

2009 WINNER'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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\$5,250 Bruce Rastetter Agricultural Entrepreneurial Scholarship	Laura Larson – Nora Springs, IA
\$5,250 Bruce Rastetter Animal Science Scholarship	Charlie Hild – Webster City, IA
\$5,250 Bruce Rastetter Biorenewable Resources Scholarship	Christopher Brown – Graettinger, IA
\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship	Isaiah Spath – Hampton, IA
\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship	Emily Weber – Genesee, ID
\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship	Alyce Gehling – Manning, IA
\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship	Bethany Olson – Jewell, IA
\$3,000 Alliant Energy – Interstate Power & Light Scholarship	Daweyn Albertsen – Toledo, IA
\$2,500 Bettle Family Scholarship (Robert & Virginia Bettle)	Dan Hansen – Audubon, IA
\$2,500 Novus Pork Team Scholarship	Ryan Borcharding – Latimer, IA
\$2,000 IFAA Overall Project Scholarships (three)	Sara Morine – Lamont, IA Courtney Jass – Garner, IA Joseph Sweeney – Alden, IA
\$2,000 IFAA Excellence in Beef, Sheep and Swine Participation Scholarships (three)	Tyler Krug – Newhall, IA Hannah Knapp – Bloomfield, IA Jake Keppy – Durant, IA
\$2,000 Timmins, Kroll & Jacobsen Scholarship	Erika Lundy – Fontanelle, IA
\$2,000 Parkin Family Scholarship (Jerry & Randall Parkin)	Marcus Samson – Prairie City, IA
\$1,500 Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Scholarship	Josh Ellingson – Alden, IA
\$1,500 Swine Industry Scholarship	Christopher Sievers – Albert City, IA
\$1,500 Iowa Purebred Swine Council Scholarship (two)	Charles Fitzgerald – Boone, IA Carly Martin – Marion, IA
\$1,500 Pfizer Animal Health Swine Scholarship	Trever Shipley – Nodaway, IA
\$1,000 Russ Brannen/KENT FEEDS Memorial Beef Scholarship	Ryan Shuey – Corning, IA
\$1,000 Cattlemen's Beef Quarters & Beef Promotions of Iowa Scholarship	Jacob Venner – Boone, IA
\$1,000 Earl Mobley Memorial Beef Breeding Scholarship	Justine Hosch – Cascade, IA
\$1,000 Schlutz Family Beef Breeding Scholarship	Kyle Greiman – Garner, IA
\$1,000 Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship	Matthew Hansen – Audubon, IA
\$1,000 Dick Frye Memorial Scholarship	Hillary Morris – Centerville, IA
\$1,000 Iowa Pork Producers Scholarship (two)	Kaylee Keppy – Durant, IA Ben McDonald – Hopkinton, IA
\$1,000 Lauren Christian Memorial Swine Scholarship	Cody Schminke – Van Horne, IA
\$1,000 The Maschoffs Inc. Pork Industry Scholarship	Chelsey Branderhorst Prairie City, IA
\$1,000 Custom Builders Inc./E.P.S. Buildings Scholarship	Alyssa Foster – Riverside, IA
\$1,000 Dean & Adele Bowden Scholarship	Megan Bierschenk – Nashua, IA
\$1,000 Bart Nelson Memorial Sheep Scholarship	Breanna Gourley – Webster City, IA
\$1,000 Iowa Poultry Association Scholarship	Tessa Callender – Lowden, IA

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\$500 Iowa All Breeds Sheep Council Scholarship	Victoria Foerster – Ruthven, IA
\$500 Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board Scholarship	Brittany Jurgemeyer – Rockwell, IA
\$1,000 Hy-Vee/4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarships (three)	Heathar Adolfs – Waterloo, IA Emily Aistrope – Randolph, IA Elizabeth Beatty – Nevinville, IA
\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarships (thirteen)	Jessica DeWall – Pocahontas, IA Sandra Dion – Columbus Junction, IA Jordan Hanson – Decorah, IA Andrew Heineman – Ogden, IA Marcus Heineman – Ogden, IA Kimberly Jordan – Marion, IA Rose Koester – Gladbrook, IA Andrew Lauver – Rockwell City, IA Elyssa McFarland – Columbus Junction, IA Ashley Moorman – Carlisle, IA Billi Oloff – Persia, IA Taylor Petersen – Gladbrook, IA Nicole Wallijasper – West Point, IA
\$1,000 FFA/IFAA Foundation Scholarships (five)	Benjamin Zelle – Waverly, IA Karen Whitman – Grand Mound, IA Garrett Barker – Osage, IA Katherine Mittman – Nevada, IA Damian Hosch – Bernard, IA
\$8,000 Iowa State University Academic/Livestock & Meats Team Scholarships (nineteen)	Kenny Benson – Morrison, IL Joe Brady – Marcus, IA Charlie Hild – Webster City, IA Danny Jenkins – Oelwein, IA Melissa Reed – Ottumwa, IA Cody Schminke – Van Horne, IA Kelly Sheets – Nevada, IA Isaiah Spath – Hampton, IA Emily Weber – Genesee, ID Josh Zuck – Oelwein, IA Taylor Johnson – Ellsworth, IA Jessie Juarez – Glenwood, IA Cameron Luedtke – Marion, IA Taylor Lysne – Nevada, IA Joshua Manternach – Osceola, IA Dan Meyer – Dyersville, IA Michelle Semler – Keswick, IA Brooke Peppmeier – Shannon City, IA Joshua White – Centerville, IA

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\$5,250 Bruce Rastetter Agricultural Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Laura Larson – Nora Springs, IA

Parents: Daryl and Jane Larson

Laura is a senior at ISU majoring in Agricultural Business with an Entrepreneurial minor. She has been an intern at Latham Hi-Tech Hybrid through the Ag Entrepreneurial Initiative Internship Program. Laura has studied abroad in Australia in the area of ag business production and trade. Very active in the Ag Business Club, she has served as an Agricultural Business Peer Mentor. Laura has also been active in the National Agri-Marketing Association and was a National Marketing Team Presenter. In 4-H and FFA she exhibited beef, swine and dairy. She states that, "Through participation in the AgEI program I feel I truly have been prepared for entrepreneurship." After graduation she plans to build experience in management, sales and marketing working for Latham Hi-Tech Hybrids. Her long term goal is to purchase a farm and expand her current breeding herd to 100 cow/calf pairs and open her own flower shop and greenhouse business.

