

## Farm And Home Scholarships Offer Tickets To Success

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made clothes for my dolls. When I was young, I'd take my mom's clothes and fit them to myself, and now I make my own clothing," Adriana said.

In Bosnia, Adriana's dad Sead was a professional soccer player and an economist. Her mother Vesna was a famous journalist. When the war broke out, Adriana and her brother were visiting friends and were unable to return home because the battle lines were drawn between the two areas.

"I was told that my dad had been killed in the war and my mother disappeared," Adriana said.

Two years later an ecstatic Adriana learned that her dad had survived after being shot seven times and that her mother had been found. After lots of complications, the family was reunited and able to escape to the United States as political refugees.

"We lost everything but each other," Adriana said with a cheerful smile. Although her parents work at entry-level jobs, Adriana said they aren't complaining. "We are happy to start a new life. We just want to live a normal life."

For her, a normal life is being able to attend college and pursue fashion design.

"Drawing brings me such joy. I'm really creative," Adriana said.

She's not only creative, but a brilliant student. As the top math student, Adriana was selected to represent her high school at a convention for high schools held at Millersville University. At Hempfield, Adriana is a member of the National Honor Society, math tutor, English tutor for foreign language students, a member of the table tennis club, and an art volunteer. She also is a translator for families from Bosnia who have settled in the county.

Another scholarship winner is Richard Bollinger of Lititz. Richard grew up on his parents' (Thomas and Barbara Bollinger) dairy farm. He plans to study animal science at Cornell University to pursue a career as a veterinarian or in agricultural law.

"Cornell offers a good agriculture program that allows you to mix and match majors," Richard said of his college choice.

At Ephrata High School, Richard is a member of the National Honor Society, former vice president and reporter of the FFA, a tutor for the Big Buddy program,

and stage crew member for the school musical.

Richard was part of the Penn State Governor's School last summer, and remains active in a community service project in cleaning up stream banks with the Chesapeake Bay Association.

Nicole Eisenhower raises pigs, goats, steers, and a horse on her parents' (Timothy and Roxanne Grube) farm in Elizabethtown. This experience has inspired her to pursue a career as a large animal science veterinarian. She plans to study animal science at Montana State University.

"It's a great agriculture college, a pretty campus, and a colder climate—I like cold weather—and it's in the West—I've always wanted to go west," Nicole said.

At Elizabethtown High School, Nicole was president of the FFA, a member of the livestock judging team, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Dwight Forry enjoys farming so much that he plans to return to the family farm after studying agriculture at Delaware Valley College.

With his parents Daniel and Dorothy Forry, he raises dairy replacement heifers and crop farms 200 acres on the home farm.

A student at Hempfield High School, Dwight said that he is one of only five students who live on a farm.

"Growing up on a farm gave me a much different perspective than my classmates. It helped me understand science and history because of my experience in working in the field," he said.

At Hempfield, Dwight is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, varsity wrestling, and varsity soccer.

Stephanie Herr was influenced to study animal bioscience at Penn State after attending the five-week Governor's School last summer at the university.

Since third grade, Stephanie has wanted to become a small animal veterinarian. Her choice of colleges was undecided until she attended the Governor's School and became acquainted with some of the professors.

At Solanco High School, Stephanie is active in cross country, track, FFA, National Honor Society, and secretary of Interact, a community service club.

She is vice president of her church youth group, a member of



Eight recipients of the \$1,400 scholarships awarded by the Farm and Home Foundation include, from left, Richard Bollinger, Nicole Eisenhower, Dwight Forry, Adriana Galljasevic, Stephanie Herr, Angela Pilara, Tara Sensenig, Kendra Weaver, and Dwight Forry.

the choir, and softball team. Stephanie has also received a scholarship from the Soroptimist Club.

Angela Pilara's great love for the outdoors combined with encouragement from her boss, owner of Wood's Edge Flora, Denver, has pointed her toward pursuing horticulture at Temple University.

Angela has worked part time at the greenhouse for four years through the school's cooperative program. Her employer paid for her to take horticulture classes at Longwood Gardens.

"Temple's Ambler Campus has a really good horticulture program," Angela said.

