

Youth Learn By Leading At Cooperatives Institute

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session. Robin will be attending the NICE conference.

Mike, 17, is a first-year scholar who will be attending NICE. Mike, West Perry FFA member, said he made the selection to NICE "one of my goals."

"FFA taught me how to reach for that goal, and the Penn State/PCC Institute provided great opportunities for leadership," he said.

Mike was the session chairman for the general sessions. The opportunity to "get in front of crowds" and speak helped improve his management and leadership skills.

The Jay Irwin Leadership Award is presented annually to a male and female participant at the institute who excel in leadership, named after Jay Irwin, retired Lancaster County extension director. Irwin has served with the institute since 1961.

Irwin said there are many fac-

tors that determine those receiving the award, including their total involvement in the many leadership aspects of the institute. A big factor, according to Irwin, is their involvement in the institute's own cooperative, Minico, which has teams competing to sell T-shirts, candy, soda, and other items.

Others honored at the event include:

- The Hal Doran Leader Award. This annual award is presented to an outstanding resource leader, in honor of Hal Doran, cooperative business program leader. Recipient went to Gerald Strickler, who served six years on the resource leader staff.

- Your Viewpoint awards. These awards honor participants who spoke on a subject of their choice. First place went to Jessica Watson, Newmanstown, for her essay, "Have A Heart For Inner City Kids." Second place went to Kristina Watson, Shermans Dale.

- Walter Loy Quiz awards.



PCC NICE representatives and alternates are, from left, Connie Zelset, Carrie Snyder, Andrew Martin, Mike Clark, Peter Henning, Robin Davies, Lloyd Bler, Laura Phillips, Scott Byers, Heather Lehman, Darrell Smith, Sara Duncan, Darren Martin, Melissa Evans, Liza Haas, Trevor Moyer, and Andrea Kreider.

These awards honor youth for their knowledge of cooperative principles. They are named in honor of Walter Loy, who served as youth director for the institute for 14

years. The first year award went to Jessica Weaver, Denver, and the second year award went to Jeremy Kensinger, Williamsburg.

• Talent Show. Several youth were honored for presentations, including one by a group called (Turn to Page A33)



NICE representatives sponsored by the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative include, from left, Andrew Martin, Lebanon; Andrea Kreider, Quarryville; Liza Haas, Millerstown; Darren Martin, Ephrata; and Trevor Moyer, Wyalusing.

The Hal Doran Leader Award is presented to an outstanding resource leader, in honor of Hal Doran, cooperative business program leader, left. Recipient was Gerald Strickler, who served six years on the resource leader staff, right.

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