

# 2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Aaron Helus**

Aaron graduated in 2007 from Platte Valley High School and is currently attending the University of Wyoming for Agriculture Education. His parents are Ron and Karen Helus of Kersey. In 4-H, Aaron was a 10 year Box Elder Ag 4-H member. He participated in various projects including, market lambs, breeding sheep, market goats, breeding goats, and dairy goats. He won Reserve Champion Market Goat at the National Western Stock Show in 2000. 4-H taught Aaron leadership skills, how to make a difference in his community, and good organization. For two years Aaron has been a project leader and Citizenship Washington Focus Chaperone. Aaron is the recipient of the Norgren Family 4-H Scholarship.



**Ashley Karns**

Ashley's parents are Mark and Caren Karns of La Salle. Her 4-H career started with the desire to reach out to her community. Within her club, she served as Vice-president for two years and is currently the president. These positions have allowed her to interact with the other members of her club and improve her leadership skills. Ashley has participated in shooting sports and in the Youth Executive Council. Ashley attends Valley High School where she participates in the marching band, FFA, knowledge bowl, NHS, and Parliamentary Procedure. She plans to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma to study nursing. Ashley is the recipient of Youth Executive Council Leadership Award.



**Brandon Fritz**

Brandon is the son of Steven and Julianne Fritz of Greeley. He attends Eaton High School where he will graduate from in May. He is a member of the Eaton FFA Chapter, FBLA, National Honor Society, and has participated in football, basketball, track, and cross country. Brandon served as vice president of his 4-H club, Country Boots and Skirts, from 2006 to 2009. In 4-H, he also showed cattle and was involved with 4-H livestock judging. Brandon plans to obtain a degree from the University of Wyoming in pre-pharmacy and then apply for pharmacy school. He is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



**Brittany Ledall**

Brittany's primary 4-H project was showing pigs which she has done for 10 years. Through her 4-H club, Brittany has also gained great leadership experience. She has been the Country Boots and Skirts 4-H Club president for the past 2 years. Brittany attends Eaton High School where she has been a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Student Council. Through her high school biology classes, she became increasingly fascinated with human anatomy and physiology and has decided to pursue a degree in either biology or human physiology while achieving pre-medicine requirements. She hopes to eventually achieve her Ph.D. in medicine. She has volunteered at Northern Colorado Medical Center and was a founding member of Teen Health Alliance of Today. Her parents are Gordon and Lindee Ledall of Greeley. Brittany is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Executive Council Scholarship.

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Clay Carlson

Clay is from Stoneham, Colorado and attends Prairie Junior/Senior High School where he is active in FFA, Student Council, NHS, and sports. His parents are Stephanie and Glen Carlson. His future plans include attending Northeastern Junior College and will then transfer to Colorado State University where he will double major in Animal Science and Agriculture Business. Upon graduation he plans to enter Veterinary School at CSU and hopes to return to his community and start his own vet practice. He has grown up showing cattle, swine, and horses, and has competed in livestock judging through 4-H. He hopes to continue his involvement in his community and help guide the younger generations toward the opportunities that he has experienced through 4-H. Clay is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



Daniel Sponaugle

Daniel's family has been involved with 4-H for generations. His 4-H membership began in 2000 with the Box Elder Ag 4-H Club. His projects have ranged from market goats to leather craft. Within his club, Daniel has served as 4-H club president and treasurer. As a result of his experience, he has learned how to become a leader in his community and how to serve others. In addition to 4-H, Daniel participated in basketball, football, track and field, and choir at Colorado Heritage Education School System. He is interested in pursuing a career in history or a ministerial field. Daniel is the son of Rick and Teresa Sponaugle of Greeley and is the recipient of the Weld County Executive Council Scholarship.



Deeona Johnston

Deeona is the daughter of Donald and Rita Johnston of Grover. After graduating from Pawnee High School, she plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney majoring in Agribusiness while completing required coursework for chiropractic college. Deeona grew up on her family's ranch near Grover and has been involved with various 4-H projects such as photography, market goats, and global citizenship. Over the years, Deeona has held such positions as President, Vice-President, and Secretary within her club. She also served as the 2010 Weld County Fair Queen. Throughout high school, she was active in FFA, basketball, and volleyball. Deeona believes that 4-H is about learning new skills, and as you grow, sharing those skills to help others in her club and community. She is the recipient of the Weld County Agriculture Scholarship.



Dorothy McClung

Dorothy's 4-H story began at age seven when her first horse, Suzie, was purchased. Dorothy soon began showing her horses and won showmanship numerous times; reserve and grand champion high point at the Weld County Fair, and level 3 High Point English at the Colorado State Fair. She has also participated in Appaloosa Breed Shows and shows chickens. One highlight of her 4-H experience was receiving the award for outstanding 4-H member of the year. Dorothy is intrigued with horse physiology and anatomy and has decided to be a veterinarian. She plans to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas after graduating from Platte Valley High School. Dorothy is the daughter of William and Tamela McClung of La Salle and is the recipient of the Martin Produce Company Scholarship.

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Hannah Schoenherr

Hannah has shown 15 different projects at the Weld County Fair since she joined at age seven. A few of these projects include Decorate your Duds, Bicycle Adventures, and Forestry. Two of her projects earned her Grand Champion and Reserve Champion at the Colorado State Fair. Hannah attends Weld Central Senior High School near Keenesburg where she has been a member of drama club, band, and choir. She plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado to study Elementary Education with an emphasis in either Music Performance or Theatre Education. Her parents are Fred and Tina Schoenherr of Hudson. Hannah is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Family and Consumer Science Scholarship.



