

# \$1,600 Each To Lancaster Scholarship Winners

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Safaris Desiree has participated in caught her interest, she said. The 18-year-old daughter of Diane Shirk, Lititz, fell in love with exotic animals by visiting zoos all over the area. Desiree said she has visited the Philadelphia Zoo and zoos in Hershey, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and many aquariums.

Desiree said that the polar bear exhibit at the Philadelphia Zoo appealed to her. "I spent a lot of time in Philly," she said. She watched "Yogi Bear" TV cartoons a lot. And she pointed to watching black bears at a family cabin in Snow Shoe.

Desiree also attributes her decision to watching a veterinarian help Nikki, a Gordon Setter, who passed away after her last litter.

Desiree wants to major in animal science at Delaware Valley College. Del Val appealed to her because of its animal science curriculum.

Scholarship recipient Ryan Wimer looked into several colleges. The 18-year-old son of Raymond Wimer, Quarryville, selected a career path in equine management and looked at several colleges.

Ryan believes that Del Val is too small and Penn State is too big. He finally chose the University of Delaware with the help of the company he has worked for several years, Hilltop Farms, Colora, Md., a "very well-to-do sport horse and breeding center," Ryan said.

Ryan will study animal science at the university with a focus on ag marketing. He'd like

to manage his own horse farm someday.

Ryan helps on his own small family farm, which raises dairy heifers.

Scholarship recipient Lynn Ressler, 17, son of Leon and Lou Ann Ressler, Peach Bottom, has a "passion" for horticulture.

Lynn, senior at Solanco High School and 10-year Lancaster County 4-H Strawberry Club member, said he has "always been interested in plants." He spent some time trying to grow a Passion flower, but couldn't get the seeds to germinate.

Lynn noted the lack of germination could be blamed on improper heating. The flowers have to be kept at a temperature of 100 degrees for three weeks.

Lynn, who plans to enroll in Penn State to study horticulture, kept his focus on ornamental horticulture in high school and "took advanced everything," he said, with a focus on horticulture. He also studied Website design.

Audrey Nissley, 18, daughter of Mike and Nancy Nissley, Washington Boro, plans to return to the family farm or enter another ag-related business after graduation from Delaware Valley College.

Audrey, Manor FFA member, points to the inspiration provided by retired ag instructor August Birchler at Penn Manor.

"He picked me to go to the state Governor School to get the

foundation to go to college," said Audrey. "He was really an influence. He told me to be the best I could be."

Audrey chose to study dairy science at Delaware Valley because the school was smaller and "I felt like more of a person," she said. Other schools were simply too big.

Audrey helps on her family's dairy, where they milk 75 cows.

Another scholarship winner, Russell Howard, chose a study in food science at Penn State.

Russell, 18, son of James and Cecilia Howard, Stasburg, requested a booklet from Penn State that peaked his interest.

The booklet explained the many job opportunities, with very high placement, for those

studying food science.

At Lampeter Strasburg, Russell took many ag classes, including advanced courses. He wants to explore the various careers that could develop with the study of food science.

Lancaster Mennonite High School student Diana Erb took a careers assessment test as a junior in high school and found out a lot about her potential career possibilities.

Diana, 18, daughter of James and Romaine Erb, Lancaster,

plans to study agribusiness at Penn State.

Diana helps with the family fruit and vegetable farm. The Lancaster Mennonite High School senior credits her school agriscience teachers for helping her with her career decision.

She helps at the family's roadside market and plans to use her education to help with the business. Diana said she'll be enrolling at the Penn State Berks Campus.



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