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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)— About 30 Penn State students participated in this year's Dairy Exposition Fitting & Showing Contest, held at the Penn State Ag Arena last Saturday.

Show exhibitors were divided into three categories, amateur, intermediate, and professional, based on their level of showing and fitting experience. Within

each division, participants were divided into classes of four and judge on both their showing and fitting abilities. In each division, the winners of each class competed for champion fitter and champion showman.

In the professional division, Steve Palveski, a senior from Gibson, received both champion fitter and champion showman. Tom Uber was named reserve champion fitter and reserve champion showman. Palveski was also named overall champion fitter, showman, and over-

all champion, while Uber received reserve overall champion fitter, showman, and overall champion.

Michelle Cornman earned both champion fitter and champion showman in the intermediate division. Reserve champion fitter and reserve champion showman both went to Mary Bamford.

In the amateur division, Ellen Angstadt was named champion fitter and reserve champion showman. Champion showman went to Laurie Bero, while Sara Organist received reserve cham-

pion fitter.

Judges for this year's show were John "Andy" Foster III and Terri Packard. Foster is a 1994 graduate from Penn State and a former Dairy Expo show

chairperson. He currently works with his family on Globe-Run Farm and serves as the Central and Western Pennsylvania Territory Manager for Taurus Service, Inc.

Packard graduated from Penn State in 1993 and was also a Dairy Expo show manager. She was named overall cham-

pion of the Dairy Expo show in 1991. Currently Terri is involved in marketing, raising, and showing dairy cattle and owns a small business.

During the Expo show and other events, the club hosted a silent auction to benefit club activities. Old show memorabilia items having sentimental value to Penn State alumni were sold during the auction. The highest selling item was silver platter from the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Association honoring former judging team achievements. The platter went for \$5,000.



Steve Palveski was named this year's overall champion of the Penn State Dairy Exposition Fitting & Showing Contest, while Tom Uber received reserve overall champion.

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one dairy science club in the country for the past several years.

"I have visited many clubs throughout the United States and can really appreciate what it means to be number one," said Rumler. "You young people have come to expect it, but I can really appreciate it, which makes me all the more honored to have received this award."

David Lentz, a 1994 graduate from Penn State, received this year's Young Dairy Leader award. Lentz served as club president, Dairy Expo chairperson, and Nittany Lion Fall Classic chair while he was a student at Penn State. He also received both the Davey Award, presented to the outstanding senior, and the Branding Award, presented to the outstanding junior.

Since graduation, Dave has worked as a regional representative for Holstein Association USA, Inc. He provides programs to members and non-members in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and West Virginia. He has also completed training in the Holstein Foundation's Young Dairy Leaders Institute.

Lentz thanked his many mentors who were in the audience at the banquet. He also attribute some of his success to Penn State's great Ivanhoe Star bull.

"When my parents went out of the dairy business in 1987, it was my Ivanhoe Star daughter, Katie, who kept my interest in dairy and got me where I am today," said Lentz.

Many students were recognized during the awards program. Heather Oberholtzer, a senior from Elizabethtown, received this year's William R. Davey award, presented to the outstanding senior in the club,

and was named as Penn State's nominee for the National Dairy Shrine recognition program.

This year's August E. Branding award went to Curtis Beidel of Newburg. The award is presented to an outstanding junior who unselfishly gives their time and abilities to helping others and the club. Josh Hushon of Airville was named the Outstanding First Year Member of the club.

Awards were presented to students who served as chairpersons for the various events and activities that the club hosts during the year. After each award was presented, club president Diane Glock asked past chairs to highlight some memories from when they were in the club.

Graduating seniors were also recognized during the meeting. "We come together as always to celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors," said Muller. "This year's list of seniors is one of the longest we have had."

Seniors graduating this spring include Victoria Ansell, Barbara Berrang, Lauren Lynch, Roberta McConnell, Jill Middour, Ashante Morgan, Todd Morris, Jolene Nicoletto, Heather Oberholtzer, Steve Palveski, Christina Peterson, Melissa Rhoads, Sarah Rodriguez, Heather Sleeman, Kerry Snyder, Jameson Walker, Andrew Wilcox, and Janice Youse.

Summer and December graduates are Allen Behrer, Tia Crider, Rebecca Fry, Colin Gillette, Diane Glock, Tara Godshall, Noah Hughes, Fred Lundy, Darren Martin, Rachel McCutcheon, Peter Posnett, Melissa Rhoads, Dan Theodori, and Danielle Vitanza.

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