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MDMSF 2013-14 scholarship recipients participated in the 2014 Annual Meeting of the MDMSF board of directors. Pictured top row, left to right: Sawyer Johnson, CJ Berens and Garrett Slavik. Second row from top, left to right: Jennie Lubbers, Stephanie Roggenbuck, Laura Small and Lauren Lauwers. Third row from top, left to right: Brittini Tucker, Kelly Raterink, Gabe Klaasen, Megan Bush and Katelyn Horning. Bottom row, left to right: Hayley Obradovich, Rebecca Swartzendruber and Bethany Oglesby.

The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund

At A Glance

Thanks to the generous support of donors, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is proud to highlight a formidable list of scholarships made possible in 2013-2014:

- \$1,500 for fall semester to five freshmen in Ag Tech or 4-year program
- \$2,000 for fall semester to five Ag Tech Students
- \$3,500 over two semesters to 10 students in a 4-year program
- **Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship** – \$7,500 over two semesters
- **Russel Erickson Scholarship** – \$5,000 over two semesters
- **John and Barbara Dilland Scholarship** – \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with a major in Agribusiness Management
- **Redmond and Edna Cotter Purina Memorial Scholarship** – \$4,000 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school. Preference to those with international interest.
- **Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship** – three \$1,000 scholarships for international experiences
- **Archie Studer Scholarship** - \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy breeding or production
- **Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship** – \$4,000 over two semesters
- **Velmar Green Scholarship** - \$3,500 for a second-year student in the Ag Tech Dairy Management Program
- **Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship** – \$3,500 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school
- **Nick Bellows Scholarship** - \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy promotion



President's Message

Since the MDMSF celebrated its 50 anniversary in 2007, we have continued to grow in donations and have added four new named scholarships since then including the Dilland Fund, Bellows Fund, Green Fund and the Studer Fund. This makes a total of 10 named scholarships now in addition to the regular scholarships that we provide to deserving students with an interest in the dairy industry.

The MDMSF continues to be one of the largest scholarship funds within Michigan State University which reflects how strong our dairy industry is in the State of Michigan. As of January 1, 2014 the new principal balance of the fund is at \$1,082,644 and has a current market value of \$2,346,717. This has allowed us to pay out 32 scholarships amounting to \$100,801 for the school year of 2013-2014. In addition, we also continue to support the MSU Dairy Cattle Judging Team, Dairy Products Judging Team and Dairy Challenge Program.

Thank you to all the supporters of this growing fund who recognize the need to fill future jobs from the existing pool of graduating candidates in the various dairy, food and vet science programs from Michigan State University. These graduates are the future of the dairy industry and we want to continue to support them and their legacy. It only takes one student with an ingenious idea to make a huge impact on all of our futures.

I encourage you to give generously and consider donating to the MDMSF either to the general fund or to recognize an Honoree of a deserving individual. It only takes \$1,000 for an individual to be honored by the fund and have their picture and name permanently displayed at Michigan State University as a leader in the Dairy Industry. Please check out the contribution form on the back page of this newsletter or talk to anyone listed as a board member of MDMSF.

Let us all continue to support the future of the dairy industry.

-Nancy Blaauw, MDMSF President



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2013-2014 Dairy Memorial Honorees

George W. Atkeson

George retired in May of 1998 after working for MSU for 24 years as an Extension Agriculture Agent. His strong interests centered around dairy production and all aspects of a strong economic family farm.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State College in 1956 and a Master of Science from Michigan State University in 1967. He returned to Michigan in 1974 as an Ag Agent for Huron County. He later moved to Montcalm and Ionia counties, acquiring Kent County. He was president of the MSU Dairy Team for one year. He served as a Director of the National Dairy Shrine for six. Prior to coming to Michigan, he held positions with Air Force, Carnation Milk Farms, Oregon State University and Iowa State University.

George received the 1991 National Association of County Agriculture Agents (NACAA) Distinguished Service Award, the Communication Award in 1997 as a regional finalist for newsletters from the NACAA, the Epsilon Sigma Phi Extension Team Award for "Dairy Milk Quality Assurance" in 1993, the 2004 Montcalm Farm Bureau and recognition for 24 years of service from Independent Co-op Milk.

A study group of 7 agents went to New Zealand in 1989 to study milk marketing, controlled grazing and meet with staff at Massey University. George returned in 1990 with his wife for a month, traveling both islands and meeting with producers and University agents. In 1990, he was a member of an MSU International Extension training program traveling to the Dominican Republic.

George believed very strongly that being on producers' farms was where he needed to be, to learn from them and to understand what educational skills they needed Extension to offer. His weekly radio program "Ag Report" and monthly newsletters kept him and his producers and agribusiness connected. During his Extension career, his educational efforts focused on expanding the use of calf hutches, cow and youngstock comfort, open-sided cow and heifer barns, waste management, and controlled grazing workshops.

He appreciates the moral support from his wife, Norma, and the great job she did in raising their two children. The following MSU faculty helped guide and train George during his MSU career: Clint Meadows, John Speicher, Bill Bickert, Sherrill Nott, and Joe Shaltry.

George is still interested in all aspects of agriculture and visits many of his producer friends. He has found in retirement new excitement in exploring other interests: traveling, photography, being his own boss and comfortable saying "no", and as a volunteer – mentoring young school children, a member of a Red Cross Disaster Action team, building and repairing homes with Habitat for Humanity, working at the local hospital, visiting patients, and various activities at his local church. Retirement has opened up a new and exciting life in his senior years.



