

2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Brett Arnusch

Brett is the son of Marc and Jill Arnusch of Keenesburg and is the 4th generation to work on the family farm. He has enjoyed all 12 years of his 4-H experience and has grown as an individual in many different ways. Brett states: "4-H has not only taught me leadership and citizenship, but has given me a new perspective on life". One thing that Brett plans to do is learn more about commodity marketing and how these tools can be used to best limit risk within agriculture. He would like to bring back and help apply what he learns to the family farm. Brett plans on attending the Northeastern Junior College in Sterling and major in Agricultural Business and Marketing. Brett is the recipient of the Paul & Jean Hoshiko Family 4-H Scholarship.



Topanga McBride

Topanga grew up on a dairy farm and has been active in agriculture her whole life. She is the daughter of Scott and Shani McBride from Severance. Topanga realizes that in today's society, people don't understand the vital role of farming and ranching but that they do want to know where their food comes from. She'll take her passion for agriculture and writing and pursue an Agriculture Communications degree at Kansas State University, which she can use to help her to educate the urban communities about agriculture. As a 10-year member of the Severance 4-H Club, Topanga has taken Vet Science, Dairy Cattle, Market Swine, and Foods and Nutrition projects. She enjoyed her experiences in Citizenship Washington Focus and leadership in her club. Topanga is the recipient of the Paul & Jean Hoshiko Family 4-H Scholarship.



Christopher Bandy

After considering several different career options, Christopher decided that Construction Management would be the best fit for him. This field combines several of Christopher's interests which include engineering, interacting with people and money management. Christopher plans to attend Colorado State University to pursue a degree in Construction Management. He is the son of Richard and Kariann Bandy from Johnstown, and is a 10-year member of Calico 'N Jeans 4-H Club. His 4-H projects include Foods and Nutrition, Cake Decorating, Model Rocketry, Woodworking, Leathercraft, Financial Champions and Small Engines. Christopher states: "My future success, at college and beyond, will be in part because of my 4-H experiences and lessons learned through my years involved in 4-H". Christopher is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



Morgan Krause

Morgan has always wanted to become a doctor. Her dream is to help people and someday to become a Heart Surgeon. Morgan will begin her journey by becoming a nurse and then go on to medical school to become a Cardiologist. She is a 7-year member of High Plains Ag 4-H Club, and says that 4-H helped shape her into the person she is today. Some of her favorite activities with 4-H are community service projects, leadership opportunities and being a role model for the younger members of her club. Her projects include Leadership, Breeding and Market Beef. With skills she learned in 4-H, Morgan has served five years as a Greeley Youth Commissioner. She is the daughter of Christopher Krause and Kelly Bernhardt from Greeley. Morgan will be attending the University of Northern Colorado. Morgan is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

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Ben Trupp

Ben is the son of Kerry and Debbie Trupp from Roggen. He is interested in the field of Crop and Soil Sciences with its rapidly growing technology and research. He plans on learning everything he can and come back to the family farm to implement and share his knowledge. As a 12-year member of Magic Spurs 4-H, Ben has been involved in Market Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats, Woodworking, Foods and Nutrition, and Dog projects. The projects Ben chose to take have taught him a lot about money management and responsibility. Further, Ben states that 4-H has “taught me leadership, responsibility, sportsmanship, patience, courage and how to have fun”. Ben plans to attend Northeastern Junior College in Sterling and major in Crop and Soil Science. Ben Trupp is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



Tyler Santeramo

Tyler is the son of Scott and Brechen Santeramo from Johnstown and is a 12-year member of the Calico ‘N Jeans 4-H club. Tyler says that through 4-H he has gained confidence, become a better speaker and strengthened his leadership skills. In his club he has held the offices of Secretary, Vice President and President and has served on the Weld County 4-H CWF Steering Committee. Tyler states: “One lesson I learned about citizenship is contributing to my community, giving back by giving my time”. His projects included Market Lambs and Swine, Entomology, Photography, Electricity, and Foods and Nutrition. Tyler will be attending Colorado State University. He is undecided in what to major in; however he has many different interests that he is exploring such as Music Composition, Journalism, or Sports and Exercise Science. Tyler is the recipient of Weld County 4-H Family & Consumer Science Scholarship.



Morgan Cobb

Morgan’s interest in agriculture stems from her Mom and Dad. Her mother sparked her interest in horses and her father inspired “a burning passion for agriculture” though her dairy project. Through her animal projects and working with Dr. Tim Thompson, Morgan realized her passion for animals and decided that a career in Veterinary Medicine was for her. She plans to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado to pursue that interest. Morgan is the daughter of Steve and Mickie Cobb of Eaton, and is a 10-year member of Wyatt Ag 4-H Club. Through 4-H, Morgan has grown by building several skills such as leadership, speaking, decision making, and friendly competition” Morgan plans on staying involved in 4-H and help others with an interest in Dairy. Morgan is the recipient of a Weld County 4-H Agriculture Scholarship.



