

2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Mikayla Erickson

Mikayla is the daughter of Michele and Brad Erickson of Galeton. She was a 13-year member of Crow Creek 4-H Club where she participated in ceramics, market goats, market lambs, breeding beef, market beef and shooting sports. She was also a participant in the Citizenship Washington Focus program. Mikayla is a sophomore at Colorado State University studying Agriculture Education with an emphasis on media & design. She plans to use her education to become a supporter and advocate for agriculture with special attention to the production of food, and the cattle industry. 4-H has taught Mikayla the values of hard work, selflessness, reliability and tolerance. Whether it was numerous hours in the barn or giving back to the community through volunteer work, those qualities gave her the desire to never be mediocre and an aspiration to take pride in her work and to be the best that she can be. Mikayla is the recipient of the Helmut Brunner and Josh Jarman memorial scholarships.



Jaynee Halverson

Jaynee is the daughter of Vicki and Matt Halverson of La Salle. She was a 10-year member of Valley Ag 4-H Club and participated in Horse and Dairy projects. 4-H gave her a huge heart for community service and helping others. Although all the experiences she gained in 4-H hold value and meaning, she credits the horse project, horse bowl and horse judging for helping her develop into the person she is today. Jaynee is a Senior at Colorado State University studying to be a high school Ag education teacher. Her passions are for agriculture and working with children. She believes that becoming an Ag Education Instructor and FFA Advisor will give her the perfect opportunity to pursue both passions. Jaynee is the recipient of the Kenneth & Clarice Benson Memorial Scholarship.



Destinie Ries

Destinie is the daughter of Beverly Sigmon of Kersey, and is a 7-year member of Centennial Clovers 4-H Club taking cake decorating, scrapbooking and gardening. She has also participated in swine, visual arts and outdoor adventures. Destinie will graduate from Platte Valley High School where she is involved in cheer and track. She is planning to attend the University of Colorado in Denver to study nursing. Destinie credits 4-H with helping her to develop leadership skills. She has held the offices of president, vice president and secretary and now, being an older member, she helps lead the younger members through their projects. Destinie is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Leader's Council 4-H Scholarship.



Molly Adams

Molly is the daughter of Tim and Judy Adams of Ault. She attends Northeastern Junior College, and is currently studying animal science and working on an associate's degree in Ag Business. She then plans to attend West Texas A & M University to continue her studies. Her goal is to be a nutrition consultant for livestock producers. Molly recalls her first year in 4-H when she attempted cake decorating. She had lots of creative ideas but usually ate more of the frosting than what made it onto the cake. In later years she also participated in scrapbooking, goats, and pigs. The pig project, she says, taught her patience, responsibility, how to handle stress, how to work under pressure, and anything else a person could possibly learn from a pig. Molly says her experience in 4-H taught her many valuable lessons and she cherishes the time she had in the program. She misses being a part of 4-H and the wonderful people she met along the way. Molly is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Leaders Council College Scholarship.

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Abby Sears

Abby is the daughter of Diane and Alan Sears of Eaton. She is an 8-year member of the Country Boots & Skirts 4-H Club and has taken scrapbooking, cake decorating, and photography projects. She is a Senior at Eaton High School where she takes part in tennis, FCCLA, Student Council, and FBLA. She is planning to attend West Texas A&M University studying Animal Science and Agribusiness. Abby notes that while she was in New York during her 4-H CWF trip she was struck by the fact that not everyone knew what 4-H was. It was then that she began to realize she wanted to become an advocate for agriculture. Her goal is to become a marketing agent and work with local land owners in marketing their ranches and livestock. Abby notes that her participation in 4-H livestock judging helped her gain knowledge about animal sciences and improve her public speaking skills. Abby is the recipient of the Gene Inloes Memorial Livestock Judging Scholarship.



Molly Cooksey

Molly was a 14-year member of the Magic Spurs 4-H club involved with breeding & market beef, market swine, home environment, food & nutrition, and decorate your duds. Other 4-H activities included Fashion Revue, Self-Development Night, and Citizenship Washington Focus. She feels blessed with the life skills and lessons she learned while in 4-H, and by the opportunity to have been surrounded by very supportive people who helped her succeed. Molly is a graduate of Weld Central High School, where she was active in FFA and the National Honor Society. Currently she is a sophomore at Colorado State University majoring in Animal Sciences and minoring in food science & safety. Molly is from Roggen and her parents are Jeff and Amy Cooksey. She is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Family & Consumer Science Scholarship.



Mary Carlson

Mary is the daughter of Jodi and Ken Carlson of Keenesburg. A 13-year member of Magic Spurs 4-H Club, Mary has been active in Market Sheep, Washington Focus, market swine, cake decorating, heritage arts, and scrapbooking. She is a Senior at Weld Central High School and is involved in FFA, National Honor Society and Dance Team. Mary plans to attend Western State Colorado University and study to be an event planner. According to Mary, 4-H has been the most impactful program in her life. It has provided her with the opportunity to grow her knowledge and skills in many different projects that she completed throughout her 4-H career. With the help of 4-H she has been able to expand her leadership qualities and grow personal relationships. Mary is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Agriculture Scholarship.



Ashley Terrell

Ashley is currently a sophomore at South Plains College in Texas. She graduated from Platte Valley High School in Kersey, and was an 11-year member of the Horse Whisperers 4-H Club. Horse and Market Swine were her projects while in 4-H. Ashley comes from multiple generations of farmers and ranchers, so agriculture has always been of interest to her. She is majoring in Ag Business with a goal of advancing her knowledge in the horse industry and working with performance horses. The 4-H horse program helped her get started with her passion of horses. It also taught her the importance of building relationships, respecting others, and the ability to adapt. 4-H is a great promoter of community service and she is thankful to have been involved in something that makes such an impact. Ashley is the daughter of Dustin and Sherry Terrell of LaSalle. She is the recipient of the Ben Wilson Memorial Scholarship.