Robert Keilen

Robert James Keilen was born February 12 in Clinton County, Michigan and has resided there for his entire life. His grandfather Keilen purchased the farm that is presently known as K & K Dairy Farms. Robert's father's family moved to the farm in 1957. He then started the 40-cow dairy business in 1969 with the family helping in all aspects of the business. Robert, the only son of six children, worked throughout high school on the farm. He worked off the farm for eight years and rejoined the business in 1982 with his father. They started a partnership 1982, forming K & K Dairy Farms and milking 60 cows along with raising the young stock.

In 1988, Robert and Diane Keilen purchased the dairy business from his parents. Through the next 25 years the business grew to 500 milking cows and 1,700 acres. In 2009, running short on land, they moved 450 heifers to a 500-acre farm in Laingsburg that is owned and managed by K & K Dairy Farms. In December of 2009, after completion of the Ag Tech Program, their son, Matthew, joined the dairy operation.

Located just 20 miles from Michigan State University, K & K Dairy Farms has developed a working and hands-on learning opportunity for Michigan State University students, both in animal science and veterinary programs. This opportunity is possible because of the communication and dedication of Dr. Ron Erskine, and Miriam Weber Nielsen, Ph.D.

In July of 2010, K & K Dairy Farms became MAEAP (Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program) verified in Livestock Division and is presently working to obtain the Homestead and Cropping System verifications as well.

Robert is a former member of the Clinton County Farm Bureau Board. He is currently a delegate of Dairy Farmers of America Cooperative. He also assisted his children with their activities in Clinton County 4-H. Furthermore, he is a member of the Holstein Association and Greenstone Farm Credit Services.

Robert's passion and dedication to the dairy industry is felt by his fellow dairymen, delegates, board members, employees, partners, and students. His drive for performance and maximizing the genetic potential to get the best bottom line, with the best quality milk, is very well recognized in the business. The team approach that Robert utilized on the farm continues today as he has transitioned the business to his son, Matthew, and his herdsman, Gregg Trierweiler, successfully ensuring the future of K & K Dairy Farms with the next generation. Robert leaves his legacy at the farm and today his success shows brightly in the beautiful Clinton County setting.



2013-2014 Dairy Memorial Honorees, Continued

Dr. Gary Koester

Dr. Gary Koester is a retired dairy practitioner from Cadillac, MI, where he served small and large dairies in the northwestern lower peninsula of Michigan. Upon graduation from the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1974, he joined the Airport Animal Clinic. During his career, the clinic grew from a mixed practice with 2 veterinarians to a team of bovine practitioners, whose focus is management-oriented dairy production medicine.



Dr. Koester has been a member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners since 1978, currently serves on its Board of Directors, and has been a member of both the American Veterinary Medical Association and Michigan Veterinary Medical Association since 1974. He served on the MVMA Board of Directors, representing bovine practitioners for 4 years. He has been a participant in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine's Practice Based Ambulatory Program since 1981, became an adjunct clinical professor in that program in 2002, and completed the MSU Dairy Health Management Certificate Program in 1992. Dr. Koester has served as president of the Northern Michigan VMA, and as a member of the State Veterinarian's Advisory Board, the State of Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine, MSU CVM Alumni Council, and chaired an ad hoc group to develop and promote the development and provision of new services by the Michigan DHIA.

As chair of the Food Animal Practice committee of the MVMA, he represented the veterinary profession for seven years on the State Bovine TB committee, which helped develop policies, budgets, and procedures to deal with the TB problem in cattle and deer in northeastern Michigan. Dr. Koester has served on the MVMA Board of Directors, and has been a member of advisory boards for two pharmaceutical companies and Antel Bio. Over the years he has been a speaker at numerous local and state producer meetings, and at the Michigan Veterinary Conference, on subjects including reproduction, nutrition, quality milk, transition cow health, partial budgets, and records analysis.

Dr. Koester received the "Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award" from the Michigan Milk Producers Association in 1989, the "Birth of a Purebred Food Animal Practitioner Award" from the MSU CVM in 1996, and the "Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award" from the AABP in 2009.

Gary and his wife Sandy have been married for 40 years and have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He has served on local school boards for over 14 years, has coached his kids' baseball, soccer, basketball, and hockey teams, and enjoys hunting, fishing, woodworking, and playing guitar.



Mark Your Calendar!

September 27, 2014: Deadline for freshman, Ag Tech and vet student scholarship applications

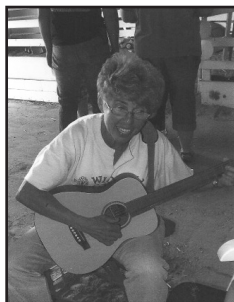
February 28, 2015: Deadline for scholarship applications (first-time and renewal applications for 4-year students)

April 24, 2015: Annual meeting of MDMSF Board of Directors

For application or more information about MDMSF Scholarships, visit <http://www.ans.msu.edu> and click on the "students" link.

Nancy Thelen

Nancy's love for the farm began as a child, spending summers on her grandmother's farm in Mulliken. She was raised in the city, but her heart was partial to farming. When she was 15, she met who would later become her husband, Tom. His family farmed near her grandmother's homestead, and he shared her love for agriculture.



The summer before they were married, Tom and Nancy bought a 20 acre farm in Lyons. They had a strong desire for their children to grow up on the farm, acquire a strong work ethic and absorb the satisfaction of a true hard day's work. The farm started out as a small hobby farm in 1968. In the fall of 1969, Tom's job at General Motors was being threatened by lengthy layoffs, so they decided to fill the silo with their 15 acres of corn and buy 10 heifers. After 46 years of marriage, they reside on that farm, and their dream is carried on as their son Tom, and daughter-in-law Lori, continue to share in their desire to feed the world. Her three daughters are also involved in agriculture. Today, Riverview Dairy Farm employs 3 full-time and 7 part-time employees; they milk 250 cows and farm approximately 600 acres.

