the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship.

Lindsey First

Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship

Lindsey First, a senior at Michigan State University is this year's Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship recipient. She was chosen to receive the \$4,000 scholarship based on her interest in a dairy related career, extra-curricular activities and academics.

"I am very grateful for the Murray scholarship," Lindsey says. "It has helped to relieve some of the stress that goes along with college and I have been better able to focus on my classes and not worry about the financial aspect."

Lindsey is the daughter of Dan and Margie First, of Ionia. Her upbringing on the family dairy farm and affection for cows helped Lindsey choose her course of study at MSU— Animal Science with Specialization in Business Management. When she graduates, Lindsey would like to work in the dairy reproductive industry.

"Reproduction largely piques my interest due to the positive impact reproductive specialists made on the overall herd at our farm," Lindsey says. "The herd has uniform confirmation and genetic quality that has enabled my father to have a profitable herd. I want to help other farms grow and succeed like the reproductive specialists did for my family's farm."

At MSU, Lindsey has served in many roles in the MSU Dairy Club, has been involved in the Collegiate Dairy Judging Team, the MSU Dairy Challenge and the Midwest Dairy Challenge. She has been selected to be a member of the 2009 National Dairy Challenge Team. Lindsey received her American FFA Degree in 2006.



MDMSF Awards \$85,000 in Scholarships

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded more than \$85,000 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 2008-2009 academic year, scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

Freshman Scholarships (\$1,500): Eric Sneller, Sebewaing; Sarah Bartley-Mann, Camden; Ashley Orłowski, Saranac; Brandon Schooley, LeRoy; Lisa Vander

Veen, Grand Haven and William Stinson, Kinde.

Ag Tech Scholarships (\$2,000): Eric Cole, Bancroft; William Hujsjen, Fremont; Josh First, Ionia; Eric Westendorp, Nashville; Matthew Spitzley, Pewamo and Nathan Southwell, St. Johns

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$3,500): Krista Beeker, Constantine; Melissa Brower, Jamestown; Gail Carpenter, Dansville; Jessica Fry, Blanchard; Karmen Jackson, Caro; Angelee Musser, Kingsley; Joseph Pasch, Weidman; Andrew Rupprecht, Vassar; Nicole Schaeendorf, Allegan; Autumn Sieffert, Grawn; Lynnae Slavik, Ashley;

Kayla Stomack, Minden City; Katelyn Thompson, Charlotte; Hannah Tucker, Elsie and Laura Zeldenrust, Fremont.

Applications for the 2009-2010 academic school year are due February 28, 2009. Freshman and Ag Tech applications are due September 27, 2009. MDMSF scholarship applications can be obtained from:

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