

Dairy Shrine Announces Student Winners

SHAWANO, Wis.—The top five award winners in the 1995 Dairy Shrine Student Recognition Contest have diverse career aspirations ranging from dairy research to journalism to dairy farming.

The top five honorees, selected from a group of 16 entrants, are: first place, Miriam Kelly, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; second place, Michele Ruby, California Polytechnic State University; third place, Corey Geiger, University of Wisconsin-Madison; fourth place, Kevin Ziemba, Cornell University; and fifth place, Jeffrey Hostetter, Penn State University.

These top winners will receive cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, \$400, \$300 and \$200 respectively from Dairy Shrine. And all entrants will receive lifetime memberships in Dairy Shrine.

They will be honored at the Dairy Shrine awards banquet in Madison, Wis. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in conjunction with World Dairy Expo.

Miriam Kelly

First place winner Miriam Kelly is familiar to Dairy Shrine members as recipient of the 1994 Kildee Scholarship for graduate study. A Pennsylvania native and Virginia Tech graduate, Miriam is currently pursuing a master's degree in Animal Science at Cornell University, concentrating on research in dairy cattle nutrition and physiology.

While at Virginia Tech, Kelly was honored as the outstanding senior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and received the Paul A. Reaves Award as outstanding senior in the Department of Dairy Science.

In addition to being involved in many on-campus activities, she was a national officer in the American Dairy Science Association student affiliate division.

Michele Ruby

Michele Ruby, this year's second place winner, is planning a career in dairy advertising, journalism or public relations.

A native of Oregon and a graduate of Cal Poly, Michele is a past Oregon State Dairy Princess and



Jeffrey Hostetter
National President of the American Dairy Science Association student affiliate division.

Currently, she is editor of the New York Holstein News, Ithaca, NY. She also continues to be involved in her family dairy operation through ownership of 38 registered Holsteins, including 22 milking cows with a BAA of 105.7 and an average production average of 23,500 pounds of milk.

Corey Geiger

Corey Geiger, the third place winner, has already begun his career in the dairy industry as an associate editor of Hoard's Dairyman magazine. A University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate, Corey plans to maintain ownership of 20 registered Holsteins on his family farm near Reedsville, Wis.

As a college student, Geiger was vice president of the Badger Dairy Club, president of Alpha Gamma Rho and a recipient of a Dairy Shrine-UDIA milk marketing scholarship.

Kevin Ziemba

The fourth place winner, Kevin Ziemba, has joined his family dairy operation in New York, after graduating from Cornell University. A successful dairy cattle judge, Ziemba led the Cornell University team to a first-place finish in the 1994 National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest by placing first individually and first

Lebanon Market Animal Auction

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The grand champion was exhibited by Janine Winebark, daughter of Kenneth and Janet Winebark, Myerstown, and sold for \$1,100 to Country Fare Restaurant, in Myerstown.

The reserve grand champion market hog was exhibited by Trisha Berger, daughter of Bonnie Arnold, and sold for \$900 to MACH Farms, of Lebanon.

Complete market lambs and hogs are shown first on hoof and then judged by carcass, and are rated according to a final index that correlates to goals of commercial production, such as average daily gain, carcass weight, length, backfat and the area of the loin on cross section.

The carcasses are then cut, wrapped and quick frozen and ready to be consumed by the buyer.

Billie Jo Atkins, daughter of Bill and Judy Atkins, of Lebanon, sold her grand champion complete market lamb to the agricultural lending group at LVNB for \$225.

For those familiar with the details of meat production, Atkins' lamb had a carcass weight of 49 pounds, a 2.35 square-inch loin eye, a tenth of an inch backfat, an average daily gain of .60 pounds, 47 percent retail cuts, a yield grade of 2.126 and a final index of 79.25.

Brandon Winebark, son of Ken

and Janet, sold his grand champion complete market hog to Ezra Good, of Denver, for \$450.

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The details of his champion include an average daily gain of 2.08 pounds, with a tested .7807 pounds of lean gain per day, a carcass weight of 184 pounds, a length of 32 inches, a 5.9 square-inch loin eye, .90 inches of back-

fat, and it measured out 50.89 percent lean, and had a final index of .95679.

The volunteer auctioneer was Harry Bachman, of Annville, with helper Brian Kreider, of Lebanon.

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Darren Fidler holds his reserve grand champion market lamb and stands with Lebanon Area Fair Queen Jennifer Bashore and representatives of the agricultural lending group with Lebanon Valley National Bank. Bank representatives, from the left are Sean McKlinney, Bob Donaldson, Jennifer Greenawalt, Mike Firestone, Amy Smith and Travis Werley.



Draping her reserve grand champion market hog rosette over the back of the animal, Trisha Berger stands with Lebanon Area Fair Queen Jennifer Bashore, and, from the left, Rosemary and Jessica Christianson representing buyers MACH Farms.

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