While their four children were committed to the success of the farm, Nancy felt that 4-H was a good way for children to learn more about dairy and interact with other farm families while taking pride in the fruits of their labor. Her own children showed their cattle at the Ionia Free Fair. It was repeatedly one of the most fun weeks of summer. Over the years, Nancy generously opened the minds and hearts of many rural and city folks while allowing them the opportunity to partake in the joy of a summer week spent at the fair. Any child was allowed to join 4-H Dairy and show their cattle. She would invite them to their farm and allow them to pick their favorite cow to show at the fair.

For more than 30 years, Nancy has been enthusiastically devoted to the dairy program and the families of Ionia and neighboring counties. She is well known for her lighthearted disposition and willingness to tackle any chore. Her favorite past-time is picking her guitar and singing. Family is very dear to her, but it is not limited to her husband and children. Everyone walks away from her feeling like they are the most important person in her world. Over the years, she has humbly provided many 4-H families with photos captured of them together with their loved ones or prized animals. Those same pictures decorate the walls of their homes, reminding them of summers gone by and unforgettable days on the farm and at the fair. She started out spending her own hard-earned money developing and framing the pictures, then personally delivering them to each family. Eventually, members of the 4-H dairy program decided the memories Nancy was creating were priceless and all were benefitting from her altruistic talents. They purchased Nancy a new camera, purchased frames for her pictures, and paid for developing them.

Nancy's husband Tom; children Tom Jr., Margie, Marti and Amy, along with their families, would like to recognize her with this tribute for her loyalty to the 4-H Dairy program and the dairy industry.

David VanderHaagen

David VanderHaagen's 36 years of dedicated service to MMPA has left an imprint on the cooperative, reflective of his integrity and knowledge of milk marketing and dairy cooperatives. David's engagement as MMPA's general counsel is a testament in itself to the value, respect and acceptance he has added to the position. His approachable demeanor has forged common ground with all types of audiences, helping effectively relay complicated legal principles and advice to board members, co-op members and employees.



David has helped the cooperative navigate critical business functions including mergers and plant closings, leadership changes and membership structures within the cooperative. Often the "behind the scenes" person to the cooperative, David's counsel has been tremendously important to the cooperative's success. His ability to apply his knowledge to prevent unnecessary problems has been an asset to the board and managers. David also possesses the wit and intuition to know how to deflate potentially contentious discussions with a perfectly timed comment or joke.

Outside of MMPA, David has made an enduring impact on cooperatives on a national level. His knowledge of cooperative laws and milk marketing has garnered him national recognition as an expert in these areas. MMPA has been fortunate to be able to tap that knowledge as needed over the past 36 years.

David's leadership appointments include the National Council of Farm Cooperatives' Legal, Tax and Accounting Committee and the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives. He has also served as president of the law firm (now known as Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith) and has been secretary and general counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau companies.

On behalf of the thousands of members, dozens of board members and staff that have had the privilege to work with David, Michigan Milk Producers Association is proud to present this contribution to the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation to recognize the tireless commitment David VanderHaagen has made to the cooperative.



Scholarship Recipients

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded over \$92,000 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 2013-2014 academic year, scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

Katelyn Horning

Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship

Katelyn Horning of Manchester, Mich., was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. The scholarship is named after Michigan dairy farmers Glenn and Anne Lake and provides \$7,500 in scholarship money divided over two semesters. Glenn Lake served as president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) and provided leadership in creating the Great Lakes Milk Marketing Federation, which helped dairy farmers secure bargaining rights to market their milk.

Horning, the daughter of Jeff and Lynda Horning, graduated in May with a double major in animal science and agribusiness management.

While at MSU, Horning participated in two study abroad experiences.

She traveled to Vietnam for a one-week study abroad experience focused on emerging issues in international agriculture and to the Netherlands, Belgium and France in summer 2012 as part of the two-week MSU Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program.

Horning has been actively involved with the MSU Dairy Club and served as the organization's vice president and historian, managed the club's annual cheese sale fundraiser and served on the planning committee for the Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale in 2012 and 2013. She competed on the Michigan 4-H and MSU dairy judging teams. Outside of college, Horning served as the senior Michigan Dairy Ambassador in 2013.

Upon graduation, Horning returned to her family's dairy farm near Manchester.



Jared Lyzenga

Redmond and Edna Cotter Scholarship

Jared Lyzenga, of Byron Center, was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Redmond ("Red") and Edna Cotter endowed scholarship. The \$4,000 scholarship is named in honor of Red Cotter, an inspirational dairy industry leader and motivator of sales/marketing executives, and his wife, Edna.

Lyzenga, the son of Dave and Michelle Lyzenga, graduated from MSU with a bachelor's of animal science degree in production medicine in May 2013, and is on schedule to earn his doctorate of veterinary medicine specializing in production animal medicine in May 2017.

As an MSU student, Lyzenga has been an active member of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Food Animal Medicine Club, the CVM Food Animal Club and the Theriogenology Club. He was the advanced division winner in the 2012 MSU Dairy Challenge and competed in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge in 2013. As a student, Lyzenga was employed by the MSU Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research Center as an animal caretaker, helped conduct feed efficiency research studies for Dr. Michael VandeHaar and participated in the study abroad program, "Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship in the Netherlands and Belgium" in 2012.

