

2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Brandon Lind

As a 12-year member of the Horse Whisperers 4-H Club, Brandon began as a cloverbud and, has taken Horse and Shooting Sports. When his horse, Missy, became injured and unable to show, Brandon stepped up to help at the horse show. Because of this experience he has grown exponentially in leadership and citizenship. With hard work, perseverance, and help from others, Missy has made a full recovery.

Brandon is the son of Dave and Tammie Lind of Eaton, Colorado. He has a passion for math and science. Brandon wants to pursue a mathematical career, the question is what career? As a junior in high school, he took an AP Chemistry class, which challenged and intrigued him. Because of the challenging chemistry class, Brandon has decided to study Chemical Engineering. He plans to attend South Dakotas School of Mines in the fall. Brandon Lind is the recipient of the Kenneth & Clarice Memorial Scholarship



Cassidy Ruppel

4-H has taught Cassidy that each of us is responsible for giving back to their community, an important aspect of being a good citizen. As a 10 year member of Magic Spurs 4-H Club Cassidy has worked hard to achieve her dreams. She has learned how to lead others and work as a team on different projects. Through different experiences, she understands the importance of dedication and cooperation. Cassidy's diverse projects included things such as Breeding & Market Beef, Decorate Your Duds, Cake Decorating, Clothing, Foods and Nutrition, Scrapbooking and Market Swine.

The daughter of Corey and Lisa Ruppel of Wiggins, Colorado; Cassidy will be attending Morgan Community College pursuing a degree in Nursing. She looks forward to a career in the medical field and looks forward to helping others. Cassidy Ruppel is the recipient of the Weld County Leaders Council 4-H Scholarship



Heath Long

Heath Long grew up in a strong agricultural community and has a passion for agriculture. When he started his 10 year membership with Box Elder Ag, he did not want to take the same project, beef, as his older brother. So, Heath chose to show pygmy and market goats. A few years later, he added beef as a project which his parents and brother helped him with the cattle. Market and Breeding Beef is Heath's only projects. When he was 15, Heath wanted to show cattle year round. Since then, his passion for agriculture has grown.

Heath is the son of Steve and Tami Long of Kersey, Colorado. He also wants to follow in his family footsteps of engineering. With a passion for agriculture and the family history of engineers, Heath has discovered a way to combine these two passions by becoming an Agricultural Engineer. Heath is determined "to be able to create something that will help better the worlds technology, production, or maintenance" in agriculture. Heath Long is the recipient of the Helmut Brunner Memorial Scholarship

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Kaitlyn Bandy

Kaitlyn plans to pursue a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education at the University of Northern Colorado. After working in this field she would like to continue her education to earn a Masters degree in Special Education. Kaitlyn's dream is to become a first grade teacher. As a special education teacher, "I believe I have the patience and passion for working with these students".

A nine-year member of the Calico 'N Jeans 4-H club, Kaitlyn is the daughter of Richard and Kariann Bandy of Johnstown, Colorado. Kaitlyn says that through 4-H she has developed new talents, gained confidence, become a better speaker and leader and most importantly learned that she can make a positive difference in the world around her. Her projects included Cake Decorating, Scrapbooking, Woodworking, Photography, Foods & Nutrition, and Home Environment. Kaitlyn Bandy is the recipient of Weld County 4-H Family & Consumer Science Scholarship.



Kira Shupe

Kira is the daughter of Randolph and Cindi Shupe of Greeley, Colorado. An active 10 year member of New Horizons 4-H Club, Kira's diverse projects included Clothing, Dogs, Rabbits, Photography, Cake Decorating and Shooting Sports.. Once Kira graduated from high school in 2012, she spent a summer working as a volunteer at Orphanage Emmanuel in Guaimaca Honduras and is planning on returning this summer.

Because of her experience at Orphanage Emmanuel, Kira has decided to major in Spanish with a minor in music. Kira is currently attending Front Range Community College, but will transfer to the University of Northern Colorado to complete her studies. She hopes to obtain a full time position at Orphanage Emmanuel or a position in Greeley as a bilingual employee. Kira keeps busy taking photos through her business, Kira Ellen Photography, and teaching piano lessons. Kira Shupe is the recipient of the Josh Jarman Memorial Scholarship.



Kyndal Reitzenstein

Kyndal is the daughter of Mark & Kaye Reitzenstein and grew up on her family's ranch near Kersey, Colorado. One of Kyndal's favorite quotes is "hard work always pays off". She realizes that "to achieve any dream, hard work must be utilized".

An active member of High Plains Ag 4-H; friendships, leadership & responsibility are only a few of the things that she gained through her years of membership.

Kyndal participated in many 4-H activities including the current National Champion Livestock Judging Team. Her varied projects included Market & Breeding Beef, Horse, Market Swine, Cake Decorating and Foods & Nutrition. Kyndal is attending Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma where she plans to pursue her dream of becoming a large animal veterinarian. Kyndal Reitzenstein is the recipient of the Martin Produce Scholarship.

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Lyndee Johnston

Lyndee is the daughter of Donald & Rita Johnston of Grover, Colorado. She has always liked math and art. Lyndee is constantly doodling something on a piece of paper. At first, she thought about a career in architect. Then, she visited the University of Wyoming and visited the Architectural Engineering department. Lyndee states this degree “really felt like the right fit for me, combining my interests in architecture and math”. Lyndee plans on attending the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming.

