

Ag Scholars Program Attracts The Best

NEWARK, Del. — Agriculture is the nation's largest industry. Its future depends on bright and highly motivated men and women, so attracting the best students is an important goal of the University of Delaware College of Agricultural Sciences.

To help meet this goal, the Agricultural Science Scholars Program was founded in 1986 under the direction of the former dean, Dr. Donald Crossan.

In the mid-1980s the Agriculture Committee of the board of trustees of the university requested \$1 million from the Delaware Legislature to fund an agricultural scholarship endowment program.

"The legislators understood the significance of that request to Delaware," said associate dean of instruction, R. Dean Shippy. "They granted the request with the stipulation that we get matching funds."

Led by the efforts and enthusiasm of board member John Burris of Burris Food Distributors in Milford, Del., and then university secretary Arno Loessner, the college raised an even greater amount from agribusiness firms, alumni and other individual donors. The first award was given in 1986.

"The scholars program allows us to actively seek out talented young people who are committed to receiving a quality education in preparation for a successful future in agriculture and related disciplines," said Shippy.

The scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students. To be eligible, applicants must be accepted by the university and plan to major in an area of agriculture. They must graduate in top 20 percent of their high school class and score at least 1050 on the SAT. In addition to outstanding

scholastic records, they must also complete faculty interviews and an essay competition. Scholarships are renewable for four years of study within the college.

Each year the college receives 60 to 80 applications, which are reviewed by a selection committee composed of faculty, chairs, deans, and financial administrators. About 30 semifinalists are invited to attend a full-day session on the campus. Activities include an essay competition, interviews, and a tour. Students are being evaluated the entire day.

The 1993 scholarship recipient Christie Quietmeyer, a preveterinary medicine major, said "I admit I was a bit nervous. But I remember thinking I only had one day to show everyone that I deserved a scholarship, so I had to be at my best.

It is difficult to assess the direct

impact of the program, but Shippy believes it helps to attract high-ability students. Word is spreading throughout the high schools that agriculture is getting some of the best. Quietmeyer, a graduate of John Dickinson High School in Wilmington, Del., said she was aware of the program since three former recipients were from her school.

Food science major Jill Miller, one of last year's winners, said, "Winning an Agricultural Scho-

lars Award certainly influenced my decision to come to the University of Delaware! And the day on campus helped, too. I didn't get the kind of information from the other colleges where I'd been accepted."

Shippy said, "We're building a strong pool of potential leaders. Students in this program help our image. They're the tops academically and they're well-rounded contributors."

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CURTIS E AKERS & SON	H 23015	862	756	55	
CLAY FARM	H 23722	863	755	58	
JOHN H HOWARD	H 23720	871	755	46	
RICHARD W SAUDER	H 23125	869	747	53	
HENRY D ZIMMERMAN	H 23551	798	746	59	
ROY E SENSENIG	H 23043	755	745	73	
EARL & ANNA MAE REIFF	H 23845	866	743	40	
BOB+KAREN GOCHENAUR	H 23055	803	742	53	
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JOHN E COLEMAN JR	H 22577	833	739	57	
J ELMER STOLTZFUS	H 22453	719	734	38	
KENNETH E ZURIN	H 23477	835	732	279	
WARREN Z GOOD	H 22197	796	731	46	
ABRAHAM SHELLEY JR	H 21727	781	729	37	
ROBERT KAUFFMAN JR	H 21806	842	727	90	
ROBERT L SHELLEY	H 21315	843	725	57	
VERNON R UNBLE + SON	H 22133	838	723	89	
MEVIN S HORNING	H 23125	820	722	48	
ROBERT L & LINDA SENSENIG	H 22272	800	720	75	
DENNIS E TICE	H 21863	731	720	45	
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MARVIN R STOLTZFUS	H 22713	807	715	50	
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SHELMAR ACRES	H 22311	792	711	84	
RICK + MIN BRENNEMAN	H 21093	822	709	46	
DAVID K STOLTZFUS	H 21988	790	709	33	
JEFFREY L AUNGST	H 22287	782	708	45	
DAVID J. KULP	H 21490	807	705	61	
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