\$5,250 Bruce Rastetter Animal Science Scholarship

Charlie Hild – Webster City, IA

Parents: Mark and Nancy Hild

Charlie is a senior in Animal Science at ISU. He is a member of the Iowa State Livestock Judging Team and the Meat Evaluation Team. Charlie's Block and Bridle activities include President of the Sheep Interest Group, Superintendent of Little North American, Lamb Show Committee and Lamb Sale Committee. In 4-H and FFA Charlie started a very successful 80 head ewe flock for production of club lambs. He was also active with beef, swine and poultry projects. Charlie states "I believe 4-H and FFA is one of the last things that display hard work and dedication for today's youth." He has a true love and passion for animal agriculture and feels extremely fortunate to be raised as a farm boy. He plans to either enter graduate school or Veterinary Medicine after graduation.

\$5,250 Bruce Rastetter Biorenewable Resources Scholarship

Christopher Brown – Graettinger, IA

Parents: William and Diane Brown

Christopher is a senior at ISU majoring in Agricultural Engineering with emphasis on bio-renewable energy. He has gained hands on experience with grain processing with an internship at Ag Processing Inc. An internship this past summer with Archer Daniels Midland dealt with corn processing and ethanol production. At Iowa State he has served as VEISHA Special Events Coordinator, Co-Chair of VEISHA Float Committee for his fraternity and been active in the Ag Engineering Club and Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. In 4-H and FFA he had beef cattle and sheep projects and received the American Farmer FFA Degree. After graduation he plans to get an M.B.A. degree. His career goal is to develop and determine the most cost effective methods of processing grains, stover, grass, or other resources to products that the world population can use beneficially.

\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship

Isaiah Spath – Hampton, IA

Parents: Gary and Karen McVicker

At Iowa State Isaiah has majored in Agricultural Business with a minor in Animal Science. Isaiah has been extremely active at ISU serving as Junior and Senior Ag & Life Science Council Representative for the Block & Bridle Club and a member of the B & B Executive Committee. He is a member of the Livestock and Meats Judging Teams. He has also been active in the Student Alumni Leadership Council, VEISHEA, Freshman Council, Multi-Cultural Outreach Committee and AGR Fraternity. Isaiah's first interest in the animal industry was through his 4-H sheep, swine and beef projects. Working for Iowa Select Farm during the 2007 summer break created an interest in the commercial swine industry. He completed an internship with Murphy-Brown LLC to further spark his interest in commercial swine production. After graduation he plans to work in the commercial livestock production industry and aspires to make commercial livestock production a well-respected role-player in the agriculture industry.

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\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship

Emily Weber – Genesee, ID

Parent: Gregory Weber

Emily is majoring in Animal Science at ISU and plans to graduate next May. Emily grew up showing pigs in the state of Washington and was recruited to ISU by Al Christian. At ISU Emily is on the Livestock Judging Team, been active in Block & Bridle serving as Swine Interest Group Secretary, on Animal Science and Dairy Science Banquet Committees. She has been active in Pre-Vet Club, Beginning Farmers Network and works part-time at the swine teaching farm. Emily has a particular interest in swine health and vaccine for improved commercial swine production. She plans to attend graduate school to obtain a master's degree and possibly then to Veterinary school or a PHD program. Emily's mother died of cancer when she was 11. She feels that her 4-H and FFA experiences helped get her through a most difficult time of her life and taught her responsibility, how to take care of herself and others and build a competitive spirit.

\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship

Alyce Gehling – Manning, IA

Parents: Brent and Janis Gehling

With a major in Animal Science and Agronomy, Alyce plans to graduate from ISU in May 2010. An active member of the Block & Bridle Club she has served as Secretary, Senior Ag Council Representative, Co-Chair VEISHEA Food Stand, Tri-Chair of Summer Sausage Sales, Swine Superintendent Little North American. Alyce has also been a College of Ag Peer Mentor, Tri-Chair of Animal Science Peer Mentor Program and an ISU Ag Ambassador. Growing up on a commercial swine farm and showing swine in 4-H & FFA, Alyce has a special interest in commercial livestock production. Upon graduation her career goal is to help livestock producers meet the demands of consumers in the most efficient and effective way while also providing a positive outlook on the animal livestock industry. Manure management and nutrition are two major areas of interest with graduate school as a strong possibility.

\$5,000 Iowa Select Farms Scholarship

Bethany Olson – Jewell, IA

Parents: Rod and Terri Olson

Bethany will be an incoming freshman at Iowa State majoring in Agricultural Business. Very active in both 4-H and FFA, Bethany was a district FFA officer, Chapter President, a member of the Hamilton County 4-H Council and a project mentor for swine, beef and fashion revue. Bethany exhibited swine at the Iowa State Fair for six years winning several showmanship awards and the 2008 Top Premier Swine Exhibitor Award. Through 4-H and FFA she states that she has established many life-long relationships and come to love agriculture, which led her to choose an agriculture career. After graduation she would like to work in international agriculture and eventually obtain a position in business administration working particularly with people to promote animal and general agriculture.

\$3,000 Alliant Energy – Interstate Power & Light Scholarship

Daweyn Albertsen – Toledo, IA

Parents: Franklin and Becky Albertsen

A major in Animal Science and Ag Systems Technology at Iowa State University awaits Daweyn this fall. He had numerous livestock projects including beef (8 years), sheep (8 years), dog (8 years), swine (7 years), poultry (7 years), rabbit (5 years) and pigeons (4 years), which he exhibited at the Tama County Fair, Iowa State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN. Activities included County 4-H Council and Planning Committee for multi-county swine/equine trip. Daweyn has been awarded numerous showmanship awards, demonstration awards, county livestock achievement awards, the State Swine Project, State Fair Premier Sheep Exhibitor and AK-SAR-BEN Premier Beef Exhibitor as well as working with Iowa Beef Team, Iowa Pork Ambassador Program and Team Purebred. He states, "4-H and FFA have helped me to mature and learn the value of hard work, integrity, self discipline, pride, and the acceptance and tolerance of sacrifice." Daweyn plans to return to the farm and raise cattle, sheep and swine.

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\$2,500 Bettle Family Scholarship (Robert & Virginia Bettle)

Dan Hansen – Audubon, IA

Parents: Rick and Paulette Hansen

A senior in Agriculture Education at ISU Dan has served as the State FFA Vice President for the Southwest District in 2007-2008 and State FFA President in 2008-2009. His FFA projects centered around beef cattle exhibiting Champions locally and at the Iowa State Fair. He was also active in livestock judging, Beef Team, the New Century Farmer Program and holds the American FFA Degree. He states, "With eighty-two percent of Americans being two or more generations away from the farm, the need for agricultural literacy and agricultural education has never been greater." He hopes to make a difference in the world by teaching youth about this vital industry and its necessity to our survival. He also hopes to remain active in the home farm while teaching vocational agriculture.

