



The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (MDMSF) was established more than 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.

Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Awards Scholarships

Nicole Schaendorf Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship



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 Ann 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.

Applications for the 2010-2011 academic school year are due February 28, 2010. Freshman and Ag Tech applications are due September 27, 2010. MDMSF scholarship applications can be obtained from:

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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. 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 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.

MDMSF Awards \$90,000 in Scholarships

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. recently awarded \$90,000 in scholarships to 32 students 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:*

Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship (\$3,500): Christine Hadley, Hartford

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$3,500): Joseph Ankle, Imlay City; Gail Carpenter, Dansville; Michelle Dawes, Saranac; Olivia DeVooght, Marquette; Karmen Jackson, Caro; Elizabeth Motz, St. Johns; Kelli Rau, West Branch; Henry Reinart, Hopkins; Rosemary

Rice, Filion; Jacquelyn Rowley, Richmond and Hannah Tucker, Elsie.

Freshman Scholarships (\$1,500): Tera Koebel, Three Oaks; Kelsey Byars, Webberville; Max Dunneback, Grand Rapids; Jeff Shepherd, Hemlock and Trent Hooks, Breckenridge.

Ag Tech Scholarships (\$2,000): Eric Cole, Bancroft; Eric Westendorp, Nashville; Matthew Spitzley, Pewamo; James Weber, Vassar and Dale Dick, McBain.

Seven additional \$1,000 scholarships were awarded this year from contributions to an expendable fund. Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$1,000) provided by MMPA in the name of Velmar Green: Brandon Gingrich, LeRoy; Sara Girbach, Saline; Lynnae Slavik, Ashley;

Andrew Rupprecht

Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship

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.

Eric Sneller, Sebewaing and Gina Varner, Midland.

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$1,000): Krista Beeker, Constantine and Joe Pasch, Weidman.