

# Youth Demonstrate Cooperative Skills

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One of the cooperatives was selected as a winner for best demonstrating the innovation, financial sense, and team spirit needed in running a co-op. That group was represented by students from all over the state, and was led by Lehman Metzler, FFA leader for the Hans Herr chapter of Lancaster County.

Scholars joined in a host of other activities, including public speaking, working as a news team, developing marketing initiatives, and taking tours of local cooperatives — a feed mill and an electrical utilities co-op.

"We received hands-on experi-

ence on what it is like to be both directors and managers of co-ops," said Phil Weiler, a participant from the southeast region.

Laura Sheffer was another student who shared what she and others gained from the institute.

"One important thing scholars received from MAAC was inspiration to never give up and follow your dreams," she said.

Laura Grove and Brian Nailor were named this year's winners of the Jay Irwin Leadership Award.

Grove was graduated from Shippensburg High School in June, and is deferring her enrollment at Penn State this fall in order to serve as the sentinel for the state FFA. Once at college, she plans to study ag business management. She is the daughter of Jeff and Linda Grove.

Nailor, Mechanicsburg, will be a senior at Cumberland Valley High School this fall. Beside the usual academic work, Nailor studies culinary arts at Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech. His parents are Dennis and Joanne Nailor.

MAAC and Land O' Lakes Cooperative awarded a total of 14 scholarships and eight alternate scholarships to outstanding youth in this year's program. The winners will attend the annual National Institute on Cooper-



Scholarship winners who will travel to the National Institute on Cooperative Education in July are, front, from left, Wendy Whitman, Stephanie Beeman, Laura Wirth, Ashley Eyer, Laura Grove (leadership award winner), and Becky Detwiler; back row, from left, Joe Waddell, Kyle Seyfert, Jason Manross, Amy Gevin, Janelle Zimmerman, Brian Nailor (leadership award winner), Ben Erb, and Phil Weiler.



Pennsylvania Ag Secretary Dennis Wolff praises scholars for their commitment to teamwork.



Kyle Seyfert, left, tallied the high test score, and Ben Schack had the high score for first-year scholars.

ative Education (NICE) July 27-30 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

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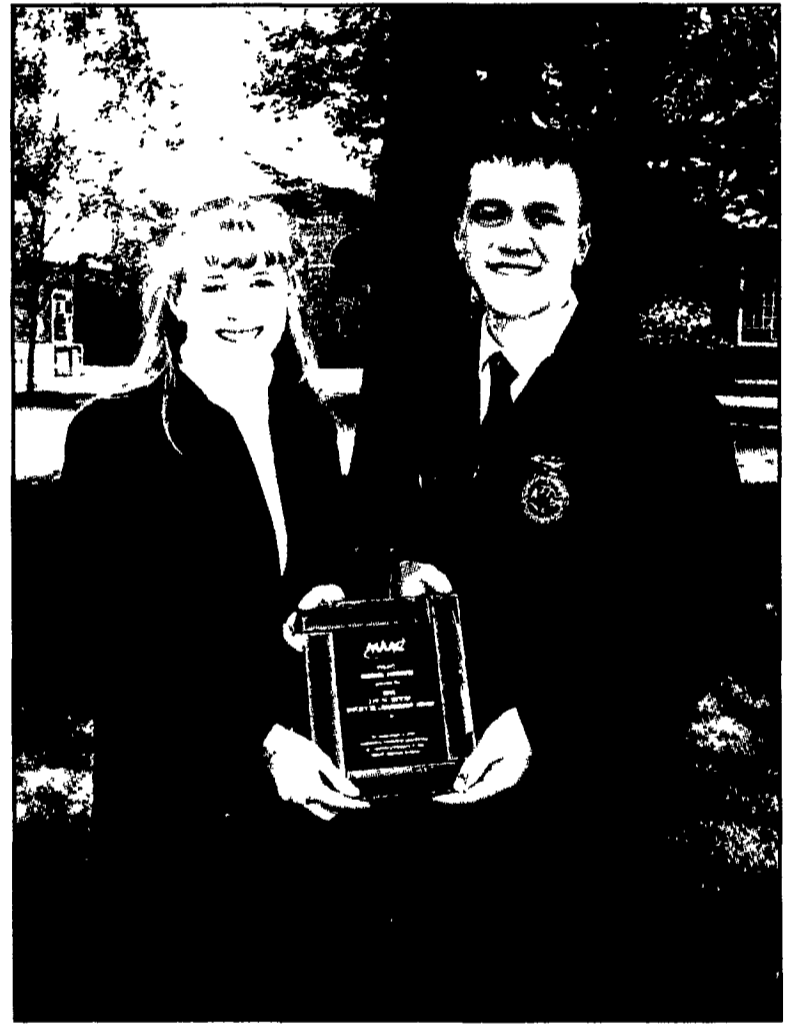
Tyler Youngs won the Co-op Marketing Award for a poster he designed. The selection was based on clarity, creativity, and neatness.

Awards for "Your Viewpoint," a competition based on quality of opinion on a particular topic, went to Janelle Zimmerman, first place, and Laura Grove.

Other scholar recognition included the Walter Z. Loy Award, which went to Kyle Seyfert, top test score, and Ben Schack, best first-year test score.

Dick Poorbaugh, a longtime leader at the MAAC Summer Institute, received a special award for his years of commitment to the cause. Poorbaugh has managed or otherwise been involved in the program since 1991.

"I do this because I believe in this program and young people," Poorbaugh said in accepting the award.



Laura Grove and Brian Nailor were presented with the Jay Irwin Leadership Award.



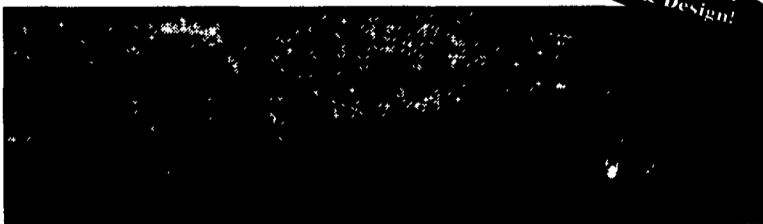
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