\$2,500 Novus Pork Team Scholarship

Ryan Borcharding – Latimer, IA

Parents: Kevin and Carol Borcharding

Ryan will graduate from Iowa State in May 2010 with a degree in Agriculture Business. Ryan was the Iowa FFA Association State President in 2007-2008. At Iowa State he has been active in Farm Operations Club, Beginning Farmers Network, VEISHA, New Century Farmers, ISU Freshman Council and served as a National FFA Collegiate Agriculture Ambassador. He states, "FFA allowed me to interact with numerous agriculturists from all parts of our industry and explore the world of agriculture around me." These experiences strengthened his passion for agriculture and a desire to remain involved in the industry. Upon graduation he plans to be involved in sales related to the swine industry. Ryan plans eventually to move back to the family farm that is involved in swine finishing and crop production.

\$2,000 IFAA Overall Project Scholarship

Sara Morine – Lamont, IA

Parents: Eric and Laura Morine

Sara was a very active participant in swine, sheep, meat goat, and horse projects as well as diversified crops in 4-H and FFA. She has shown all four livestock species at the Buchanan County and Iowa State Fair winning numerous champions, showmanship awards, and county achievement awards. Sara has been FFA officer, served on Buchanan County Youth Council, a Pork Youth Ambassador and a member of the Ponies of America Club and Iowa Jr. Hampshire Breeders. She has also been very active in horse and livestock judging. Sara states, "Growing up on a hog farm and participating in 4-H and FFA has opened my eyes to various jobs available in the agriculture field. I have found that through all these jobs my passion is with animals." Sara will major in Animal Science at ISU. A degree in Veterinary Medicine and a vocation as a large animal veterinary are also a possibility.

\$2,000 IFAA Overall Project Scholarship

Courtney Jass – Garner, IA

Parents: Mark and Beth Jass

Courtney is enrolled in Ag Business at Iowa State University. Courtney has been actively showing purebred and foundation Simmental cattle for the past ten years at her local county fair, Iowa State Fair, Iowa junior beef sanctioned shows as well as state and national shows in seven states. She has won numerous championship and either the High or Reserve Breed Point Champion in the IJBBA nine times. She has also participated in showmanship, beef bowl, herdsmen quiz, speaking, sales talk, livestock judging and team competitions at the Simmental North Central Regional and National Classics. Courtney has served on Hancock County 4-H County Council, the Secretary and President of Iowa Junior Simmental Association, and President and Secretary of Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association. Courtney states, "Growing up with the many positive influences of 4-H and seeing the benefits of being involved in the agricultural industry, has truly helped me decide the direction of my future."

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\$2,000 IFAA Overall Project Scholarship

Joseph Sweeney – Alden, IA

Parents: David and Annette Sweeney

Joseph has participated in sheep, rabbit and swine, although cattle and horse have been his primary interests. He was awarded the Iowa FFA degree based on SAE cattle project where he has won numerous champions at the Hardin County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Iowa Angus Preview Shows. He has also shown, as well as trained horses. Joseph has been President of the Hardin County 4-H Council and participated in the Iowa House of Representative Page Program. The experience with the Page Program was a bit of a culture shock. He states, "Not only were there tons of people, and neighbors I didn't know; there were no animals to take care of. From this experience, I learned that I love animals, like the people around me." Joseph will enter ISU this fall majoring in Agricultural Business. He hopes to be involved in livestock production in the future.

\$2,000 IFAA Excellence in Beef Participation Scholarship

Tyler Krug – Newhall, IA

Parents: Jim and Gina Krug

Starting with bottle/bucket calves in 4th grade, Tyler has built an Angus Herd of eight cows. He has shown at the Benton County Fair, Iowa State Fair as well as local sanctioned Angus Shows and the National Junior Angus Show receiving numerous championship and showmanship awards. He uses AI and selects sires to best match up with his cows. As part of his FFA-SAE project he has renovated a dairy barn into a calving, sorting and shop-feed area. He added a windbreak to the north and west side of the cattle area. Tyler participated in many FFA district and sub-district contests, livestock judging and was President of his FFA Chapter. He received the County 4-H Beef Proficiency Award and served on 4-H County Council. He states, "I have learned skills through my SAE such as communication, responsibility, leadership, time and money management as well as developing a strong work ethic." Tyler will attend ISU majoring in Ag Engineering and truly hopes he can have his own beef cattle herd to raise show calves in the future.

\$2,000 IFAA Excellence in Sheep Participation Scholarship

Hannah Knapp – Bloomfield, IA

Parents: Bruce and Jerlyn Knapp

Hannah has been exhibiting market lambs and breeding sheep at the Davis County Fair, Iowa State Fair, AK-SAR-BEN and the American Royal for the past nine years with great success. She was a member of the 1st Place Livestock Judging Team at the State 4-H Contest and participated in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville. She has served as President of her FFA Chapter and 4-H Club (3 yrs). Hannah also participated in soil judging, parliamentary procedure, experience the action and sales team winning the Rising Star Award in her district and the DeKalb Outstanding Senior Award. Hannah feels being involved in 4-H and FFA has taught her numerous leadership and social skills and led her to the decision to remain in agriculture. She will enroll in Iowa State University this fall with an undeclared major in agriculture.

\$2,000 IFAA Excellence in Swine Participation Scholarship

Jake Keppy – Durant, IA

Parents: Loren and Jeantee Keppy

Jake has shown swine for 9 years at the Mississippi Valley Fair (Scott County Fair), Waterloo Cattle Congress, Hawkeye Market Barrow Show and Iowa State Fair. He has won a championship in the commercial gilt division, market barrow division, purebred breeding gilt division and the Grand Champion Derby Hog at the Iowa State Fair. He was a member of 4-H State Champion Livestock Judging Team and represented Iowa in the National Contest at Louisville. He is an active member of the National Junior Swine Association, served on the Scott County 4-H Council and Youth Group. Jake states, "Showing in 4-H made me realize that it is not all about winning; that the real experience comes from gaining experience, friendships and communication that will impact and stay with me for life." He wants to help farmers make precise environmental decisions to maintain and protect agriculture resources. He will attend Wartburg this fall and plans to transfer to ISU to major in Environmental Sciences.

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\$2,000 Timmins, Kroll, & Jacobsen Scholarship

Erika Lundy – Fontanelle, IA

Parents: Gary and Cindy Lundy

Erika is enrolled in Animal Science with a minor in Agricultural Business at Iowa State University. Erika has served as President of her FFA Chapter, as the Southwest Iowa FFA District Secretary, 4-H Club President and a Jr. Member Mentor. She has Co-chaired the Chapter Livestock Judging Video, received the State FFA Gold Beef Proficiency Award and earned the Iowa FFA Degree. Erika has exhibited cattle for the past ten years, sheep for four years and poultry for six years. She has won numerous awards particularly in the Junior Feeder Beef Pen and Rate of Gain Contest. She has served as a County Beef Princess and worked at Beef Quarters at the Iowa State Fair. As a participant in the Rolling Hills Bank Heifer Project, Erika states, "Having my own herd has taught me the importance of maintaining responsible record keeping skills, independency of work management as well as building confidence and communication skills."