The Redmond ("Red") and Edna Cotter endowed scholarship honors the Cotter couple and their many contributions to the dairy industry. A 1937 graduate of MSU, Mr. Cotter was employed for 43 years as a sales manager for Ralston-Purina, covering Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Edna Cotter was born on a farm on what is now the MSU Hancock Turfgrass Research Center and she graduated from Michigan State College (MSC) in the 1930s.



Garrett Slavik

Archie Studer Scholarship

Garrett Slavik of Ashley, Mich., was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Archie Studer Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named after the late Archie Studer, who owned and operated Kenowa Acres Dairy Farm for more than 35 years.



Slavik, the son of Jim and Doreen Slavik, is a junior pursuing a degree in animal science. Thanks to an internship with Cargill Animal Nutrition over the summer of 2013 and 2014, Slavik discovered his interest in dairy animal nutrition and now aspires to pursue a career as a dairy nutritionist or consultant.

At MSU, Slavik is an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and serves as the organization's education chairperson and is a member of the planning committee for the Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale. He was a member of the 2013 MSU collegiate dairy judging team that competed in four competitions and earned high team awards at the NAILE (overall) and in Fort Worth (overall and oral reasons). In addition, Slavik is involved with the MSU Navigators (Bible Study), serves on the Michigan Junior Holstein Association board of directors, participated in the 2013 Dairy Challenge Academy and competed in the 2013 MSU Dairy Challenge.

Caitlin Pell

John and Barbara Dilland Scholarship

Caitlin Pell of Fremont, Mich., was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the John and Barbara Dilland endowed scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of John Dilland, former controller, director of finance and general manager for MMPA, and his wife, Barbara.



Pell, the daughter of Tom and Merri Pell, is currently a junior pursuing a degree in agribusiness management and on schedule to graduate in December 2014.

While at MSU, Pell was an active member of Dairy Club. She served as State FFA Vice-president, received her American FFA Degree and was the state winning dairy judging team and high individual. During summer semester 2013 she interned for the North Central Co-op where she focused on business management and improving relationships with dairy customers. Pell is currently working as a student secretary for MSU AgBioResearch as she completes her final semester of undergraduate studies.

The John and Barbara Dilland endowed scholarship was established in 2010 by MMPA upon John's retirement. He held the positions of controller, director of finance and general manager over the course of his 35 years of service to the organization.

Lora Anderson and Katelyn Horning

Jack and Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)

Two MSU students have been awarded the Jack and Betty Barnes Scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year. Lora Anderson, animal science graduate from Mason, and Katelyn Horning, animal science and agribusiness management graduate from Manchester, each received the \$1,000 scholarship earmarked towards completing an international study experience.

The scholarship is named after the late Jack and Betty Barnes. Jack Barnes was employed with MMPA for 39 years and served 26 of those years as general manager.

Anderson is the daughter of Bill and Paula Anderson. She studied at EARTH University, situated in the heart of the humid tropics of Costa Rica, during spring semester 2013. At EARTH, Anderson completed coursework in agriculture, sustainability and community development and spent many hours on the integrated dairy farm working with cattle and water buffalo, mastering skills in artificial insemination, milk collection, pasture management, castration, dehorning and manure management. After wrapping up her time at EARTH, she spent a month volunteering on various sea turtle research and rehabilitation projects, where she absorbed the country's culture and was adopted by local families.



Upon returning to MSU last fall, Anderson continued her duties as interim laboratory manager and lead research technician for an insect microbiology lab on campus. Her principal duties include arbovirus surveillance, extracting DNA for sequencing, cloning and vector work and axenic mosquito rearing. Anderson also began working at the MSU Animal Air Quality Research Facility where she has gained clinical experience with beef cattle and swine.

She graduated last May, with hopes to secure work as an exotic animal nutrition fellow or return to Costa Rica to continue working on and lead other MSU students with the volunteer sea turtle conservation project. Anderson will begin studies at the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine in August 2014, and one day hopes to pursue work in food animal medicine while continuing to pursue opportunities abroad in the conservation of exotic species.

Horning is the daughter of Jeff and Lynda Horning. She traveled to Vietnam for a one-week study abroad experience focused on emerging issues in international agriculture. The experience offered a glimpse of the Vietnamese culture and offered a snapshot of their agriculture industry's focus on efficiency, though at times at the expense of sustainability.



Horning previously traveled to the Netherlands, Belgium and France in summer 2012 as part of the two-week MSU Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program. She returned to the family dairy farm, Horning Farms, after graduating from MSU in May.



Stephanie Roggenbuck
Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship

Stephanie Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach, Mich., has been chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Harold and Lillian Gremel endowed scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of Harold and in memory of Lillian Gremel of Sebewaing.

Roggenbuck, the daughter of Henry and Marlene Kozdron, graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in biology in 2008, from MSU with a bachelor's in production medicine in 2010 and a doctorate of veterinary medicine specializing in production animal medicine in May 2014.

As an MSU student, Roggenbuck has been an active member of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Club, the CVM Food Animal Club and the CVM Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA). She is also a member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. Roggenbuck completed a Food System Fellowship summer internship program with MMPA in 2011 and with Neogen Corporation in 2012. At Neogen, she was involved in developing working protocols to more rapidly detect the presence of Salmonella organisms in dairy animal populations.

The Harold and Lillian Gremel endowed scholarship was established in 2007 by the Gremel family. Together during their 52 years of marriage, the Huron County dairy producers and lifetime industry supporters were past recipients of the West Huron MMPA Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, honored as the MMPA Outstanding Young Dairy Couple and chosen as the MSU Dairy Farmer of the Year. Harold also served on the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation board of directors. The Gremel endowed scholarship was the first Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation scholarship designed for veterinary students.