Mackenzie Hatch

McKenzie is the daughter of KC and Tammy Hatch from Kersey. As an 11-year member of the Box Elder Ag 4-H Club, McKenzie was involved in Woodworking, Clothing, Market Lambs, Breeding and Market Goats, and Market Beef projects. 4-H helped her gain many life skills while learning the importance of community service. She enjoyed participating in the 4-H Meats Judging program and has a true passion for the meat industry. McKenzie is a sophomore at the University of Wyoming majoring in Meat Science and is currently working at the on-campus meats lab. Someday, she says, she would like to be able to create something unique for the meat industry. McKenzie is the recipient of the Martin Produce Company Scholarship.

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Kristin Schmidt

Kristin is the daughter of Marty & Cathi Schmidt from Greeley. She recognizes that 4-H has many opportunities for everyone and has grown by the development of her projects, acquisition of leadership skills and participation in citizenship projects. As an 11-year member of Galeton 4-H, Kristen has been involved in a variety of projects including: Cake Decorating, Decorate Your Duds, Veterinary Science, Horses, and Foods & Nutrition. She was also a member of the Weld County Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging Teams. Kristen is a sophomore at Colorado State University where she is pursuing a career in Agricultural Marketing and Public Relations. Kristen says that by becoming an effective agriculture communicator she will be able to invest her time, treasures, and talents in relationships and programs that will bridge the gap between producers and consumers. Kristen is the recipient of the Norgren Family 4-H Scholarship.



Marissa Bartmann

Marissa is the daughter of Milt & Coleen Bartmann and grew up on the family farm near Windsor. An active 11-year member of the Horse Whisperer's 4-H Club, Marissa participated in Horse Judging and Hippology and the Market & Breeding Goats, Vet Science, Market Sheep, Horse and Dairy Cattle projects. Currently, Marissa is a junior at New Mexico State University, where she is double majoring in Agricultural Business and Economics, and is a varsity member of the Women's Equitation Team. Her 4-H career taught her many lessons including how to make choices, weigh decisions carefully, 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 is the recipient of the Ben Wilson Memorial Scholarship.



Kiesha Patterson

When Keisha joined 4-H she was really shy. Throughout her nine years in 4-H, she has definitely come out of her shell. Keisha realizes that an officer needs leadership in order to run meetings, organize events and to coordinate the members in the different tasks for events. She has held the offices of Historian, Reporter and Vice President and has learned that "officers are the go-to people for the kids and the adults for any questions, concerns or advice". As a member of Tailtwisters 4-H Keisha has been involved in many projects including: Poultry, Market Goats, Market Beef and Restoration. Keisha is the daughter of Thomas and Renae Patterson from Fort Lupton. Keisha will be attending Metropolitan State University pursuing a degree in Athletic Training. She looks forward to a career as an Athletic Trainer and helping others. Keisha Patterson is the recipient of the Weld County Leaders Council 4-H Scholarship



Jaynee Halverson

Jaynee is the daughter of Matt and Vicki Halverson from LaSalle. Jaynee will be attending Colorado State University pursuing a degree as a Large Animal Veterinarian. She looks forward to a career as a Veterinarian and opening her own practice within five years after receiving her doctorate. 4-H has taught Jaynee that determination and hard work pays off. She is always in search of a great community service project and enjoys giving back to the community. As an 8-year member of Valley Ag and Horse Whisperers 4-H Clubs, Jaynee has worked hard to achieve her dreams. Through different experiences, she understands the importance of dedication and cooperation. Jaynee's projects included Horse and Dairy. Jaynee is the recipient of the Helmut Brunner Memorial Scholarship

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Bryson Whistance

Bryson is the son of Mike and Rhonda Whistance from Hudson. An active 10 year member of Magic Spurs 4-H Club, Bryson's diverse projects included Dogs, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Market Goats and Woodworking. "4-H was one of the clubs that was important in guiding and equipping me with skills to become an independent, self-motivated, hard-working adult." Bryson has a strong background in agriculture, science and math. He wants to use his skills by pursuing a degree in engineering with a minor in geology at Cornell College in Iowa. Bryson would like to work in the petroleum industry after graduation. Bryson is the recipient of the Josh Jarman Memorial Scholarship and the Kenneth & Clarice Benson Memorial Scholarship.