\$2,000 Parkin Family Scholarship (Jerry & Randall Parkin)

Marcus Samson – Prairie City, IA

Parents: Mark and Sue Samson

Marcus has owned his own flock of sheep since he was 8 years old. He has built his own sheep barn and most of the equipment. In June 2008 a tornado destroyed most of his building and equipment, which he is rebuilding with a FSA Youth loan. Marcus also shears sheep and has participated in shearing demonstrations at the Living History Farms for the past four years and the Iowa State Fair for the past five years. Marcus has shown sheep at Jasper County Fair, Iowa State Fair and American Royal with great success. An active member of his FFA Chapter and 4-H Club, Marcus has participated in numerous livestock judging contests as well as livestock judging camps at ISU and Kansas State. He will enroll at DMACC this fall with an agronomy major and welding minor. He states, "No matter what career I have after college I know raising sheep will always be part of my life."

\$1,500 Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Scholarship

Josh Ellingson – Ames, IA

Parents: Scott and Cynthia Ellingson

Josh is currently a junior in Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State. Josh showed swine and sheep projects in 4-H and FFA. In Vet School he has been active in the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. He has served as a volunteer for the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association at the fall and winter conferences and in the Animal Learning Center at the Iowa State Fair. He has a summer job working as a laboratory technician for BIVI in the research and development lab working on swine health. Josh was also active with the Swine Diagnostic Team, Public Health Club and Pathology Club. After graduation, Josh hopes to work in the infectious diseases and preventative medicine area. He is concurrently pursuing a master's degree in Veterinary Microbiology with research in the PRRS area.

\$1,500 Swine Industry Scholarship

Christopher Sievers – Albert City, IA

Parents: Todd and Laura Sievers

Christopher is entering Iowa State this fall majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine. He has served as his FFA Chapter President and received CDE's in Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Meetings, Livestock Judging and Extemporaneous Speaking. In 4-H he has served on the County Youth Council for three years and as the Youth Representative on the Buena Vista County Extension Council for four years. Christopher has been very successful with his beef, swine and sheep projects winning numerous championship and showmanship awards. As a member of the Buena Vista County 4-H Livestock Judging Team he placed 2nd in the 2008 state contest, 1st at the Beef Expo and was a member of the Iowa team at the Western Stock Show in Denver. He was awarded a 60 day World Food Prize Internship in Ethiopia this past summer. Christopher states, "From my livestock projects, I have learned responsibility, time management, money management and respect for those who earn a living in the livestock industry."

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\$1,500 Iowa Purebred Swine Council Scholarship

Charles Fitzgerald – Boone, IA

Parents: Pat and Brenda Fitzgerald

Charles has participated in raising purebred Chester White, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Hampshire and Landrace through his chapter owned and operated small farm. He has exhibited swine projects at the Boone County Fair, Iowa State Fair and World Pork Expo. He has been active in the Pork Youth Ambassador program of the Iowa Pork Producer Association. Although swine is his deepest passion for livestock, he has also raised and exhibited beef and poultry. Charles has served as the Chapter President, North Central District Treasurer and State FFA Vice President. A senior majoring in Ag Education at Iowa State, Charles has been very active in the Ag Education Club, Block & Bridle, ISU Collegiate FFA and served as Leadership Counselor for the Youth Institute for two summers. Charles feels there is no better way to make a difference in the world, than to educate our next generation of agriculturalist.

\$1,500 Iowa Purebred Swine Council Scholarship

Carly Martin – Marion, IA

Parents: David and Beth Martin

Carly will enter Iowa State this fall with an undeclared major in Agriculture with particular interest in communications. Carly has been a member of the National Junior Swine Association since she was four years old. She has exhibited purebred swine at the Linn County Fair, Iowa State Fair, National Barrow Show, World Pork Expo and the NJSA Summer Spectacular in Louisville receiving numerous showmanship awards as well as individual championships. She has been very active member/worker for the DCM Hampshire/Duroc Operation. Carly has served on the Linn County 4-H Youth Council for four years and received the Agriculture Achievement Award, Livestock Achievement Award and Senior Citizen Award. In addition to exhibiting swine Carly has participated in livestock judging and skillathon contests. She states, "Since many people in today's society are not informed like they should be about animal agriculture, I have taught them about swine and agriculture by inviting peers to the farm for hands on experience."

\$1,500 Pfizer Animal Health Swine Scholarship

Trevor Shipley – Nodaway, IA

Parents: Bill and Diane Shipley

Trever will be a junior in Animal Science at Iowa State this fall. While at Iowa State he has been active in Block & Bridle, Alpha Zeta and Collegiate FFA. For the past five years Trevor has been building an independent 20 sow herd specializing in crossbred show pigs. Animals from his herd have won not only for Trevor but for his clients in Iowa and several other midwest states. Swine genetics is his favorite aspect of production agriculture. He plans to obtain a masters degree in swine genetics. He states, "I think to better any herd, strain or breed you must start at the base, which is genetics, to build a better animal. Only then will you have consistency and quality." In addition to raising show pigs, Trevor's long-range goal is to own his own large scale swine farrow to finish operation.

\$1,000 Russ Brannen/KENT FEEDS Memorial Beef Scholarship

Ryan Shuey – Corning, IA

Parents: Scott and Karin Shuey

Ryan has been exhibiting Red Angus and Simmental Cattle at his local county fair, the Iowa State Fair, Iowa Beef Expo, Iowa Junior Simmental Field Days and American Junior Red Angus North American and National Shows as well as at the Denver Western, NAILE at Louisville and Fort Worth Stock Show. In addition to winning many championships with his cattle, Ryan has won the American Junior Red Angus Sales Talk Event twice. He has served as Vice President and President of the Iowa Junior Red Angus Association, served on the County Youth and 4-H Committee Southwest Area 4-H Council and on the Fair Improvement Committee. Ryan will major in Biology and minor in Spanish at Central College with plans to continue on to obtain a Veterinary Medicine Degree. He states, "There is a bright future in beef production for young people who are well educated and leaders." He feels the ability to speak Spanish will be a great benefit and could open consulting opportunities in Vet Medicine.