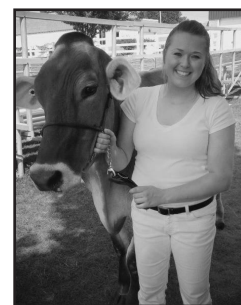
Megan Bush
Nick Bellows Scholarship

Megan Bush of Swartz Creek, Mich., was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Nick Bellows Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of Nick Bellows, the former chief executive officer of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM).

Bush is the daughter of George Bush and Elizabeth Fontenot. Bush is a junior majoring in agribusiness management and she hopes to pursue a career in dairy sales after graduation.

At MSU, Bush has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and is the organization's current second vice-president and co-chairperson of the club's Spartan Spectacular calf sale. She was a member of the Michigan 4-H dairy judging team that placed first overall and first in oral reasons at the 2012 National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and earned an invitation to travel to Europe to participate in an International Livestock Judging Tour in 2013. In this contest, Bush finished second place overall, fourth place in placing points only and fifth place in oral reasons. Bush is one of two senior Michigan Dairy Ambassadors for 2014 and secretary of the Michigan Junior Holstein Association. She is completing an internship this upcoming summer with Zoetis.

The Nick Bellows Scholarship was established in 2011 by the UDIM board of directors and staff members to recognize Bellows for his two and a half decades of commitment and dedication as the organization's CEO. His record of service included directing the formation of many programs widely lauded as being among the nation's most effective in terms of increasing dairy consumption. Bellows accomplished this by building a solid network of partners from the Michigan business and scientific communities who invested their credibility and financial resources in local dairy promotion programs. Additionally, in order to advance programming at the national level, he shared his time and expertise by serving as chair and committee member of several Dairy Management, Inc. program planning committees.



Britney Zondlak

Russel Erickson Scholarship

Britney Zondlak of Byron Center, Mich., was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Russel Erickson Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is named after Russel Erickson, MSU professor emeritus in the Department of Animal Science.

An MSU agribusiness graduate, Zondlak is the daughter of Matt and Deb Zondlak. While at MSU, Zondlak has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and dairy cattle judging program. She was a member of the winning team overall in the collegiate division at the 2013 North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Ky. Zondlak also competed as a member of the MSU Ag Tech team and participated two years in the MSU Dairy Challenge as an Ag Tech student. She's a former Michigan Dairy Ambassador.

In 2011, Zondlak earned a bachelor's degree in communications with minors in advertising/public relations and Spanish. In 2012, she earned a certificate in dairy management from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology. Zondlak completed a one-month intensive Spanish language study abroad program at the Universidad de Belgrano in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2011 and a two-month dairy internship in the Netherlands, Belgium and France in summer 2012. She has been employed full-time at Star-Summit Farm in Byron Center since 2005 and plans to enter into a business partnership with her employer.



day to own and operate a dairy farm in northern Michigan, has been an employee of Dan DeZeeuw Dairy in McBain since 2010. He also completed an internship as a student herdsman/manager at the California Polytechnic University dairy herd.

While at MSU, Ouwinga has been involved in the MSU Dairy Club and the Alpha Gamma Rho (Tau chapter) fraternity and competed in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge Academy. He was a member of the winning team in the Ag Tech division at the 2013 MSU Dairy Challenge.

The Velmar Green Scholarship was established to thank Green for 40 years of service to the MMPA board of directors.

Sarah Michalek

Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship

Sarah Michalek of Deckerville, Mich., was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Donald and Valera Murray endowed scholarship. The \$4,000 scholarship is named in honor of Donald Murray, a former MSU Extension dairy specialist, and his wife, Valera.



Michalek, the daughter of Thomas and Lucinda Michalek, majored in agribusiness management before joining MMPA as a member representative in May.

At MSU, Michalek was an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Student Senate, and was president of the MSU chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association. She was selected as Outstanding Junior in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, is a former junior Michigan Dairy Ambassador and was the 4-H livestock judging superintendent at the 2012 Sanilac County 4-H Fair. Michalek judged on the collegiate dairy cattle judging team and earned an invitation to travel to Europe to participate in an International Livestock Judging Tour in 2011.

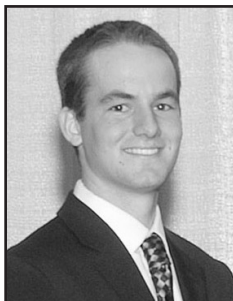
The Donald and Valera Murray endowed scholarship was created to recognize Dr. Murray's leadership role in establishing the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation.

Jorin Ouwinga

Velmar Green Scholarship

Jorin Ouwinga of McBain, Mich., was chosen as the 2013-2014 recipient of the Velmar Green Scholarship. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of dairy leader Velmar Green of Elsie, Mich.

Ouwinga is the son of Robert and Darline Ouwinga, who intends one



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Dairy Memorial Recipients

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$3,500)

Chelsey Clemens is a West Branch native and May 2014 graduate of the MSU Department of Animal Science Production Animal Scholars Program. She has commenced her studies to earn a doctorate of veterinary medicine specializing in production animal medicine at the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. At MSU, Clemens is an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and employed by the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center.

Timothy Frahm, of Frankenmuth, is a sophomore studying animal science at MSU. He works as a relief A.I. technician for ABS Global Inc., and for his family dairy operation, Golden Elm Dairy. Frahm has been active in 4-H through Saginaw County and at the state level. He was high individual in the senior division of the dairy management contest at Michigan 4-H and Youth Dairy Days in 2010 and 2011, and also won first place in the 2012 All-American 4-H Dairy Management Contest held in Harrisburg, Pa.

