

National Dairy Shrine

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Kildee Scholarship

Christopher Holcomb, Newberry, Fla., has been selected to receive the prestigious Kildee Scholarship from the National Dairy Shrine. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded annually for advanced study by students who have excelled in dairy cattle judging.

A graduate student at the University of Florida studying dairy nutrition, Holcomb also serves as coach for the university's dairy judging team.

Holcomb received his first registered Guernsey as a gift at the age of nine. Since then he has been raising, showing and judging dairy cattle around the country.

He took individual placements of first high in oral reasons and second high overall during the 1997 National Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest, as well as third place in the 4-H judging competition at the 1993 World Dairy Expo.

In addition, Holcomb has held numerous leadership positions within both 4-H and FFA serving as a local president of both organizations. He was a member of the Florida State 4-H Dairy Judging Team that won in national competition and toured Europe on a goodwill mission.

At the University of Florida, Holcomb achieved a 3.2 grade point average while serving as president of the university Dairy Club, an ambassador for the College of Agriculture and first vice president for the Southern Region

of the student affiliate of the American Dairy Science Association.

The Kildee Scholarship is named for H.H. Kildee, longtime dean of the College of Agriculture at Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. Kildee was an outstanding judge of dairy cattle and a strong supporter of student judging programs and activities.

Student Recognition Contest

The annual student recognition contest honors the top graduating seniors in the nation who are planning careers related to dairy promotion.

Cory Meyers

Cory Meyers of St. Thomas, Pa., is the 1998 contest winner.

As the top winner, Meyers receives a \$1,500 cash award which will be presented at the National Dairy Shrine awards banquet in Madison, Wis., during World Dairy Expo.

Meyers began his commitment to the dairy industry as a young boy watching and working beside his father and uncle at Meyers Brothers Dairy.

Since then Cory has taken on nutritional, reproductive, and health management responsibilities at the dairy that are helping increase the rolling herd average while maintaining functional show-type cows.

By setting and prioritizing goals with his strong work ethic, Meyers has found himself at or near the top numerous times.

He was a successful dairy judge as a 4-H member and Penn State student, and shared his skills as a

teaching assistant for Penn State's Dairy Cattle Evaluation class.

Active in the Penn State Dairy Science Club, Meyers chaired the Nittany Lion Fall Classic consignment sale. He also was active in Alpha Zeta, Ag Student Council, American Dairy Science Association, Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association, Concert Choir and Glee Club.

Fascinated with the links between nutrition, environment and health in dairy cattle, Meyers' goal as a future veterinarian is to help producers overcome the limiting factors to their dairies.

Jennifer Rishel, of New Columbia, Pa., and Brian Christiansen, of Turner, Oregon, tied for second place.

Jennifer Rishel

Jennifer Rishel has no reservations about what her future will hold as a dairy producer. A graduate of Delaware Valley College,

Doylestown, Pa., Jennifer has rounded herself very well for her future as a leader in the dairy industry.

Rishel has prepared herself with exposure to many different styles of dairying. She managed a 40-cow grazing Ayrshire herd with her brother, worked at the Delaware Valley College free-stall dairy and was an assistant herdsman in a tie-stall operation.

While at Delaware Valley College Jennifer was an integral member of the dairy judging team. She was 3rd place individual and a member of the 5th place team at the 1997 North American International Livestock Exposition Collegiate Dairy Judging Contest. She also shined as 5th place individual and on the 4th place team at the 1997 World Dairy Expo Collegiate Judging Contest.

Along with her upstanding leadership skills as a 4-H, FFA,

Dairy Club and other college organizations member, Jennifer challenged herself even further. She made the dean's list seven consecutive semesters and was recognized in '96, '97 and '98 in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Brian Christiansen

Brian Christiansen plans to put his degree and experiences from California Polytechnic State University with a breed association or an AI company and in the long term return home to his family's growing dairy.

While a student, Christiansen was a dairy cattle judge, Dairy Club secretary, ADSA undergraduate paper presenter, FFA Chapter vice president and an active member of Alpha Zeta and the Oregon Holstein Association.

As a herdsman at Cal Poly and his family's dairy, Meadowood,

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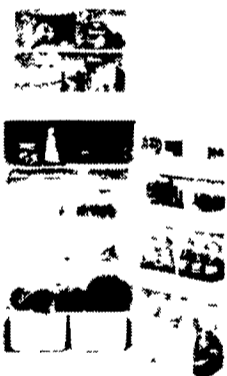


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