



2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



SYDNEY CAIN
PARIS

Growing up on a dairy farm and being surrounded by agriculture is something Sydney Cain of Paris, Ontario is very thankful for. Sydney is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program at the University of Guelph where she plans to pursue a career within the dairy industry. At home, Sydney helps her family milk three times a day in a tie-stall facility. She is also responsible for bedding, feeding, dehorning calves, and cleaning their gravity-flow gutter during each milking. She has been a dedicated member of 4-H for nine years, completing 45 clubs and participating in a wide range of achievement activities ranging from showing livestock projects to catering their local annual spaghetti dinner. Sydney has represented Brant County at multiple 4-H events such as Go for the Gold, TD Dairy Classic, Inter-County Judging Competition, as well as sitting on the Board of Directors as a Member Representative. One of her biggest achievements she is most proud of is when she was named first-place Junior Showperson and went on to win Grand Champion Showperson at the inaugural Junior All-Ontario Show in 2017. Sydney plans to continue to grow the name of her own prefix, Cainsview, by beginning a flush program for some of her best animals in the near future.



MAGGIE-JO HICKSON
OAKWOOD

Maggie-Jo Hickson hails from Oakwood, Ontario where her family operates a small tie-stall facility, as well as purebred Hereford cattle. At home, Maggie-Jo is responsible for cleaning, feeding, milking, fieldwork, and keeping track of health records. Maggie-Jo has been a member of 4-H for 11 years and has completed over 42 clubs in Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Poultry, Vet Science, and many more! During this time, she has held executive positions such as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Press Reporter. Maggie-Jo is a decorated 4-H member, winning the East-Central 4-H Championship Grand Champion Sheep Showperson, Reserve Grand Champion Sheep Showperson, and Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Beef Heifer. Outside of 4-H, she has also been awarded the 2018 Growmark Essay award and the 2016 Gay-Lea Award of Achievement. Maggie-Jo is also a member of the Ontario Junior Herefords and currently serves as Vice-President of the organization's board. This fall, Maggie-Jo is entering her second year at the University of Guelph in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree program. She has chosen to major in Honours Agriculture, as she plans to take both animal and plant courses in order for her to pursue a career in animal nutrition. She believes that by combining her knowledge of plants and animals she will be able to help livestock producers, and those growing the feed for them, achieve the best quality feeds that will maintain productivity as well as sustainability!



ALYCIA WALKER
GUELPH

On her home farm in Wellington County, Alycia Walker is responsible for calf and heifer management, helps milk in their double-ten parallel parlour, and assists with the beef cow-calf side of the operation. Alycia has been an active member of 4-H, completing 26 clubs in Dairy, Beef, and many others. She has held positions such as President, Vice-President, and Press Reporter and is a Youth Director on the Wellington County 4-H Board of Directors for the second year in a row. Alycia Walker is pursuing a degree in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program at the University of Guelph. She is a part of many clubs at the university including Beef, Dairy, Poultry, Sheep & Goat, Swine, and Women in Agriculture. She is actively involved in the OAC Tractor Tug for Tots event and College Royal. Alycia isn't sure which direction she will take after she completes her degree but hopes with the experience she has from growing up on a farm and the education she has from a degree in Agriculture she can help be an advocate for agriculture and bridge the gap between farmer and consumer.



CAITLIN ALLEN
ALFRED

Caitlin Allen, of Allensite Farms, has grown up with agriculture playing a big role in her life. Caitlin is pursuing a diploma in Farm Management and Technology at McGill University's MacDonald College. Caitlin has always been involved on her home farm; her duties include milking in a double-twelve parlour, monitoring cows for herd health, feeding calves & heifers, assisting with calving, training animals for competitions, and helping with hay season. Aside from working on her home farm, Caitlin has worked several summers for neighbouring farms, affording her the opportunity to learn from industry experts! Go for the Gold, Calf, Horse, Dog, Scrapbooking, Knitting, and Square Dancing are just some of the 30 4-H clubs Caitlin has completed, some of which she has held executive positions for, including President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Caitlin has been a Team Member and Youth Leader for the TD Classic Show at the Royal Winter Fair from 2015-2019. She is thankful for all the opportunities she has had to meet new people from various agricultural backgrounds as it has been a unique way to grow and develop new ideas. Caitlin hopes that with these many experiences and connections in the agriculture industry she can achieve her long-time goal of having a career in the agri-food industry!



SARAH DEAN
ARNPRIOR

Sarah Dean of Arnprior, Ontario is currently completing her degree in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program at the University of Guelph. Sarah lives on a tie-stall dairy farm where her love for agriculture was established. She is involved with milking, feeding, herd health, and cleaning pens. Outside of home, she has also helped other farms at shows, including helping with washing, feeding, and prepping the animals for the show. Sarah has completed 31 clubs over her years in 4-H. She explains her greatest achievement is placing in the top ten at the TD Classic; placing sixth in Showmanship and tenth in Conformation. Sarah has also had the opportunity to travel to the Royal twice to be a part of the Go for the Gold Competition where her team placed third and fourth. Sarah is also heavily involved in sports, playing for the Guelph Gryphons Women's Varsity Rugby Team in her first year, and then the Guelph Gryphons Ringette Team. In the future, Sarah hopes to pursue a career in Dairy Nutrition. She is interested in developing feeding programs for dairy farms to reach their goals of greater production while maintaining good herd health. Besides her career goals, Sarah hopes to become a coach someday, as well as give back to local 4-H programs and offer children the same unique learning opportunities she had.