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\$1,000 Cattlemen's Beef Quarters & Beef Promotions of Iowa Scholarship

Jacob Venner – Boone, IA

Parents: Thomas and Julie Venner

Jacob will attend Iowa State this fall with a major in Ag and Bio-systems Engineering. Jacob has served as his FFA Chapter President, as a District FFA Officer, 4-H Club President and on the County 4-H Council. He has been a state qualifier in Greenhand Quiz, Conduct of Meetings, Public Speaking, Farm Business Management and Job Interview. He has been active in livestock judging. Jacob has exhibited his cattle projects at the Boone County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Iowa Winter Beef Expo as well as at Regional and National Limousin Field Days and Junior Shows. Jacob indicates, "The responsibility of owning, managing and maintaining livestock has taught me many skills such as record keeping, communication, decision making and time management that cannot be learned without actual hands on practice and experience." By combining his interest in science with his love for agriculture, Jacob believes that biorenewables will be rewarding and contribute to solving world problems.

\$1,000 Earl Mobley Memorial Beef Breeding Scholarship

Justine Hosch – Cascade, IA

Parents: Peter Hosch and June Knepper

Justine will be a senior majoring in Animal Science at Iowa State this fall. She has served as Block & Bridle Club President as well as Chairman of the B & B Yearbook, Little North American and Scholarship Committees. Justine has been an Animal Science Lab Teaching Assistant, Animal Science Peer Mentor, College of Agriculture Ambassador and a Destination Iowa State Team Leader. In 4-H and FFA Justine had cattle, sheep and horse projects and was a Greater Jones County Junior Fair Board member. This summer she worked as an intern with Tyson Foods in beef cattle merchandising. Although her initial intent was to continue her education in Veterinary Medicine, Justine decided after taking courses in the meat science area, she has a real passion for studying Meat Science. She plans to get a Masters and PhD in Meat Science with the hope to teach Meat Science at a university. Long term Justine would like to raise competitive show cattle.

\$1,000 Schlutz Family Beef Breeding Scholarship

Kyle Greiman – Garner, IA

Parents: Ted and Mary Greiman

Kyle has been extremely active in the Iowa Jr. Angus Association and Iowa Junior Beef Breed Associations. He has served as Treasurer of the Iowa Jr. Angus, President of the Northeast Iowa Jr. Angus Association, Jr. Chairperson for the Trade Show Committee for the National Jr. Angus Show and a four-year board member of the IJBBA. Kyle has also been a livestock judging enthusiast judging at numerous county fairs, been a member of the 2nd place team in the State 4-H Contest and on the Iowa 4-H Team at the American Royal Stock Show. Kyle has won numerous championships and showmanship awards showing his cattle at the Iowa State Fair, Jr. Angus Shows and AK-SAR-BEN. He has competed in the fitting contest at the National Jr. Angus Show and demonstrated fitting and showmanship for the Livestock Show Camp at North Iowa Area Community College. Kyle will enter Iowa State as a major in Agriculture Studies. Kyle states, "The food industry is constantly changing due to new technologies, health issues, and consumer trends." Thus he hopes to have an opportunity to help maintain high quality animal products for human consumption.

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\$1,000 Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship

Matthew Hansen – Audubon, IA

Parents: Rick and Paulette Hansen

Matthew will major in Agriculture Engineering at Iowa State University. Matthew states, "Fewer people from every generation become farmers and agriculturalists; therefore, agriculturalists must become more productive and efficient." He feels agricultural engineering must lead the way. Matthew has actively shown market and breeding beef projects at the Audubon County Fair, Iowa State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN with great success culminating in being named the AK-SAR-BEN Champion Market Beef Showman in 2008 and Top Ten Premier Exhibitor at the National Western Stock Show in 2009. He has served as his FFA Chapter President, County Adult-Youth Club President and on the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association Board for four years. Active in livestock judging and FFA Ag Sales Team at the state level he was the 5th overall winner in the State FFA Ag Business Farm Management Contest. Matthew has been awarded the FFA Beef Proficiency Award and has served as the Audubon County Beef Superintendent for two years.

\$1,000 Dick Frye Memorial Scholarship

Hilary Morris – Centerville, IA

Parent: Bob Morris

Hilary has been exhibiting breeding heifer, cow/calf pairs and market beef for the past ten years. Through her participation in beef projects within 4-H and FFA, Hilary feels that the skills gained in responsibility, record keeping and marketing will be useful in the Agribusiness field in the future. Hilary has served as her FFA Chapter President, South Central District Reporter and State FFA Vice President representing the South Central District. She has participated at the state FFA level in Creed Speaking, Quiz Team and Courtesy Corps. In 4-H Hilary has been President and Vice President of the County Youth Council, the Youth Representative on the Adult 4-H Committee, a winter camp counselor and show announcer. She will major in agribusiness at Iowa State University.

\$1,000 Iowa Pork Producers Scholarship

Kaylee Keppy – Durant, IA

Parents: Loren and Jeantee Keppy

Kaylee is a junior at Iowa State majoring in Animal Science. A transfer from Black Hawk East Jr. College she participated on the Black Hawk Livestock and Meats Judging Teams, was the Ag Business Club Vice President and a Student Government Representative. She has served on the Scott County 4-H Council for four years, as the Scott County Pork Queen and is an active member of the National Junior Swine Association. She was the top individual in the State Livestock Judging Contest in both 2004 and 2006 and has qualified for all three national contests. Kaylee feels being involved in 4-H and FFA has really opened many doors for her and made her realize that coupled with her passion for the swine industry that a career in agriculture is the correct route. With a minor in Communication and Marketing, she hopes to help promote the swine industry in the future.

\$1,000 Iowa Pork Producers Scholarship

Ben McDonald – Hopkinton, IA

Parents: Tom and Nancy McDonald

Ben will enter Iowa State this fall as a major in Agribusiness. He has exhibited swine for the past nine years with great success particularly in Rate-of Gain, Derby Contest and Showmanship Divisions. He has also actively participated in livestock and meats judging. As a member of the 1st Place Team in the 2005 State Meats Contest he was able to participate in the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest in Kansas City. Ben was awarded 1st Place in the State FFA Marketing Plan Contest and the 1st place award in E-business and American Enterprise in the state Future Business Leaders of America contest. Although swine is his passion and he takes great pride in farrowing his own pigs and raising high quality pork; Ben states, "Through 4-H and FFA I've found many other areas to utilize my agriculture experiences. I was able to broaden my horizons and learn about agronomy, meat quality and public speaking."