At Ephrata High School, Angela was an FFA member. Because she worked so diligently at the greenhouse during off-school hours, Angela hasn't had time to participate in after-school activities, but she is active in church activities. Angela, daughter of Mary Ann Pilara, Denver, also received scholarships from two garden clubs.

When Tara Sensenig was trying to decide what to study in college, her sister suggested she study dietetics because of her interest in eating healthful foods.

"When I was little, I ate really bad and was unhealthy," Tara said. After seeing some family members die of health problems, Tara started reading all she could about nutrition.

When she was 13, Tara changed her eating habits to cut out processed products with lots of preservatives and fillers in them.

"My body reacted quickly and I felt 10 times better," she said.

She is excited about studying clinical dietetics at the University of Pittsburgh. She said, "I love the school, the city, and everything about going there."

With a student body of 14,000, the transition from her small hometown of Reinholds sounds thrilling to Tara.

A student at Cocalico High School, Tara is the daughter of Christine Young. At Cocalico, Tara is yearbook editor, and a writer for the newspaper and literary club. She is also a member of the recycling club.

She hopes to combine her love of writing with nutrition and write food and fitness articles for magazines.

Tara describes herself as an enthusiastic participant in church activities. She recently received a scholarship from the Denver Women's Club.

Kendra Weaver is best known as both county and state poultry ambassador. She has also received press coverage about poultry research that she has done for the Science Fair and as an FFA project.

The daughter of Keith and JoAnne Weaver, Kendra helps with the the broiler and pig nursery on the family's Reinholds farm.

At Ephrata High School, Kendra has served as president, vice president, and student adviser of the FFA. She is vice president of the National Honor Society and yearbook editor.

At church, Kendra is vice president of the youth group, a member

of the worship team, and a piano player.

Kendra has a strong interest in international agriculture. She plans to combine her love for both agriculture and missions by studying agri-education at Penn State and use her agriculture education to serve with a missionary focus in a poor country.

In addition to the scholarships, the board of the Farm and Home Foundation also recognized Chet Nein for his 18 years as building manager for the Farm and Home Center. Luke Brubaker, president of the board, presented Nein, who is retiring, with a check and plaque.

## Groups Call For Congressional Hearing On Livestock Markets

WASHINGTON, D. C. — National Farmers Union (NFU) has joined the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in requesting that the Senate Agriculture Committee hold a hearing on livestock market opportunities for U.S. producers.

"Restoring profitability to agricultural markets is among NFU's top priorities and one way to achieve this is with fair and open markets," said NFU Vice President of Government Relations Tom Buis. "We are pleased to join other agriculture organizations in requesting a hearing on this important issue."

A letter sent recently to Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., stated: "Our members and organizations have concerns about recent low livestock prices and the impact that they are having in rural America...Boxed beef prices have declined below last year's levels and 1998 prices are sharply below 1997 prices for pork and poultry." The letter pointed to the fact that recent USDA advisory committees—the 1996 Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration and the 1997 National Commission on Small Farms—had reviewed concentration in agricultural markets and concluded that greater competition would be beneficial to producers and consumers alike.

NFU says the fact that three multinational firms control

nearly 80 percent of all U.S. red meat processing on a nationwide basis leaves many producers only one or two markets to which they can sell their livestock. Despite the 25-30 percent drop in cattle prices over the past two and half years, consumer prices have not gone down. The Cattle Industry Improvement Act (S.16), a bill which addresses many of the problems facing livestock producers, was introduced in the U.S. senate by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle last year. Similar legislation soon will be introduced in the U.S. House.

The three organizations requesting the congressional hearings asked that they address, but not be restricted to: Need for better pricing reporting, labeling of domestic and imported products, review of current concentration levels in the meat industry with a comparison to antitrust legal boundaries and relative to changes occurring in the banking and software industries, more timely export sales and shipping information, importance of expanding trade opportunities, impact of the Asian financial crisis on livestock prices, impact of competitive market forces, including changes in domestic and international competing meat industries, on meat and livestock prices, and responsiveness of meat industry to changing consumers trends and demographics.



Chet Nein, left, accepts an award from Luke Brubaker, president of the Farm and Home Foundation, in appreciation of his 18 years as building manager.