National Dairy Shrine Names Contest Winners, Awards Scholarships

James Nichols Named Dairy Shrine Guest of Honor

Dr. James Nichols, Dean of the College of Agriculture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia from 1975-1994, has been named National Dairy Shrine's Guest of Honor for 2000. This is the highest honor awarded annually by National Dairy Shrine and one of the most prestigious in the dairy industry. Dr. Nichols will receive the Guest of Honor award at the annual awards banquet of National Dairy Shrine on Thursday, October 5 in Madison, WI, in conjunction with World Dairy Expo.

Nicholas, or "Doc Jim" as he was known by his friends, had a major influence on the dairy industry in the state of Virginia. His undergraduate courses in Dairy Cattle Judging and Dairy Cattle genetics provided a solid foundation for those students who wished to return to the home dairy farm as well as those who wished to pursue advanced degrees.

In addition to supporting existing departments at VPI, Dr. Nicholas led the establishment of a new regional veterinary college. He also used legislative and Virginia dairy industry support to build a new dairy cattle teaching and research facility, keeping Virginia Tech a leader of Dairy Production Science.

Student Recognition Winners

The 2000 National Dairy Shrine Student Recognition winners have recently been selected. This year, Heather Oberholtzer, now Hostetter, of Elizabethtown, PA, receives top honors in the contest. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, Heather will receive a \$1,500 cash award, at the National Dairy Shrine awards banquet held each year during World Dairy Expo. Each year, the National Dairy Shrine recognizes graduating seniors planning careers related to dairy production.

Rebecca Seifret, California Polytechnic State University, received second place; David Harvatine, Cornell University, received third place while Jeremy Daubert, California Polytechnic State University received fourth place.

Whether she is judging dairy cows, chairing a club fundraiser or introducing 600 first graders to a cow for the first time, Heather Hostetter is driven to excel. A recent graduate from The Pennsylvania State University, Hostetter grew up on a 75-cow dairy operation located in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. From a very early age, Hostetter took an active role on the farm and is especially interested in large dairy management.

Since graduating from college in May 2000, Hostetter has been employed as an Area Territory

Representative for Monsanto Dairy Business in Minnesota. The skills gained while majoring in Dairy and Animal Science, along with being active in Penn State Dairy Club, Alpha Zeta Agriculture Fraternity and the American Dairy Science Association will prove useful in her new career.

Since graduating from Cornell University in May, 2000, David Harvatine has been employed with Cargill, Inc., in the Animal Nutrition Division as a Dairy Management Consultant.

In this position, Harvatine will fully utilize the knowledge and experiences gained while growing up on a dairy farm in Thompson, PA, as well as the skills learned from participating in the Cornell Dairy Club, Block and Bridle Club and Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

David looks forward to helping dairy producers with herd production, operation management and their outlook for the future of the dairy industry. Eventually, he hopes to one day be the owner of a large, progressive dairy operation.

Originally from McElhattan, PA and raised on a registered Brown Swiss operation, Jeremy Daubert has played a role in every aspect of operating the dairy farm and has enjoyed showing dairy cattle for many years.

Daubert hopes to work on a progressive dairy farm after graduating from college in May,

2000 and hopes to one day have a Brown Swiss herd of his own, while continuing to be a leader and advocate for tomorrow's dairy industry. While at Virginia Tech, Jeremy was a member of the Virginia Tech Dairy Judging team and served as president and treasurer for the Virginia Tech Dairy Club.

Milk Marketing Scholarships Awarded

National Dairy Shrine and Dairy management Inc. also awarded scholarships to students who plan to pursue careers in dairy product marketing.

Gisela Grammel, Wilmington, DE and Sarah Van Orden, Catskill, NY, will be awarded \$500 scholarships during the annual National Dairy Shrine Awards Banquet.

A food science major at the University of Delaware, Grammel is busy working on her degree while raising a family. On campus, she is active in the Institute of Food Technologists, Food Science Club, International Student Association and Sisters of Agriculture. Before returning to college, Grammel owned a wholesale bakery, Classic Cheese Company, for five years.

Upon graduation in May 2001, Grammel plans to attend graduate school.

Sarah Van Orden is an animal science-dairy major at Cornell University. She has been active in the Cornell Dairy Club, Block and Bridle, Collegiate 4-H and Collegiate FFA. She has served as Student Livestock Show dairy chair, College of Agriculture Ambassador and National Scholars participant. She worked as the National Brown Swiss Ambassador at World Dairy Expo; a lobbyist for the New York Farm Bureau; an intern at Hill Lawn Farm, a registered Jersey dairy that bottles its milk and home delivers; and as Greene County Dairy Princess

Upon graduation in May 2002, Van Orden plans to own and manage her own herd of Brown Swiss cattle.

Four Leaders Honored As Pioneers

Four dairy industry pioneers have been selected to receive Pioneer Awards from National Dairy Shrine, the "Hall of Fame" of the dairy industry. This year, National Dairy Shrine is proud to honor the three "Living" Pioneers: Norma "Duffy" Lyon of Toledo, IA; Richard Kellogg of Columbus, OH and Morris Ewing of Tucson, AZ. Also being honored is the deceased George Malcolm

Portraits of these Pioneers will join the 247 previous Pioneer portraits at the National Dairy Shrine Visitors' Center and Museum in Fort Atkinson, WI.

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