2009 IFAA *WINNER'S CIRCLE* SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\$1,000 Lauren Christian Memorial Swine Scholarship

Cody Schminke – Van Horne, IA

Parents: Al and Kandy Schminke

Cody transferred from Black Hawk East to Iowa State where he will be a senior majoring in Agricultural Systems & Technology. At Black Hawk he was active in Student Government Club serving as Treasurer, Spring Formal Chair and Fall and Spring Barbeque Chair. He was also a member of the Black Hawk Reserve National Champion Livestock Judging Team and is currently a member of the Iowa State Livestock Judging Team. He has been active in Block and Bridle at ISU in both the Sheep Interest and Swine Interest Groups. In 4-H and FFA he has won numerous championships with swine and sheep at Iowa State Fair, AK-SAR-BEN and NAILE. Cody served as an intern at ADM this past summer. Cody states, "One of the most important factors in my success has been due to the fact that everything we have accomplished has been done together as a family." Because of his love for livestock and engineering his greatest desire is to be able to design buildings and equipment to be utilized in the livestock industry.

\$1,000 The Maschhoffs Inc. Pork Industry Scholarship

Chelsey Branderhorst – Prairie City, IA

Parents: Bryan and Deb Branderhorst

In 4-H and FFA, Chelsey has been the President of her 4-H club, FFA chapter and President of the Jasper County 4-H Council. She has participated in State FFA Chorus and FFA Idol as well as receiving CDE's in Job Interview and Meats Judging. She has served as Jasper County Pork Princess, sang the National Anthem at the Iowa State Fair Parade and presented a 45-minute vocal concert at the Iowa State Fair for the past three years. For past the nine years Chelsey has participated in swine and beef projects receiving several championships. Active in livestock and meats judging she was the High Individual in the 2008 State FFA Meats Judging Contest. Chelsey states, "My experiences with my livestock projects have been amazing and have given me responsibility, patience, determination and many other life-long skills." With a major in Animal Science awaiting her this fall she hopes to take advantage of internships and study abroad.

\$1,000 Custom Builders Inc./E.P.S. Buildings Scholarship

Alyssa Foster – Riverside, IA

Parents: Jeff and Tammy Foster

Alyssa has been showing horses since she was two years old. When she started in 4-H Alyssa started a dairy goat herd that has grown and improved. She has served as FFA Chapter President, Southeast District FFA Treasurer, President of her 4-H club, on the County 4-H Council, on the Southeast Area Council and on the State 4-H Council. She has been active in livestock judging, American Quarter Horse Youth Association and Youth Development Committee. Alyssa states, "It's not about where you're going or where you've been; it's about you and the personal goals you have set for yourself as motivation is key to anyone's success." Through 4-H and FFA Alyssa has developed a desire to become a vocational agriculture instructor and a FFA advisor. She is enrolled in Ag Education at Kirkwood Community College.

\$1000 Dean & Adele Bowden Scholarship

Megan Bierschenk – Nashua, IA

Parents: Brian and Ruth Bierschenk

Megan has participated in horse, market swine, sheep and market beef projects very successfully. She has received a State Fair Equine/Animal Science Award, the Chickasaw County Outstanding Junior Pork Producer Award, 3rd Place Gold State FFA Sheep Production Proficiency Award and been a member of the Chickasaw County and Iowa Youth Beef Teams. Megan has also won showmanship awards in all 4 species and Chickasaw County Record Book Awards in horse, sheep and beef. Megan and her sister have started an ewe flock to raise their own show lambs. She has served as Secretary and Vice President of her FFA Chapter and received a State Gold Award Secretary Book Award. Megan plans to major in Agriculture Business at Iowa State. She states, "To foster networking with agricultural professionals and increase my employment opportunities, I plan to pursue agriculture internships and be active in Ag Business and Block & Bridle Clubs."

2009 IFAA *WINNER'S CIRCLE* SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\$1,000 Bart Nelson Memorial Sheep Scholarship

Breanna Gourley – Webster City, IA

Parents: Gerald and Terry Gourley

Breanna has exhibited her sheep projects at the Hamilton County Fair, Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair, AK-SAR-BEN and American Royal in Kansas City. She has an impressive record of showmanship awards and received the AK-SAR-BEN Carcass Meat Award. Breanna has also had swine projects for seven years. She has been President of her 4-H club, served on County 4-H Council for four years and received the Leadership Merit and Agriculture Awards. In FFA she has served as her Chapter President and received the Chapter Overall Leadership Award. Breanna enjoys working with younger members as a Junior Project Leader. With a major in Animal Science/Pre-Vet at Iowa Lakes Community College, she plans to transfer to Iowa State. She plans to work in a large and small animal practice. Breanna also hopes to continue to have a sheep flock in the future.

\$1,000 Iowa Poultry Association Scholarship

Tessa Callender – Lowden, IA

Parents: Keith and Lydia Callender

Tessa states, "Life is a garden – dig it. It's true, and I believe jumping at every opportunity that presents itself can allow you to find out who you are and accomplish things never thought possible." She has participated in poultry projects for eight years receiving several championship and showmanship awards. She also raises Duroc hogs, grows a variety of vegetables to sell at local farmers markets and has participated in a wide range of speaking contests as well as livestock judging. In FFA she has served as Southeast District FFA Reporter, been a member of State FFA Choir as well as State and National FFA Bands. Tessa has been the Cedar County Fair Queen and a State Fair Queen contestant. A major in Agriculture Education and Agriculture Communication awaits her at Iowa State. She definitely wants to be involved in informing the public about agriculture in the future.

\$500 Iowa All Breeds Sheep Council Scholarship

Victoria Foerster – Ruthven, IA

Parents: Ray and Linda Foerster

Victoria and her family started a breeding flock of sheep after moving from Pennsylvania. In addition to market lamb projects she has also participated in meat goat, market beef, chickens, rabbits and dog projects. Victoria has served as President of her 4-H Club, on the Clay County 4-H Youth Council for four years and received the County Leadership Award. She has served as Sentinel, Treasurer and Secretary of her FFA Chapter attending the State and National FFA Leadership Conferences. Victoria will major in Animal Science at Iowa State University. She plans to continue on to obtain a Veterinary Medicine degree with hope of someday opening her own large animal vet clinic. She states, "The leadership my parents have shown, the impact 4-H and FFA have had on my life and the skills I have gained from participating in 4H & FFA projects have led me to my future goals to be involved in animal agriculture and volunteer youth work."

\$500 Iowa All Breeds Sheep Council Scholarship

Brittany Jurgemeyer – Rockwell, IA

Parents: William and Karon Jurgemeyer

Growing up on a swine farrow to finish farm Brittany branched out into market and breeding lamb projects with great success exhibiting several championship as well as the junior and senior sheep showmanship awards. She has shown both sheep and swine at the Iowa State Fair. Brittany is the current Iowa FFA Vice President for the North Central District and has served as the NC Vice President and West Fork FFA President. In 4-H, she has been President of Cerro Gordo Teen Council and a member of the State 4-H Council. She received the 3rd Place State Public Speaking CDE, Star Chapter Farmer and Iowa Farmer FFA Degree. Brittany indicates she developed a love and passion for animal agriculture working with her projects. Being a veterinarian is something she has always dreamed of and even though she has been told it is going to be hard, that goal is still with her today. Brittany will major in Animal Science/Pre-Vet as she enters Iowa State this fall.

