

Cooperative Awards \$8,500 in Scholarships

May 20, 2013 (Reston, Va.) - Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative is pleased to award \$8,500 in scholarships to eleven deserving students. The cooperative presented five \$1,000 scholarships, two \$750 scholarships and four \$500 scholarships to help offset college expenses for the 2013-2014 academic school-year. Recipients were selected based on their responses to essay questions, financial need, leadership activities and their career aspirations.

\$1,000 Scholarship Winners:

Cole Davis, Pleasant Garden, N.C.

Cole is the son of Aaron and Sylvia Davis and will be a freshman this fall at Virginia Tech majoring in dairy science and agribusiness. Cole helps out at his family's farm, Coltrane Dairy, LLC, with field work, herd health, calf care and wherever else he is needed on the farm. Cole is active in 4-H, FFA, dairy judging and the North Carolina and National Holstein Association. In the future, Cole hopes to gain dairy industry experience through college internships and would like to pursue a career in dairy genetics.

Carissa Doody, Frederick, Md.

Carissa is the daughter of Dave and Carole Doody, and is majoring in Dairy Science at Virginia Tech. She is involved with the Virginia Tech Dairy Club and has competed in collegiate dairy judging contests. She is also a member of Sigma Alpha. She works as an animal care specialist at ProGenetics, LLC. When home from school, Carissa helps with her family's farm. She tends to her registered Holsteins and helps milk and feed calves. Carissa was accepted into the Masters of Public Health program offered through the Virginia Tech veterinary school. She plans to work in the regulatory field either with the Food and Drug Administration or USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. She also hopes to maintain a small herd of registered Holsteins.

Roxanne Seltzer, Selinsgrove, Pa.

Roxanne is the daughter of Dennis and Nancy Seltzer. She is majoring in Dairy Science, with a minor in Communications at Virginia Tech. At school, she is involved in the Dairy Club. Roxanne was active in 4-H and FFA in high school. When she's not busy with school, she helps milk and feeds calves and assists with other chores. While unsure of where she'll work after college, Roxanne is determined to work in the communications or public relations field and help educate consumers about the production side of the dairy industry. She also hopes to have a small farm where she can educate and promote dairy farming.

Clayborne Zimmerman, Walkersville, Md.

Clayborne is the son of Clay and Karen Zimmerman and a Dairy Science major at Virginia Tech. When at home from school, he works on his grandparent's dairy farm, Auburn Farms, where he helps milk their 240 cows and assists with herd health. Clayborne is active in the Virginia Tech Dairy Club and Agronomy Club and has competed in collegiate competitions. In high school, he was active in 4-H, FFA and Boy Scouts of America. He also helps with a local Fire Company's community events and is active in the Walkersville Community Church. After graduation Clayborne hopes to return full-time to the family farm and to grow his herd of registered Holsteins.

Jason Zimmerman, Littlestown, Pa.

Jason is the son of Kathy Zimmerman of Littlestown, Pa. He is currently attending Virginia Tech where he is majoring in Dairy Science and Applied Agriculture Economics. He is involved in the Dairy Club, Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Zeta Fraternities, and the Dairy Judging Team. Jason helps at his grandfather's (Arthur Johnson) farm when he is home from school. On the farm, Jason helps with all aspects of the cows including for caring for the show animals. Upon graduation, Jason hopes to either attend graduate school for genetic research or to work for a dairy genetic company or dairy farm. In high school, Jason was involved with 4-H and he hopes to one day give back to the program through volunteering.

\$750 Scholarship Winners:

Audrey Ervin, Damascus, Md.

Audrey is an Animal Science major at the University of Maryland and the daughter of Robert and Karen Ervin. Audrey leases Red and White Holsteins from the Walker family and is a student intern at the Walker's Mendelssohn Terrace Farm. She is also working on a research project studying automated milking systems through the University of Maryland Dairy Science Department. Audrey has been involved with 4-H, collegiate Dairy Challenges and Block and Bridle. She hopes to one day own a dairy operation that is self-sustaining and open to tours and educational activities for the public.

Collins Lethbridge, Union Bridge, Md.

Collins Lethbridge of Union Bridge, Md. is the son of Stephen and Donna Lethbridge. He is an accounting major at Carroll Community College. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society. He has been active in 4-H and FFA winning awards at both the local and national levels. Collins is very involved in his family's dairy operation and is responsible for feeding the animals, bedding up pens and scraping the barnyards. He also helps with milking and field work through the summer months. After college, Collins plans to become a certified public accountant and would like to work as an accountant within the agriculture industry. He also hopes to work on his family's farm to help increase their business profitability.

\$500 Scholarship Winners:

Meridith Franks, Waynesboro, Ga.

Meridith Franks is an Animal Science major at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. She is active in 4-H, the Georgia Holstein Association and the National Brown Swiss Association. When home from school, Meridith works in her family's bottling plant, Southern Swiss Dairy. She makes butter, ice cream and works at local farmers markets. She also helps at the farm with calf and heifer care, and breed registration paperwork. Upon graduation, Meridith hopes to work as a 4-H agent or in a similar field helping to educate children and promote agriculture. Meridith is the daughter of Jimmy and Virginia Franks.

Carolyn Lawrence, Nottingham, Pa.

Carolyn is the daughter of Thomas and Jennifer Lawrence and a Veterinary Medical Technology major at Wilson College. She has been involved in 4-H, FFA, dairy judging and was a co-founder of the collegiate FFA chapter at Wilson College. When home from school, Carolyn assists with milkings and calf care. She also helps care for a small dairy and meat goat herd and meat rabbits. Carolyn plans to attend veterinary school and hopes to become a practicing veterinarian for both large and small animals.

Haley Potts, Purcellville, Va.

Haley is the daughter of Mike and Nancy Potts of Dogwood Farm. She is a Food Science and Technology major at Virginia Tech. At school, she is involved in the Dairy Club, Alpha Zeta and the Student Nutrition and Dietetic Association. Haley was active in 4-H and the Virginia Junior Holstein Association. When at home from school, Haley helps with feeding calves, relief milking, general farm cleaning and maintenance and breed registrations. After graduation, she would like to incorporate her love of dairy and her food science degree to work either in dairy product quality assurance or product development.

Austin Schwartzbeck, Union Bridge, Md.

Austin is the son of Gus and Lisa Schwartzbeck and a Dairy Science major at Virginia Tech. He is active in the Virginia Tech Dairy Club and Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. When home from school, Austin is involved on his family's farm where his responsibilities range from breeding cows to milking, feeding, field work, and managing the show animals. He has been active in several state and national dairy organizations for the past 13 years. After graduation, Austin is excited to return to his family's farm where he hopes to help improve their profitability by implementing good breeding decisions. He also plans to

continue to breed and exhibit his registered Holsteins.

To be eligible for a Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers scholarship, students must be the son, daughter or employee of a current co-op member and attending an accredited college or university. Applications are made available in November of each year and are due in mid-February.

For more information about the cooperative's scholarship program, please contact Daniela Roland, Assistant Editor, 800-552-1976 extension 449 or droland@mdvamilk.com

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Student photos available upon request.