



Local Youth Awarded NorthStar Cooperative Scholarship

Winners of the NorthStar Cooperative, Inc. scholarships were recently announced; Bailey Larson of Alma Center, Wisconsin and Kelsey Maurer of Newton, Wisconsin each received a \$500 scholarship for continuing their education in the field of agriculture.

Larson is a junior at the University of Wisconsin River Falls (UWRF), majoring in Dairy Science. During high school, Larson was an active member of the Lincoln FFA chapter, serving as Sentinel, Treasurer and President. She was also involved in dairy judging where she placed as the top individual at the University of Wisconsin River Falls Dairy Judging Contest. Post high school, Larson has taken on an energetic leadership role in many organizations including UWRF Block and Bridle and UWRF Dairy Club, where she is serving as second Vice President. Outside of school, Larson dedicates her time to the American Milking Shorthorn Association serving as junior reporter. Larson was also recently crowned the 2018-2019 National Milking Shorthorn Queen. Larson is the daughter of Richard and Sara Larson.

A 2018 graduate of Kiel High School, Maurer is currently a freshman at the University of Wisconsin Madison majoring in Dairy Science. An athlete, Maurer was active in basketball, volleyball and track and field throughout high school, earning a varsity letter in each along with numerous other awards and achievements. Maurer also served as reporter for her local FFA chapter while obtaining the Star Greenhand award, Discovery and Chapter Degrees. Among her leadership roles, Maurer served as high school leader for her youth group. Maurer is the daughter of Rick and Julie Maurer of Soaring Eagle Dairy.

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 family member of a stockowner. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of scholastic achievement, current and potential leadership, and interest in pursuing a career in agriculture. Visit northstarcooperative.com for complete details on future scholarship opportunities.

NorthStar Cooperative, Inc. is a stock based cooperative, owned by dairy and beef producers in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin. Originally formed in 1944 as an artificial insemination cooperative, NorthStar has grown into a leader in delivering integrated products and services that assist producers with herd performance. Diagnostic services, animal health products, DHI services, genetic consulting and reproduction s are among the services provided. Based in Lansing, Michigan, NorthStar provides sales and service to producers, veterinarians and industry members across the United States. For more information, visit www.northstarcooperative.com.



**Pictured left to right: Bailey Larson and Kelsey Maurer*

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