2009 IFAA *WINNER'S CIRCLE* SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\$1,000 Hy-Vee 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Heathar Adolfs – Waterloo, IA

Parents: Richard and Ramona Adolf

Heathar Adolfs is a seven-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in citizenship and goat projects. She has received a Seal of Excellence in communications, veterinary science and discovering design awards at the state level. As county and area 4-H council member, she has attended the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and served as her club president and on her county youth committee. "4-H has given me the chance to see all that I can potentially be and has encouraged me to strive for my dreams," Adolfs said. A recent graduate of Aplington-Parkersburg High School, Adolfs plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in animal science.

\$1,000 Hy-Vee/4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Emily Aistrope – Randolph, IA

Parents: Doug and Kerry Aistrope

Emily Aistrope is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in beef, child development, clothing selection, fashion review, swine, and static projects and has received many awards on both the state and county levels. She has served on her county 4-H council and has attended the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. "4-H has provided me with the opportunity to meet many people from across the state by attending state conference and the Iowa State Fair. Those experiences influenced my decision to attend Iowa State University," she said. A recent graduate of Fremont-Mills High School, Aistrope plans on attending Iowa State, majoring in kinesiology, exercise science.

\$1,000 Hy-Vee/4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Elizabeth Beatty – Nevinville, IA

Parents: Bob and Colleen Beatty

Elizabeth Beatty is an eight-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in beef, horse, dog, and leadership projects. She has held the position of president in her club and has served on her county 4-H council. "I have acquired the skills to communicate with others through my 4-H experiences," Beatty said. "4-H is something I will always enjoy. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing that you helped someone else improve, even if only a little." A recent graduate of Creston High School, Beatty plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in animal science.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Jessica DeWall – Pocahontas, IA

Parents: Doug and Lola DeWall

Jessica DeWall is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in child development, swine, fashion revue, consumer management, and photography projects. She has served as her club president and attended the Citizenship-Washington Focus trip. "4-H has strengthened my skills in communication, leadership, goal planning, and citizenship. It has taught me how to prepare for a demonstration and be a team player and role model for younger kids in our club," she said. A recent graduate of Pocahontas High School, DeWall plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in dietetics.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Sandra Dion – Columbus Junction, IA

Parents: John and Donna Dion

Sandra Dion is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in rabbit, swine, and goat projects, and has received state honors in goat showmanship. She has served on her county 4-H council and county youth committee. "Through 4-H I have learned skills such as responsibility and gained a hard work ethic," said Dion. "4-H has also sparked my interest in agriculture by letting me explore the field and helping me to decide that I wanted a career in it." A freshman at Iowa State University, Dion is majoring in agriculture business.

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\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Jordan Hanson - Decorah, IA

Parents: Randy and Lisa Hanson

Jordan Hanson is a nine-year 4-H member. He has participated most actively in leadership, self-determined projects and the dairy quiz bowl. He has held the positions of president and vice president in his club and has served on his county 4-H council and county youth committee. Hanson has attended the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. "Being in 4-H has greatly improved my organization, leadership, and communication skills," he said. "It has also enabled me to expand on project areas that I really enjoyed like dairy." A recent graduate of South Winneshiek High School, Hanson plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in dairy science.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Andrew Heineman - Ogden, IA

Parents: Paul and Mari Lynn Heineman

Andrew Heineman is a nine-year 4-H member. He has participated most actively in beef, citizenship, welding, aerospace, swine, and woodworking projects. He has served on his county and area county council and has attended the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. "4-H has given me opportunities to do things I would not have normally done. I have learned new skills in all of my project areas, gained confidence in public speaking, become a better leader and learned the importance of giving back to my community," he said. A recent graduate of Ogden Community High School, Heineman plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in agricultural studies or agricultural business.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Marcus Heineman - Ogden, IA

Parents: Paul and Mari Lynn Heineman

Marcus Heineman is a nine-year 4-H member. He has participated most actively in beef, citizenship, welding, aerospace, swine, and woodworking projects. He has served on his county and area county council and has attended the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. "4-H has definitely been a huge part of my life. I've learned a lot from my project areas, and I've grown personally from the opportunities," Heineman said. "My club, county, and state 4-H experiences have helped me make friends and many fun memories, and my involvement in project areas has helped me decide on a career in agriculture." A recent graduate of Ogden Community High School, Heineman plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in agricultural business.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Kimberly Jordan - Marion, IA

Parents: Jeffrey and Marcia Jordan

Kimberly Jordan is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in goat, food and nutrition, clothing, citizenship, and communication projects. She received the Seal of Excellence at state in the communications project and has had many honors at the state level in swine. She has served as her club president and a member of her county 4-H council and her county youth committee, and has attended the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. "My involvement in 4-H has helped me discover my true passion for agriculture. Growing up on a farm has greatly impacted my decisions, but being active in a program that brings together rural and urban students has shown me the importance of agriculture in our world today," she said. A recent graduate of Linn-Mar High School, Jordan plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in horticulture.

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\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Rose Koester – Gladbrook, IA

Parents: Steve and Marcia Koester

Rose Koester is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in beef, swine, clothing, food and nutrition, and photography projects. She has served as her club's president, as a county 4-H council member, and the 2009 Tama County Fair Queen. "4-H has taught me how to speak in front of people, organization, leadership, and time management skills," she said. "It has also helped me make my decision of where to go to college and what to major in." A recent graduate of Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School, Koester plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in pre-diet and exercise.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Andrew Lauver - Rockwell City, IA

Parents: Kevin and Linda Lauver

Andrew Lauver is a nine-year 4-H member. He has participated most actively in poultry, photography, small engines, market steer, and woodworking projects. He has served as president for his club and as a county youth committee member. "Raising livestock projects has taught me about hard work, tenacity, how to care for a sick or injured animal, how to problem solve, time management, negotiation, and how to teach and motivate younger members. Buying calves and feed, applying for loans, paying bills, and selling cattle has also taught me a lot about agriculture and integrity in the business world," he said. A recent graduate of Southern Cal High School, Lauver plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in agricultural business.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Elyssa McFarland – Columbus Junction, IA

Parents: Tom and Chris McFarland

Elyssa McFarland is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in food and nutrition, sewing, poultry, and fashion revue. She also has served as her club's president and vice president. "4-H has fueled my interest in agriculture and taught me to be patient and work hard," she said. A freshman at Iowa State University, McFarland is majoring in agronomy