Joshua Garver received his bachelor's degree in animal science from MSU in May 2014. Joshua is currently studying dairy nutrition in graduate school at MSU. At MSU, he was an active member of the MSU Block and Bridle Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau. He earned first place in the MSU Dairy Challenge in 2011 and 2012 and was chosen to participate in the 2013 North American Intercollegiate competition. He was a finalist for the 4-H State Dairy Award in 2011 and 2012.

Lauren Lauwers, of Yale, graduated from MSU with an animal science degree in production medicine in May 2014. She has commenced her studies to earn a doctorate of veterinary medicine specializing in production animal medicine at the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. She has served as a teaching assistant for ANS 232 Introductory Dairy Cattle Management, participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge, Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon and MSU Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association.

Jennie Lubbers is an MSU animal science junior and has gained experience working as an assistant for the MSU Nutritional and Digestive Physiology Laboratory, conducting research projects through the MSU Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association and checking fresh cows and milking at Burdock Hill Dairy Farm in Hastings. Lubbers competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge and Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon and is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA).

Bridget Moore, of Sears, is a junior studying animal science with a specialization in agribusiness management at MSU. Moore is a member of the MSU Block and Bridle Club and Sigma Alpha, will be competing with the MSU Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Program and participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge. Moore was active in 4-H in Osceola County, winning numerous awards.

Bethany Oglesby is a junior in the Production Animal Scholars Program at MSU. At MSU, Oglesby is on the Dean's List and also a member of the MSU Dairy Club and American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), the MSU Block and Bridle Club and the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association. She was a member of the first place team in the novice division of the MSU Dairy Challenge in 2012 and participated in the 2013 Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge. Oglesby plans to pursue a Ph.D. in animal nutrition.

Laura Small is an animal science senior at MSU with a concentration in the Production Animal Scholars Program. Small has worked for the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center, Reid's Dairy Farm and Small Dairy Farm, and job shadowed at Thumb Veterinary Services. At MSU, she is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association. Active in 4-H, Small won the 4-H State Dairy Award in 2012.

Brittni Tucker is a sophomore in the MSU Department of Animal Science Production Animal Scholars Program. At MSU, she is a member of the MSU Dairy Club, participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge and Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge, and will be a teaching assistant for ANS 232 Introductory Dairy Cattle Management this fall. Off-campus, she has been a 4-H member since 2002 and acquired work experience through roles at Thelen Farms in Fowler, Webster-Ridge Dairy in Elsie, Breakfast on the Farm in Langlade County, Wis., and the Lion's Club.

Cora Watts, of Tawas City, is a junior at MSU pursuing a degree in animal science with a specialization in agribusiness management. On campus, Watts is an active member of the MSU Dairy Club and Sigma Alpha, and is employed as lead milker at the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center. She also participated in the Dairy Husbandry and Environmental Stewardship study abroad program in the Netherlands and Belgium. She hopes to pursue a career in dairy animal nutrition upon graduation.



Dairy Memorial Recipients

Freshman Scholarships (\$1,500)

Sawyer Johnson is a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. Johnson has worked at Nielsen's Dairy Farm in Coral, was president of his Montcalm Area Skill Center FFA chapter and served four years in student government.

Gabriel Klaasen is a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. Klaasen was active in 4-H and his church and has been employed by Schaendorf Dairy Farm and Klaasen Feeder Calves.

Eric Martin is a sophomore at MSU studying animal science. He has held leadership positions with his county 4-H and was involved in band and the National Honor Society. Martin has worked for Gingrich Meadows for eight years. At MSU, he is a member of the MSU Dairy Club.

Hayley Obradovich is a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. Obradovich has acquired various skills through on-farm experience at Eubanks Farms in Marne. She is a member of the MSU Dairy Club.

Kelly Raterink is a sophomore at MSU pursuing a degree in the Department of Animal Science Production Animal Scholars Program. Raterink is a former junior Michigan Dairy Ambassador and a Michigan Junior Holstein Association board member. At MSU, she is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Block and Bridle Club. Active in 4-H, Raterink placed among the top 20 overall at both the All-American and North American International Livestock Exhibition 4-H dairy cattle judging contests in Harrisburg, Pa., and Louisville, Ky., respectively.

Ag Tech Scholarships (\$2,000)

Clayton (CJ) Berens, of Holland, is a second-year student in the Michigan State University (MSU) Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. He was a member of the Hopkins FFA chapter, the Monterey, Overisel and West Allegan 4-H clubs, the Michigan Junior Holstein Association and the Allegan County 4-H Youth Council. Berens has been a member of the teams representing the state at the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Management contests.

Macy Cole is a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. Cole has been active in 4-H and FFA, and is a member of the Shiawassee County Junior Fair Board and the Michigan Junior Holstein Association. She was a member of the Durand FFA team that placed first in the State Food Science Contest and received her State and American FFA degrees. At MSU, Cole is a member of the MSU Dairy Club. Upon graduation, Cole plans to become a dairy nutritionist or return to the family farm.

Allison Pung graduated from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program in May 2014. This fall, she begins studies to earn an undergraduate degree in agribusiness management. At MSU, she is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and competed on the MSU Post-secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Team. She was active in 4-H and served as captain of the Clinton County dairy quiz bowl team that represented the state at the 2013 North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Ky.

Kara Smith graduated from the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program in December 2013. At MSU, Smith was a member of the MSU Dairy Club, competed on the post-secondary dairy cattle judging team and participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge. She was also active in 4-H and gained work experience through employment with ABS Global Inc. as an A.I. technician, and at Potgeter Dairy Farm in Allendale, Star-Summit Dairy Farm in Byron Center, and River Ridge Dairy Co. in Allendale.

