

MEET THIS YEAR'S RAY DEVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to these 2011 Scholarship Winners!

SYDNEY RATHBUN, daughter of Kirk and Kelly Rathbun of Benton County, is a junior at Washington State University. Many of Sydney's activities have centered around agriculture. She served as the WSU College of Ag Senate representative in 2010, attended the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention for



the past three years and is active in the Young Farmers and Ranchers program.

Sydney is currently working on an undergraduate degree in Agriculture Technology and Production Management. She plans to return to agriculture, and to focus on using technology for growing, marketing and selling crops. ■



BRADY IRWIN, son of George and Paddy Irwin, is a fifth generation cattle rancher. He is a junior at Washington State University seeking his

undergraduate in Agricultural Food Systems – Economics, with plans to get his Masters in Agricultural Economics in the next three years.

Brady's memories of his childhood are filled with life

FIVE COLLEGE STUDENTS have been awarded \$2,000 scholarships from Washington Farm Bureau's Ray DeVries Memorial Scholarship program for 2011. These scholarships are awarded to Farm Bureau family members who are enrolled in agriculture-related studies at an accredited college or university.

APPLICANTS ARE JUDGED at the county and state level on the following criteria: their essays (one about their choice of vocation or profession and a second essay about the importance of Farm Bureau); classes chosen to prepare

for career choice; grade point average; community and school activities; work and service to family; and proposed school-year budget.

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER by county Farm Bureau affiliation, the 2011 Ray DeVries Memorial scholarship recipients are: Sydney Rathbun of the Benton County Farm Bureau; Brady Irwin of the King-Pierce County Farm Bureau; Erika Studeman of the Lewis County Farm Bureau; Bailey Dezellum of the Okanogan County Farm Bureau; and Jordyn Hutton of the Whitman County Farm Bureau.



ERIKASTUDEMAN, daughter of Lewis County Farm Bureau members Kasey and Geina Studeman, grew up raising and showing Hereford cattle as well as dairy heifers. In 2008 she graduated as salutatorian of Napavine High School and moved on to Washington State University. When she is not at school, working, or showing cattle, Erika enjoys coaching basketball, waterskiing, kayaking, camping, sewing, baking and traveling. She is currently a senior at WSU where she plans to graduate in December 2012 with two Bachelors of

Science Degrees -- one in Mathematics Education and the other in Animal Science Production Management. At that time Erika will also have completed all the Agriculture education endorsement classes. Upon graduation, Erika plans to earn a Masters in teaching degree and move into a career as a high school Math and Agriculture teacher. ■

on his family's farm. In high school he was heavily involved in both FFA and 4-H, as well as student government. He sees the need for friends of Agriculture in state government, and has played an active role in staying informed on issues that affect farmers at a state level.

After Brady completes his degree, he plans to spend time in either Agri-chemical or finance, learning the industry before pursuing his passion and working in Agricultural policy. ■



BAILEY DEZELLEM, daughter of Todd and Linda Dezellem of Okanogan County Farm Bureau, is majoring in Agricultural Education at Washington State University. Bailey was raised on a farm. By the time she was in high school, Bailey had taken charge of the family swine herd, managing

vaccinations, farrowing and feeding. She has served as District officer for the National FFA Organization on numerous teams including Parliamentary Procedure and judging teams. Bailey also had a strong Supervised Agriculture Experience project through her hogs. After she graduates, Bailey plans to work as an agricultural teacher, where she can teach multiple subjects relevant to farming. ■



JORDYN HUTTON, Jordyn Hutton, daughter of Dan and Kathy Hutton of Whitman County Farm Bureau, is a junior at Washington State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Food Business Economics. While in high school, Jordyn was extremely active in FFA, as

well as a member of Future Problem Solvers. At WSU, Jordyn has joined the WSU Agriculture Technology and Management Club and the WSU Block and Bridle Club. In 2010 she won the FFA American Degree award for 2010 for her commitment and accomplishments in FFA. After she graduates, Jordyn plans to pursue a career in agriculture public relations. ■

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

An applicant may receive the scholarship only once, and as such, those who applied this year but were not awarded scholarships may apply again next year — as long as they are undergraduates.

Completed applications are first reviewed by the county Farm Bureau of the applying student then forwarded on to the WFB Agricultural Promotion and Education Committee for consideration.

In addition to the five Ray DeVries Memorial Scholarships awarded by WFB, more than a dozen county Farm Bureaus award scholarships at the county level. Eligibility, award amounts and due dates are determined by each county and vary.

Contact information for each county is listed next to information about each county scholarship on the WFB website.

For more information about all Farm Bureau scholarship programs, visit the scholarships page at www.wsfb.com/programs/scholarships.

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