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Ian Lovell

Ian is the son of Amy and John Lovell of Ault. He is a 10-year member of Wyatt 4-H Club and participated in beef, poultry, goats, and horse projects. He is a Senior at Colorado Early College in Fort Collins and is planning to attend the University of Wyoming to pursue his passion for animals and medicine by studying to be a large animal vet. Through his 4-H years, Ian learned that hard work pays off and that even though he might not be the best at everything, he would still do it if he enjoyed it. 4-H has given him the opportunity to become a leader and develop his leadership skills. He was president of his club and completed the Weld Agriculture Leadership Ambassador program. Ian is the recipient of the Dorothy Martin Zabka Memorial Scholarship.



Kelli Carlson

Kelli is the daughter of Ken and Jodi Carlson of Keenesburg. She was a 14-year member of Magic Spurs 4-H and had market sheep and swine, cake decorating, and home environment as some of her projects. She is a sophomore at Northeastern Junior College studying Ag Business, and is active in Phi Theta Kappa. In her third year in 4-H, she bought three ewes from a local breeder. After the summer show season, she was left with two ewes of breeding quality which became the foundation stock of her, and her family's, breeding flock from which they raised their own show lambs. Kelli held multiple officer positions in her club, including President. She says that she learned many important lessons through her 4-H experiences including responsibility and organization. Kelli is the recipient of the Norgren Family Scholarship.



Lindsey Leafgren

Lindsey is the daughter of Denise and Brad Leafgren of Eaton. She is a 12-year member of Country Boots & Skirts 4-H Club participating in a variety of projects and activities including shooting sports, horseless horse, gardening, vegetable crops and Citizenship Washington Focus. She is a Senior at Eaton High School and is in the National Honor Society, Patriot League Honor Choir, and a member of the varsity Tennis team. She plans to attend the University of Wyoming to obtain a dual major in natural resource management and environmental and natural resources. After receiving her undergraduate degree, she wants to continue her education by going to Law School. Lindsey recently completed her term as the 2017 Weld County Fair Queen. She says that 4-H has provided her with incredible opportunities that no other organization could have offered. It allowed her to make lasting relationships with leaders and members alike. Lindsey is the recipient of a Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



Cambri Lynn Butterworth

Cambri Lynn is the daughter of Michelle and Scott Butterworth of Greeley. She is a 14-year member of Crow Creek 4-H Club and is involved in Shooting Sports, Scrapbooking, Foods & Nutrition and more. She is a Senior at University High School where she was on the yearbook staff and was the Freshman Class Secretary. She is planning to attend the University of Northern Colorado to pursue a medical degree with hopes of one day being an OBGYN. As a sophomore in high school she completed her Certified Nursing Assistant certification. Cambri Lynn has held several offices in 4-H including secretary, vice president, president; and she is also a member of the Weld County Shooting Sports council. Cambri Lynn enjoys leadership roles, but has also learned when to step back and let others lead. She hopes to one day give back and become a volunteer leader in 4-H. Cambri Lynn is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

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Dustin Horn

Dustin is a Senior at Platte Valley High School with plans to attend the University of Wyoming and study Electrical Engineering after his graduation. He is the son of Cynthia and Darren Horn of Kersey, and is an 11-year member of the Box Elder Ag 4-H Club. Sport Fishing, Market Swine, and Market Goats were some of his projects. He participated in basketball, football, and track at Platte Valley, and belongs to the Student Council, National Honor Society, FFA, Student Government and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Dustin has achieved several goals and won many awards that have led to significant outcomes for him and his family. Ultimately, he says, 4-H has been a blessing because it taught him responsibility, leadership skills, and how to give back to the community. Dustin is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.



Taya Baumgartner

Taya is the daughter of Leslie and Curtis Baumgartner of Keenesburg. She is a 12-year member of Magic Spurs 4-H Club, with Scrapbooking, Dogs, and Market Goats as projects. She is a Senior at Weld Central High School where she participated in numerous activities including basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, and National Honor Society. She is planning to attend Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction studying physical & recreational therapy. Taya remembers the excitement of graduating from being a Cloverbud to a “regular” 4-H member. One of her first projects was working with her dog who was, of course, stubborn and liked to do things her own way. But that experience taught her patience and perseverance, and to hang in there and enjoy life. Taya says that all the projects she participated in taught her lessons, contributed to her character, and are embedded in the person she is today. Taya is the recipient of the Paul & Jean Hoshiko Family Memorial 4-H Scholarship.



Courtney Patton

Courtney is the daughter of Dawn and Troy Patton of Briggsdale. She is a 13-year member of the Crow Creek 4-H Club, taking part in Shooting Sports, Decorate Your Duds, Scrapbooking, and Citizen Washington Focus. Courtney is a Senior at Briggsdale High School where she is involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, Drama, Choir, volleyball, basketball, and track. She is planning to attend the University of Northern Colorado studying special education, a career-path that was inspired by a teacher who commended her on her work with a special needs student in her class. Courtney is currently the President of her 4-H club, a certified rifle junior leader & instructor, and was accepted as a Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. She states that 4-H allowed her to be involved in many activities and events, to grow as a person, and to develop many special relationships. Courtney is the recipient of the Paul & Jean Hoshiko Family Memorial 4-H Scholarship.