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Ashley Moorman – Carlisle, IA

Parents: Eric and Cindy Moorman

Ashley Moorman is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in beef, dog, home improvement, horse, and food and nutrition projects. She has received the local Hazel Walker Memorial, Elizabeth Putz, and Outstanding Achievement awards, and has served as her club president and a member of her county 4-H council. "4-H has helped me in my communication, leadership, and citizenship skills. Holding several leadership positions in my club helped me learn how to effectively communicate to all member ages, be organized, and conquer my fear of public speaking," Moorman said. A recent graduate of Carlisle High School, she plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in animal science.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Billi Oloff – Persia, IA

Parents: William and Yvette Oloff

Billi Oloff is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in beef, sheep, cat, rabbit, food and nutrition, and photography projects. She has received citizenship, leadership, and community service honors. Oloff has served as her club's president and attended the Citizenship-Washington Focus trip as well as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. "My 4-H experiences have helped me grow in many ways, and I truly believe 4-H can create confidence," she said. "My love of animals has grown over the years, and all I want to do with my life is be outside and work with animals." A recent graduate of Tri-Center High School, Oloff plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine.

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\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Taylor Petersen – Gladbrook, IA

Parents: William and Crystal Petersen

Taylor Petersen is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in beef, poultry, entomology, horse, communications, and food and nutrition projects. She has received the Seal of Excellence at the state level in her communication projects and has served as her club's president and attended the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. "I have experienced many great 'moments,' incredible personal growth and development, and am convinced that my participation in 4-H has helped me become who I am today and will continue to influence who I will be in the future," she said. A recent graduate of Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School, Petersen plans on attending Iowa State University to major in animal science/pre-veterinary.

\$1,000 4-H/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Nicole Walljasper – West Point, IA

Parents: Doug and Arlene Walljasper

Nicole Walljasper is a nine-year 4-H member. She has participated most actively in poultry, small pet, horse, rabbit, personal development and photography projects. She has served as her club's vice president. "Being involved in 4-H and exhibiting at the fair has helped me gain more confidence in myself," she said. "It has also taught me leadership skills by giving me the opportunity to hold offices in my club, and it's helped me realize that I would really like to become a veterinarian." A recent graduate of Fort Madison High School, Walljasper plans on attending Iowa State University, majoring in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine.

\$1,000 FFA/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Benjamin Zelle – Waverly, IA

Parents: Ronald and Mary Beth Zelle

Benjamin has been extremely active in FFA. He was his Chapter's Vice-President and President, a Northeast District Officer and a State Star Farmer. He has participated at the state level in Parliamentary Procedure Team, Marketing Plan Team, Rising Star Finalist and was the State Job Interview Winner in 2009. He was the state FFA Crop Show Winner and received state SAE Proficiency Awards in 2007, 2008 and 2009. His FFA projects have been centered around sheep and crops which he has exhibited at the Bremer County Fair and Iowa State Fair. The traits he learned to value from his FFA experiences are a strong work ethic, commitment to finish every job to the best of your ability and a farmer's honesty and dependability have made him proud to be part of an industry to feed and clothe the world. He plans to major in Ag Business and Computer Science at Iowa State. He states, "With the ever-expanding reliance on technology, I plan to use my passion for agriculture to begin a career in the technological side of the agriculture industry."

\$1,000 FFA/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Karen Whitman – Grand Mound, IA

Parents: Dave and Linda Whitman

Karen's livestock projects have centered around market beef, market swine and llamas. She has been very successful at the county and state level winning several championships including the Reserve Champion Window B Carcass Steer at the Iowa State Fair. Karen has also raised pumpkins as a FFA project and was 2007 2nd place State Winner and 2008 State Winner and Gold at Nationals in the FFA Proficiency Award for Specialty Crop. She has also received the 3rd Gold State Award in Issues and Perceptions and 3rd and 5th State Awards in Floriculture. Karen was the 2008 Clinton County Fair Queen. She states, "Through the many lessons learned in genetics, health care, record keeping, nutrition and commitment to day to day management of my livestock projects I have developed an inborn fondness for livestock." This fondness has led her to enrolling at Iowa State with a major in Public Service and Administrative Agriculture with a minor in Animal Science.

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\$1,000 FFA/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Garrett Barker – Osage, IA

Parents: Galen and Audrey Barker

Garrett is currently the President of the St. Ansgar FFA Chapter. He has participated in Conduct of Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Sales, Individual Ag Sales Team (4th State), Ag Mechanics (4th State) and Ag Issues during his four years in FFA. He has also been County Council representative for four years and on the State 4-H Safety and Education Shooting Sports Committee. His livestock projects have involved both beef and swine. He has shown swine at Minnesota Spring Barrow show and Iowa State Fair. Garrett has been active in Livestock Judging and was a member of the 2nd place team at the State Contest and 9th place team at National Western Stock Show as Iowa's representative. Garrett plans to major in Agricultural Systems and Technology at Iowa State. He states, "My ultimate lifelong goal is to return to our century farm and raise livestock along with my father".

\$1,000 FFA/IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Katherine Mittman – Nevada, IA

Parents: Robert and Barbara Mittman

Katie has been very active in the Nevada High School FFA participating in the state contests in Program of Activities and Soil Judging as well as numerous contests at the district level. She has earned her Iowa Farmer Degree with SAE projects in horticulture and floriculture. She has exhibited at the Iowa State Fair all four years in FFA. She has volunteered at the Pork Stand and Beef Quarters. She states, "Although my family does not farm, I understand the need for farmers to supply fuel, food and raw materials for the bio-fuels and other industries on a profitable level. I am eager to see where and how a career goal in agriculture will be met." Katie is enrolled at Kirkwood Community College and plans to transfer to Iowa State to study in Agriculture Studies.

\$1,000 FFA / IFAA Foundation Scholarship

Damian Hosch - Bernard, IA

Parents: Mark and Karen Hosch

Damian has won the State FFA Agri-Entrepreneurship and 2nd place at State in Forest Management and Product. He has also participated in State Contests in Greenhand Quiz (top ten) Nursery Landscape, Meat Judging, Ag Sales and State FFA Trapshoot (1st Place Team). Growing up on a dairy farm his SAE project involved Holstein dairy cattle. He also exhibited in the Ag Mechanics and Photo projects at the Iowa State Fair as well as serving as a grandstand usher. He is proud of his Iowa Farmer and Eagle Scout Degrees. As a challenge to overcome a mild case of Autism, Damian has competed in public speaking and extemporaneous speaking contests. Damian is enrolled at Iowa State in Pre-Veterinary Medicine and hopes to contribute to the livestock industry as a large animal veterinarian.



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