Rebecca Swartzendruber is a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program. Swartzendruber is a member of the MSU Dairy Club and volunteered for Breakfast on the Farm. In high school, she was an active member of the Laker FFA. Swartzendruber has worked for Highland Dairy in Sebawaing and Aquila Farms in Bad Axe.



Celebrate Dairy Leaders with the Gift that Keeps Giving

Name an MDMSF Honoree

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 180 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:

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Thank You Letters

Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude for sponsoring a portion of my study abroad to Costa Rica through the Jack & Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship. As a first generation college student, I often struggle to fund my education. I never imagined that I would be able to participate in a study abroad, but this stipend helped make my experience attainable. I spent four months taking classes in sustainable animal production and agriculture at EARTH University. I had ample exposure to the integrated dairy farm and learned a lot about the management of dairy cattle in the tropics. Awards like this help students like me to participate in powerful experiences that have the potential to shift the course of our lives. I can honestly say that my experience changed me and enabled me to realize how much I take for granted at home. I now have a much stronger global identity, and I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to experience Costa Rica. - **Lora Anderson**

Thank you very much for the scholarship of 3,500. It is very much appreciated and will be put to good use. Thank you for your support of the Dairy Industry and your support of the students who are pursuing careers in it. - **Jacob Buning**

Thank you so very much for awarding me the Jack and Betty Barnes Scholarship. Your support is incredibly appreciated. This generous gift has allowed me to focus more on the upcoming experience. As I learn more about the Netherlands and communicate with students there I am becoming increasingly excited about this experience that promises to be full of growth and industry insight. Again, Thank you. - **Katelynne Spaans**

I would like to thank you for assisting my efforts to fund this wonderful experience that is MSU. I plan to continue my involvement in animal science clubs along with learning as much as I can from my classes, to become a better member of the dairy industry. I am grateful that the committee is dedicated to helping the students like me in pursuing their passion for the dairy industry. Without people like you, I would struggle to afford this experience. Thank you for your support. - **Ashley Immel**

To begin, I would like to say it was a great pleasure meeting some of you at the interview. And that I am honored to have been given a scholarship for the fall and spring semester of the 2014-2015 academic school year. This money will make a profound impact on my education here at Michigan State University and thereby helping me become one step closer to my dreams. For that, I thank you all that the Foundation. - **Torei Kulpinski**

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support. I am currently majoring in Animal Science Production Scholars with hopes of pursuing a degree in production animal veterinary medicine. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses and will allow me to devote more time to my studies. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I guarantee I will represent your organization well and look forward to giving back to the dairy industry in Michigan as a professional in the animal health field. - **Caitlin McNichols**

I would like to thank the foundation for the John and Barbara Dilland scholarship that I was awarded. I am truly honored and grateful. It is generous gifts such as these that help students be successful here at Michigan State. With a foundation so deeply involved in helping students in the dairy industry, there is bright hope for the future. Once again, thank you for investing in our future and your commitment to the dairy industry. - **Nathan Buning**

I am privileged to be accepting the 2014-15 Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. Thank you for continuing your dedicated support of young minds. We are grateful for the encouragement to pursue our goals within dairy and build off the foundation of past leaders to create a more sustainable tomorrow. - **Bethany Oglesby**

Thank you for choosing me for the scholarship. I am grateful that you considered me and will make sure I continue on a career path related to the dairy industry. Again, thank you for choosing me as the recipient. - **Laura Small**

Thank you so much for awarding me with the honor of one of your scholarships. I cannot express my thanks enough for this honor. Next year, I will be a senior in Animal Science, and will apply to veterinary school in the fall. Eventually, I hope to work as a large animal veterinarian in the dairy industry. So far, I have participated in the dairy industry through job shadowing with large animal veterinarians, working on a dairy farm in Owosso, Michigan, and interacting with the many people associated with dairy at Michigan State University. These have all been wonderful experiences and it has been a pleasure to be a part of the dairy industry in these ways and to have met so many wonderful people. This scholarship will help to offset my debt load, especially as I look to veterinary school, and I cannot fully express my gratitude. - **Caelah Doerr**

Thank you for choosing me to receive the Glenn and Ann Lake Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship for the 2013-2014 school year. I am honored and I greatly appreciate it. This scholarship will help me to continue my student career at MSU. I am studying animal science and agri-business management and I hope to return to my family's dairy farm after graduation. Thanks again. - **Katelyn Horning**



Thank you letters, Continued

I would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation for awarding me the honor of receiving the Ag Tech Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship for fall semester, 2013. Your support and encouragement of my individual involvement, as well as the dairy industry as a whole, is appreciated. - **Allison Pung**

I just wanted to take the time to give a big thank you to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation. I beyond blessed to have received this scholarship, it means a lot to me having the support of the Michigan dairy industry behind me. This scholarship will not only help me further my education at Michigan State University, as an ultimate goal of pursuing a career in the dairy industry, but will also allow me to be able to breath knowing some of the finances are already taken care of. - **Hayleigh Geurink**

Thank you for rewarding me with the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I would like to thank you for taking the time and effort into reviewing my application and conducting the interview. The scholarship money will greatly help with furthering my education at Michigan State University. I am applying to Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine this coming fall. Words can not express how grateful I am for being rewarded this scholarship. Once again, thank you. - **Chelsey Clemens**

