

# Scholarship winners announced

NorthStar Cooperative is pleased to announce that Adam Geiger, Brillion, Wisconsin, Craig Blough, Goshen, Indiana and Ashley Messing, Bad Axe, Michigan are all recipients of \$500 scholarships through NorthStar Cooperative's Scholarship program. These candidates will use the scholarship to further pursue their interest in Agriculture.

"The number of applicants we receive each year for this scholarship program continues to grow," noted Gary Smith, NorthStar Cooperative, general manager, "and we are pleased with the caliber of candidates. We see the scholarship program as one more way NorthStar Cooperative can offer a benefit to our stockowners."

A senior at Brillion High School, Geiger is planning to attend the University of Wisconsin - Madison to major in Dairy Science and Agricultural Education. Geiger is actively involved in FFA and was a member of the Wisconsin FFA Dairy Judging Team which competed and finished second at the national contest last year. Additionally, Geiger is an honor roll student that is active in sports and currently serves as class president. Geiger's parents are Simon and Rhonda.



**Adam Geiger**

is involved with the Purdue Dairy Club, Purdue Engineering Student Council and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. A 2004 graduate of Northridge High School, Blough ranked first in his class of 242 students with a grade point average of 4.0. Blough's parents are David and Michelle.



**Ashley Messing**

A sophomore at Michigan State University (MSU), Messing is completing a two-year degree in Dairy Management and is planning to transfer to the four-year Animal Science program.

Actively involved at MSU, Messing has leadership responsibilities with the MSU Dairy Club, MSU Block and Bridle Club and was a member of the 2006 MSU Ag-Tech Dairy Judging Team. Messing is the daughter of Gregory and Shelly.

The NorthStar Cooperative Scholarship program was established in 2005 to encourage post high school study in the field of agriculture for stockowners and their children. Eligible candidates must be a stockowner of the Cooperative or a son or daughter of a stockowner.

NorthStar Cooperative will again offer scholarships in 2008. Scholarship applications can be obtained on-line at [www.northstarcooperative.com/pdf/Scholarship%20Application%202008.pdf](http://www.northstarcooperative.com/pdf/Scholarship%20Application%202008.pdf). Applications for 2008 are due January 1, with winners announced in March. ☆



**Craig Blough**

Blough is completing his junior year at Purdue University where he is majoring in Agricultural and Biological Engineering. At Purdue Blough

# Election results

The annual stockowner meeting was conducted with terrific success and concluded the election process of stockowners to the board of directors and the Resolutions and Advisory Committee. Candidates were elected by stockowners of their district and confirmed at the annual meeting.

The results of the district direction elections are as follows:

- District 1, Bob Cnossen
- District 2, Ken Gasper
- District 11 Kim Barta
- District 12 Mike Heckamann
- The board directors again appointed Dana Sue Kirk of Greenstone Farm Credit Services to a one-year term on the board.

Also at the annual meeting, stockowners confirmed the district elections for the Resolutions and Advisory Committee. The following stockowners were elected. District 1, Duane Molhoek; District 2, Mike Wardin; District 4, Hank Choate; District 6, Gary Palosaari; District 7, Eugene Neuser; District 9, John Utecht and District 12, Ray Eash. Additionally, the board of directors appointed Jack Banker to the committee to represent District 8 at the April board meeting.

Currently there are still positions available for stockowners to serve on the Resolutions and Advisory Committee in Districts 3, 5, 10 and 11. Stockowners interested in serving on this committee should contact general manager, Gary Smith. ☆

# Help Wanted

Full-time A.I. Technician positions in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin. Qualified candidates must have dairy or beef farm background, be skilled in A.I. and computer literate. Ability to speak Spanish is a plus. To be considered for one of these positions, send a resume or a letter of interest, including relevant experience to Human Resources at [stevensc@northstarcooperative.com](mailto:stevensc@northstarcooperative.com) or mail to: P O Box 23157, Lansing MI 48909.