As a 12 year member of Grover Guys and Gals Club, Sarah has been involved in many diverse projects including: Cloverbuds, Clothing, Decorate Your Duds, Leathercraft, Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Market and Breeding Goats, Breeding Rabbits, and Visual Arts. She enjoys doing community service and helping the younger 4-H members grow. Lyndee Johnston is the recipient of the Paul Hoshiko, Jr. Memorial 4-H Scholarship.



Marissa Bartmann

Marissa, the daughter of Milt & Coleen Bartmann, grew up on the family farm in Windsor, Colorado. An active 11 year member of Horse Whisperer's 4-H Club, Marissa participated in many 4-H programs and projects including Horse Judging and Hippology as well as projects in Horse, Market & Breeding Goats, Vet Science, Market Sheep and Dairy Cattle.

Currently, Marissa is a junior at New Mexico State University, where she is double majoring in Agricultural Business and Agricultural Communications, and is a varsity member of the Women's Equitation Team. Her 4-H career has taught her many lessons including how to make choices, and weigh decisions carefully, as well as developing self reliance, responsibility and a strong work ethic. She hopes to be able to promote the importance of agriculture and believes continuing her education in this field will be the best way to do so. Marissa Bartmann is the recipient of the Norgren Family 4-H Scholarship.



Megan Seltzer

Since Megan was a little girl, she has had the desire to become a teacher. She would line up her stuffed animals or the dogs and teach to them. The first year Megan took agricultural education class, she knew that she wanted to become an Agricultural Education Instructor. Show season is Megan's favorite time of year, not only because she is passionate about showing livestock, but because she enjoys helping her fellow showmen and 4-H members improve their own skills.

Megan is the daughter of Tim & Jennifer Seltzer of Briggsdale; she is attending Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO and majoring in Agriculture Education.

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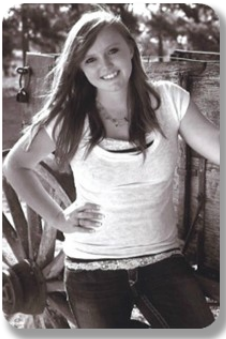


Patricia "Patty" Esch

Patty "believes in following her dreams without fear and without regret". She dreams big and would someday like to be an astronaut. Patty had the opportunity to take an engineering class in high school and really enjoyed the class. Because of this class, Patty wants to become a Biomedical Engineer. She can help people by developing projects that will "help people all over the world live fuller, healthier lives".

Patty is a 10 year member of Valley Ag 4-H Club, she says that 4-H has been a huge part of her life, and helped to shape her into the person she is today. Some of her favorite activities with 4-H are community service projects and being a role model for the younger members of her club. Her projects in Photography, Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Foods & Nutrition, Decorate Your Duds, Market Sheep, Consumer Savvy,

Global Citizenship and Outdoor Adventure have taught her many lessons including responsibility, leadership, and public speaking. The daughter of Raymond and Melinda Esch of Platteville, Colorado, she is undecided where she will peruse her biomedical engineering degree. Patricia Esch is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



Sarah Cooksey

Sarah remembers her first day of kindergarten. She had her outfit picked out, her backpack ready and was nervous. Her kindergarten teacher was the one welcoming face to put her at ease. Sarah is excited to become an elementary teacher to "help the children learn and excel with the basic skills that they will need for the rest of their lives". She plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado.

Sarah is the daughter of Jeff and Amy Cooksey of Roggen, Colorado and a 12 year member of Magic Spurs 4-H Club. Through her 4-H membership, Sarah has had a chance to make a difference in her community through numerous service projects. Her 4-H projects have included Cloverbuds, Market and Breeding Beef, Decorate Your Duds, and Foods & Nutrition. Sarah says "having accountabilities with the projects taken through 4-H matures members so they can be prepared for life". Sarah Cooksey is the recipient of a Weld County 4-H Agriculture Scholarship.



Sarah Marvin

Sarah is the daughter of Robert & Claudia Marvin of Fort Lupton, Colorado. She states: "Agriculture has provided for this world and my Country for hundreds of years". This deep passion for Agriculture has led Sarah to pursue a career in Agriculture Communications and eventually complete a law degree. She wants to pursue a job in Washington D.C. She plans to attend Casper College in Casper, Wyoming.

As a 10 year member of Keene 4-H Boosters Club, Sarah has been involved in many diverse projects including: Child Development, Decorate Your Duds, Market Swine, Breeding and Market Beef, Market Goats and Shooting Sports. She enjoys doing community service and helping other 4-H members. Sarah believes by participating in community service "has started a chain reaction of good deeds that only make this Nation better". Sarah Marvin is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

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Wilson Ogg

Wilson has always enjoyed math and science. He has found a way to use his math and science skills to become a Mechanical/Hydraulic Engineer. Wilson states he “enjoys the problem solving aspect of the engineering field that continues to make life easier for consumers and producers alike”.

Wilson’s 4-H career began by helping his older siblings with their livestock projects. So, when he was old enough to join, he showed a lamb and a bottle calf. Since then, his flock and herd have grown. Wilson is a 10 year member of Box Elder Ag 4-H Club. His projects include Market and Breeding Sheep, Market and Breeding Beef, and Market Hogs. The son of Bill and Patty Ogg of Ault, Colorado, Wilson wants to attend a Junior College first and then transfer to Colorado State University or Oklahoma State University to finish his degree in engineering. Wilson Ogg is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

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