Jayce Tappy

Jayce attends Merino High School and is the son of Marla Tappy of Stoneham. Jayce began his 4-H career showing market hogs. He soon began to participate in other projects such as the Junior Round Robin at the Northeast Weld County Fair and Catch-it Programs. Through his 4-H club, Jayce became very active in community service projects. He credits his involvement in 4-H for helping him develop a good work ethic and persistent drive to succeed. His future goals include obtaining a degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Entrepreneurial Events and Sports Management from Johnson and Wales University in Denver. He will also be a member of the University's Men's Volleyball team. Jayce is the recipient of the Kenneth and Clarice Benson Memorial Scholarship.



Jessica Johnson

Jessica is the daughter of Wayne and Teresa Johnson of Greeley. As a result of growing up in a ranching family, Jessica's passion for agriculture developed at an early age. As the world population continues to grow, Jessica sees this as an exciting time to be engaged in the agricultural industry. Her plans are to continue her graduate career by attending Kansas State University for Agricultural Economics. During her 4-H years she participated in a variety of projects including horses, market lambs, swine, and other projects. She competed in 4-H horse judging and was a member of the 2005 National Champion 4-H Horse Judging Team. Jessica is the recipient of the Ben Wilson Memorial 4-H Scholarship.



Marissa Bartmann

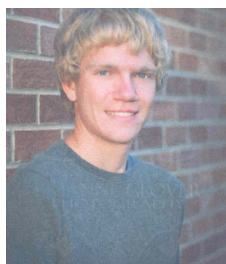
Marissa began her 4-H career as a cloverbud. She is a member of the Horse Whisperers 4-H club and has been involved with a variety of livestock projects including dairy cattle, market sheep, market and breeding goats, and horses. Marissa is the first in our county to achieve the highest rating, Level IV Advanced Horse Master, in English, Western, and Ranch Horse disciplines in the Colorado 4-H Horse Advancement Levels program. She was recognized by her coaches as the inspirational and motivational leader of the State champion 4-H Horse Bowl, Horse Hippology, and Horse Judging teams. The Horse Judging team was named National Champion at the 2011 Western 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest at the National Western Stock Show. Marissa has held various 4-H leadership positions including Vice-President of the Weld County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. After graduating from Windsor High School, she plans to pursue a major in Agricultural Business with a minor in Equine Science at New Mexico State University where she has been offered a position on the Women's Western Equestrian Team. Her parents are Milton and Coleen Bartmann of Greeley. Marissa is the recipient of the Paul Hoshiko, Jr. Memorial 4-H Scholarship.

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**Nora Sonaugle**

Nora grew up watching her older brother and sister compete in various 4-H projects and has since been a member of 4-H for 10 years. Her projects throughout the years include Baking, Clothing Construction, and Dog Obedience. Nora has held various officer positions in the Box Elder 4-H club including president and vice president. She has worked as a lifeguard, swim lesson instructor, and swim coach with Hillside Pool the past two summers. As 4-H and other activities have taught her to make goals and shoot for excellence, Nora has made a goal to learn how to help others in the field of nursing. Nora will graduate from the Colorado Heritage Education School System this spring. She is the daughter of Rick and Teresa Sonaugle of Greeley. Nora is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



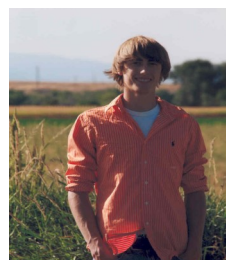
**Ross Sagehorn**

Ross has been a member of 4-H for seven years which has given him numerous opportunities to build his own character and learn how to work well with others. Ross participated in shooting sports and helped with their annual Safety Day. Within his 4-H club, Ross has taken part in community service projects in addition to serving as club treasurer. His fascination with the inner workings and nuances of internal combustion engines has led him to the decision to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines after graduating from Eagle Ridge Academy. He hopes to someday have a career dealing with performance cars/engines. Ross is the son of Ray and Ursula Sagehorn of Ft. Lupton and is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship.



**Sara Tappy**

Sara is the daughter of Vermeda Gerkin of Greeley and attends University High School where she is active in volleyball and tennis. Sara started in 4-H as a Cloverbud and has since completed a variety of different projects and become a leader in her club. She is currently the president of the Westward 4-H club. Through project development, she has gained both leadership and citizenship skills. Her projects in 4-H include rabbits, goats, and steers. Sara plans to attend Regis University for neonatal nursing so she can help others and work with newborns. Sara is the recipient of the Mary C. Barnett Memorial Scholarship.



**Steven Weingandt**

Steven is the son of Steve and Sheryl Weingandt of Platteville, Colorado and is currently attending Valley High School. Steven's 10-year membership in 4-H has taught him the skills of project development and expansion, leadership, and citizenship. His major involvement in 4-H was showing market beef and he also began building up a herd of beef cows. He was treasurer in his club and has held multiple committee chair positions. From a young age, Steven's favorite subject has been math and has also developed a love for agriculture. He plans to pursue a degree in finance from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas and eventually become a financial advisor in a rural area in Kansas, Colorado, or Nebraska. Steven is the recipient of the Josh Jarman Memorial Scholarship.