It is an honor to receive the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I am thankful for the contributions that are given from previous and current members of the dairy industry. For this reason, students are able to receive funding for college to become part of the dairy industry in the future. I am currently an animal science junior at Michigan State planning on pursuing a career in production animal agriculture. Since becoming a student at MSU, I have learned so much about the dairy industry. I have become very interested in a career within the industry and helping with new technologies and improvements on farms. When I received the award letter for this scholarship, I became very excited. I have not received much help with funding my student bills. The Dairy Memorial scholarship gave me a feeling of relief that I can keep some of my savings for future college investments and to help pay off the loans I have already taken out. Again, thank you so much for the scholarship and helping fund my junior year at Michigan State University. - **Cora Watts**

I am honored to be receiving the Donald and Valera Murray scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. By accepting this scholarship, I will be better able to pursue my academic and career goals in the dairy industry. The generosity you've shown in helping students continue their education at MSU is truly remarkable and greatly appreciated by all who've ever received support from the Foundation. With rising costs of tuition, alleviating some of the pressure of attaining funds for college is a tremendous load off of our shoulders. This scholarship is essential in helping me achieve my goals, and I thank you for your continuous generosity. - **Sarah Michalek**

Thank You! I really appreciate this opportunity that you have made available to me. This scholarship means a great deal to the time I spend here at MSU. Being one off your choices for this scholarship I will do as much as I can to be as active as possible in the dairy industry. Your thoughtful decision means a deal to me and I won't let you down. - **Jennie Lubbers**

Today, I have the opportunity to write a thank you note to a group of leaders that inspire me, and believe in me. I am so grateful for this. Receiving the Michigan Dairy Memorial scholarship is such a blessing. Receiving this award was truly an answer to prayer, and will be relieving a lot of stress off of my shoulders. Thank you so much for giving to the dairy industry, and to the future representatives of that industry! I am forever grateful, and proud to be a part of such a great industry. Thank you. - **Bridget Moore**

I write to you today as a recipient of the John and Barbara Dilland Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Thank you for your investment in myself, as well as other students at Michigan State University. This award will prove to be extremely valuable to my education and future. I am majoring in Agribusiness Management with a specialization in Animal Science, with hopes of working in dairy nutrition and/or sales in the future. Growing up on a dairy farm has truly made me the person that I am today. The industry will always hold a special place in my heart and I hope to work in it during the course of my career. I am thankful and honored to have been chosen to receive this award. - **Caitlin R. Pell**



I would like to thank the Dairy Memorial Scholarship committee for choosing me as one of the many recipients. I also want to express my gratitude to those that have donated various amounts as well. It is a great honor to have people in the dairy industry who believe in my ability and knowledge that I currently have and will expand on at Michigan State University. I am very excited for the learning opportunities offered here that will make me a more influential dairy producer when I go out in the world. Again, thank so much for this opportunity to lessen my worries so I can better focus on my academia. - **Brittni Tucker**

Thank you very much for the Michigan Dairy Memorial scholarship. I and others really appreciate your generosity to our Education here at Michigan State University. This scholarship will be great help for me to pay off my tuition for this semester and the next one. After college I plan to keep on doing my hoof trimming business and eventually some day start my own dairy farm. This scholarship is a great appreciation to all of the students that get it and a great privilege to I and others. Thank you again. - **CJ Berens**

I am extremely honored to be the recipient of the Harold and Lillian Gremel Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Your generosity is helping me complete my veterinary education as a production medicine scholar. I entered into the clinical phase of my education this past January starting with Large Animal Surgery and Medicine, followed by Production Medicine 1 & 2 and Advanced Food Animal Surgery. These rotations have strongly improved my surgical, palpation, and diagnostic skills. There are no words that can express my gratitude for being selected for this prestigious scholarship. Thank you so much Harold and Lillian Gremel Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship and the MDMSF board of directors. - **Stephanie Roggenbuck**

I would like to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to first of all meet with you, and secondly for assisting with my financial aid here at Michigan state. This scholarship is a huge weight lifted off of my shoulders and is going to give me the opportunity to pursue my dream in the dairy industry. The dairy industry is one of the most important things to me and it is my biggest passion in life. Thanks again to everyone involved in this organization and i hope our paths cross again someday. - **Hayley Obradovich**

I am very thankful to have received this generous scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. Not only does it help lighten the financial burden but is an encouragement to keep pursuing what I am interested in. During my first semester at Michigan State, I have learned a great deal and have had the privilege to start exploring the endless opportunities in the dairy industry. My most recent experience has been competing in Dairy Challenge. I had a lot fun, learned a lot, and cannot wait to do it again next year. Thank you again for your support and generosity. - **Rebecca Swartzendruber**

I am writing this letter to thank you for the scholarship that I have been awarded recently. The money is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. I am paying for my schooling all on my own so the money is definitely needed and will not be wasted. - **Macy Cole**

I am honored to be a recipient of a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship for 2013. I'm thrilled to be attending Michigan State and majoring in something that I love. College expenses are a burden but thankfully this scholarship will help cover those costs. I greatly appreciate the industry leaders of today who are investing in the future dairy leaders of tomorrow! - **Kelly Raterink**

I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship that I received! I am enjoying my studies at Michigan State and this will help greatly! I have been learning a great amount in my classes this semester and am looking forward to the next to semesters. I know the education I am obtaining will help my future career a tremendous amount! It is my pleasure to have achieved this Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. Thank you too all involved with the selection of the scholarship recipients. I am very thankful to have been chosen! - **Gabe Klaasen**

I would like to thank you for being part of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. I believe that the foundation is a very useful tool to give students the opportunity to become future dairy industry leaders, allowing them to be able to make a difference in Michigan's dairy industry. I am very thankful for the generous donation that the foundation has given to me. It will be very helpful to me as I continue my education at Michigan State University so that I can become a future leader in the Michigan dairy industry myself. - **Jared Lyzenga**



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