

2003 Youth Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship/Grant program had 14 excellent applicants from Wisconsin to Georgia and Vermont to California.

Dylan Fry, Chestertown, MD

The \$1,000 recipient is Dylan Fry of Chestertown, Maryland. He owns 20 Brown Swiss and has participated in the National Production, Cheese Yield, and Bell Ringer Programs, including the Maryland State Association activities. Dylan is pursuing a degree in Animal Science at Cornell University.

Dylan states that two very important values that he has gained from his experience with the "Big Brown Cow" are responsibility and dedication. His animals depend on his care for them. He has learned about hard work, attention to detail, and persistency

when he works with his animals. He also states that the experiences of his youth will greatly impact his future and the career path that he chooses.

For the future, Dylan is keeping an open mind, but he will most definitely be involved in the dairy industry.

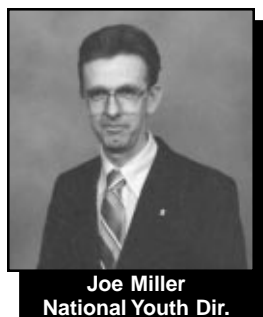
Lauren Daubert, McElhattan, PA

Lauren Daubert of McElhattan, Pennsylvania, is a recipient of the other \$1,000 scholarship. She owns 4 Brown Swiss, has participated in six of the National Youth Programs, and was the National Youth Achievement winner in 2001. Lauren attends Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, pursuing a degree in Dairy Science. She will graduate in the Spring of 2004, and

plans to pursue a career in dairy product promotion and education. Lauren will be serving as President of the Virginia Tech. Dairy Science Club this year.



Dylan Fry (left) and Lauren Daubert (right) are this year's scholarship winners.



A Junior Journey: THANK YOU! TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH FUND

THIRD, we thank the following sponsors of the Ambassador Program with \$200 or more being a 3 STAR sponsor, \$100-\$200 being a 2 STAR sponsor, and \$1 - \$100 a 1 STAR sponsor.

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FOURTH, we thank the sponsors who contributed to the Cheese Yield Contest by donating cheese for the sale of cheese baskets during the Fun Auction at the National Convention. Six baskets of cheese were sold for a total of \$450.00! The National Cheese Yield Winner, Cassie Frieden will receive \$225, and the remaining \$225 will be used for all Youth Programs. Cheese Basket Sponsors were:

- Dairy Farmer of America, Turlock, CA
- Lactalis U.S.A., Turlock, CA
- F. & A. Dairy of California, Newman, CA
- Land of Lakes, Gustine, CA
- Fascalini Cheese Co., Modesto, CA

FIFTH, we thank the Fun Auction supporters, buyers, consignors and sale crew. The Fun Auction items and six cheese baskets brought a total of \$9,195.

A Brown Swiss quilt made by the Oliveira Family tied for the top selling item at \$700. Sheryl Deaver from Edgerton, Wisconsin, purchased the quilt which featured actual photos of California Brown Swiss.

An Italian Brown Swiss cow model donated by Edwin Genasci was the other top selling item. It was purchased by Sunshine Genetics of Whitewater, Wisconsin.

SIXTH, we thank Nelson McCammon who is sponsoring the show shirts that each Junior Exhibitor will receive when they show at a National Junior Show this year.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the persons, organizations and contributors as noted above for their financial support of the National Youth Fund. The Youth Fund provides recognition for the National Bell Ringer Contest, The Ambassador Contest, Awards for the District and National Winners in the Cheese Yield, Production and Youth Achievement Programs. The fund sponsors two \$500 scholarships and an award to each class winner at all five National Junior Shows, plus ribbons for the first three places in each class and champion ribbons.

To Junior members and breeders, when you see any of the Youth Fund Sponsors, shake their hand and thank them for their support of the National Brown Swiss Youth.



(I-r) Kayla Alberti displays the famous Brown Swiss fly swatter during the Fun Auction; Darrell Worden and Wayne Sliker, in back, assisted with the sale.

FIRST: we would like to thank Wayne and Connie Sliker of Top Acres Farm. At their Finale Sale, they presented \$1,000 to the Youth Fund. They noted that \$500 would be used for the Ambassador Program and \$500 to be used for all other youth programs.

On Friday, the afternoon prior to the sale, they conducted a showmanship contest for all youth to participate. Forty youngsters from nine states participated, with the Junior Winner being Kyle Garrison, Ohio, and second being Elizabeth Bernard, Ohio.

The first place Intermediate was Ben Sparrow from Kentucky, and second place Lindsey Rucks of Florida.

In the Senior Division, first place went to Nick Smith, Ohio, and second was Joe Leslie, Pennsylvania.

Each first place winner received a \$100 Savings Bond, and each second place winner received a \$50.00 Savings Bond. All the participants received a ribbon and medallion.

SECOND, we must thank Dan Gilbert of New Generation Genetics for his continued support. Dan is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships for Brown Swiss youth who are pursuing a college education in agriculture.

The National Youth Fund will also be contributing \$500 to the two scholarships. Thus, scholarships of \$1,000 each, will be awarded to Dylan Fry of Maryland and Lauren Daubert of Pennsylvania.