

MMPA Scholarship Winners

For over 35 years, Michigan Milk Producers Association has sponsored scholarships for MMPA members, their children and employees enrolled in the Agricultural Technology Dairy Management program at Michigan State University. The scholarship program was initiated to encourage students to become involved in dairy production and management careers. The

scholarships are based on academics, involvement in the dairy industry and letters of recommendation. Several MMPA scholarships were awarded to students enrolled in the Dairy Production Program of the Institute of Agricultural Technology at Michigan State University for the 2008-2009 school year. Those students are listed below.



Eric Carson, son of MMPA members Tom and Shirley Carson of Hesperia, Mich., graduated from the MSU Ag Tech program in December and has returned to his family's 90 cow dairy operation. While at MSU, Eric completed an internship at a 5,000 cow dairy in Buttonwillow,

Calif. He was a member of the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Dairy Cattle Judging team. Eric graduated from Hesperia High School where he played football and was on the yearbook staff. He was also active in 4-H, showing both dairy and hogs.



Adam Lewis, son of MMPA members Bruce and Jennifer Lewis of Jonesville, Mich., graduated from Jonesville High School. In high school, Adam was active in FFA and varsity football. During his studies at MSU, he interned on a 1,200 cow dairy near Sacramento, Calif.

Adam is a member of the Farm House Fraternity at MSU. Following graduation from the Ag Tech program, Adam plans to return home and join his family's 490 cow dairy operation.



Eric Cole, son of MMPA members Jeff and Cheryl Cole, of Durand, is active in his family's 300 cow dairy operation. Eric graduated from Durand Area High School, where he was involved in FFA and 4-H. At MSU, he is currently a member of the MSU Dairy Club. Follow-

ing graduation, Eric plans to join the family farm.



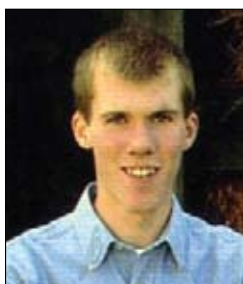
Marguerite Weiss, daughter of MMPA members Roger and Joanmarie Weiss of Frankenmuth, she is involved with her family's 150 cow dairy. She is a graduate of Frankenmuth High School where she was active in 4-H and FFA. Marguerite is a member the MSU Dairy Club,

the MSU Block and Bridle Club and the Horseman's Association. Marguerite plans to either return to the family farm after graduation from the Ag Tech program, or continue her education at veterinary school.



Charlie Hood, son of MMPA members 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 MSU Dairy Club. He recently completed an internship on a 3,000 cow dairy operation in

Tulare, Calif. Charlie plans to return to his family's 380 cow dairy farm after graduation.



Jarret Curtiss, son of Joe and Karen Curtiss of Cheboygan, works at MMPA members Donald and Bonnie Budzinski's 280 cow dairy. He graduated from Pellston High School and was involved in the Cheboygan County Youth Livestock Program. Jarret is currently a member of the

MSU Dairy Club and he plans to go back to his grandparents' farm following graduation.



Nick Leipprandt, son of MMPA members Keith and Stephanie Leipprandt, of Cassville, Mich., is a graduate of EPBP Laker High School where he was active in FFA and varsity football. At MSU, he's a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and recently interned on

an 800 cow dairy near Green Bay, Wis. Nick plans to work on his family's 100 cow dairy after he graduates.



William Stinson, son of Joe and Cathy Stinson of Kinde, is employed at MMPA member Mike Erdman's dairy operation. William graduated from Laker High School where he played varsity sports, was active in FFA and showed various types of livestock. Following graduation,

William would like to work as a herdsman.