CLARISSA MCCALLUM
SYDENHAM

Clarissa McCallum is entering her third year at the University of Guelph, pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Food and Agricultural Business. On her home farm in Sydenham, Ontario, Clarissa takes on many roles that include evening chores like running stables, feeding, breeding program research, clipping, and keeping track of herd health paperwork. Alongside working at home, Clarissa works with a farms' show herd, attending provincial and national shows where she trains and fits their show heifers and cows. In 4-H, Clarissa has completed numerous clubs including Dairy, Swine, Community Involvement, and Dairy Fitting to name a few. As part of these clubs, she has held executive positions such as President, Vice-President, and Secretary. At the University of Guelph, Clarissa is in her third term of serving as Communications Director for her class executive and is the College Royal Vice President of Events. In 2019, Clarissa was a member of Team Canada at the European Young Breeders School and placed second in Showmanship and was top 20 for overall individual points out of 150 competitors! Clarissa is passionate about being an ag-vocate; she takes a lot of pride in being able to help consumers better understand agriculture and where their food comes from. As a result, she hopes to pursue a career in the marketing and communications sector of the dairy industry!



BRENT SAYLES
PARIS

Brent Sayles hails from Paris, Ontario and this fall Brent is entering his last year in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program at the University of Guelph; majoring in Animal Science. Brent has an extensive background in the dairy industry, milking on several local farms – each with different milking systems and approaches to farming. Recently, Brent travelled across North America as a Fitter working with a wide range of breeders in different circumstances, affording him the opportunity to gain a variety of skills outside the show ring. He has been involved in 4-H for 10 years, being a part of numerous clubs including Dairy, Outdoors, Veterinary, and Sodbusters (plowing). Additionally, Brent has held both roles of President and Vice-President for the Dairy club. Brent has had the opportunity to compete at the 4-H Judging Competition at World Dairy Expo, as well as the European Young Breeders School where he won Reserve Showman and Reserve Overall in points. At school, Brent participates in Hockey and Baseball intramurals and several clubs. In the future, Brent hopes to become an official judge and place major shows in North America and he wants to pursue a career that allows him to work with cattle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

EACH OF THESE POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH \$1,000.

THE ONTARIO DAIRY YOUTH TRUST FUND IS HONOURED TO HAVE RECEIVED A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION FROM THE ESTATE OF BARBARA ROYLE FORD, WHICH WILL BE USED TO FULLY FUND THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.



BARBARA ROYLE FORD was a Holstein breeder who farmed in Milton, ON. She was the first woman in Canada awarded Holstein Canada's coveted Master Breeder Shield. She started breeding Holsteins in her early 20's, working under the Bardholm prefix, established by her father, W.R. Royle. The prefix was transferred to her name in 1955. When she married Clarence 'Junior' Ford – the start of a 46-year union – the dedicated Holstein couple operated a farm with "his and hers" prefixes: Clarence oversaw his 'Fairford' cattle, and Barbara continued to work with Bardholm genetics. In 1975, her efforts with Bardholm cattle won her the Master Breeder designation. Barbara passed away in 2019 at the age of 90.

The Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund is extremely pleased to receive such generous support to help develop our leaders of tomorrow.



JOHANNES RENECKER
STRATFORD

Johannes Renecker of Perth County, Ontario is enrolled in his second year at the University of Alberta in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture - Animal Science program with a major in Dairy Science. Johannes works on his home farm in a managerial position where he is responsible for the formulation of rations and nutritional diets for the transition cows and springing heifers. In the spring and summer, Johannes keeps busy planting crops and haying. Johannes has also worked on another local dairy farm where he milked cows and replacement heifers on a portable milk machine before they were moved to another operation. Johannes has completed a wide range of clubs in 4-H including Dairy, Field Crops, Vet, and Precision Ag, as well as holding the executive positions President, Vice President, Secretary, and Press Reporter. Johannes is a very passionate individual when it comes to being a leader in the agricultural community, and has served as an agriculture ambassador during a trip he made to Africa with his father. Johannes used this unique opportunity to educate farmers on how farming is done in Canada. Johannes shares that as he grows as a farmer, he wants to continue to be an ambassador and help people in Africa invest in newer, more efficient, agricultural methods!



LYLE MARTIN WINNER

The Lyle Martin High Achievement Scholarship Award is awarded to the post-secondary student that displays the most impressive application based on community, post-secondary and agricultural involvement along with success in the 4-H program. The award of \$750 per year is sponsored by Lactanet and EastGen. Congratulations to this year's winner, Johannes Renecker.

The scholarship is established in the name of Lyle Martin, a well-respected dairy farmer from the Brussels area. He was a former board member for CanWest DHI and EastGen. He was always on a committee and often was the leader or chair. The award exemplifies many things Lyle found important in life, including further education in agriculture, community involvement, supporting youth and advancements in the dairy industry.