

2011 LAS Scholarship Presentations

The **Lincoln Agricultural Society Scholarship Program** celebrates young people who have excelled in their achievements as 4-H club members, high school students and community leaders. Now in its sixth year, the purpose of this annual award program is to develop an awareness of the importance and benefits of higher education. It is offered by LAS with the support of the **Niagara 4-H Association to current members of Niagara 4-H who have completed at least six projects and are enrolled in a recognized post-secondary education program.**

It is my special pleasure to announce the **2011 Lincoln Agricultural Society's Scholarship Recipients...**

Kristen DeVries and **Spencer Dunn** are proud Niagara 4-H Club members. Both have accomplished a lot during their youth and are strong role models for their peers. They are exemplary young leaders in their respective communities and serve as a tribute to their volunteer 4-H leaders who have enabled them to learn important life skills.

The **2011 SECOND PLACE (\$1000)** scholarship recipient is...

KRISTEN DEVRIES

Over nine years, Kristen has been a mainstay in the Wainfleet Dairy Calf Club. Throughout her 4-H career, she has achieved many significant awards in a variety of competitions, including grand championships for her calf, showmanship and judging. In 2008, Kristen won the 4-H Leadership Award at the Rockton Fair.

She is a General Business student in her 2nd year at Niagara College. In choosing business for her post secondary studies, Kristen's purpose is "to further her understanding of how a successful business works in preparation for taking over her parents' dairy farm in Wellandport some day." In her expression of her short and long term goals, it's clear that Kristen is passionate about agriculture and committed to excelling in the business of family farming.

CONGRATULATIONS KRISTEN!

The **2010 FIRST PLACE (\$1,500)** scholarship recipient is...

SPENCER DUNN

Spencer's 4-H experience spans 6 years. As a resident of Grimsby, his diverse interests found him as a member of the Goat, Rabbit, Sheep, and Go for the Gold Clubs. During his 4-H career, he earned grand champion awards with his rabbit and goat and captured the "most spirited member" award.

In June, Spencer graduated from Grimsby Secondary School as a Principal's Honour Student with a 90% plus average. In addition to his significant academic achievements at high school, Spencer played tuba in the Senior Concert Band and was a member of the Improv Team competing at the national level. Over the years, he has been involved with children's programs at the Grimsby Museum as a participant and volunteer while earning his stripes in the swimming pool. Spencer has his certification as a National Lifeguard.

In choosing English as his primary subject for his post secondary studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, Spencer states, "My ultimate goal with university is to experience life on my own and learn not only the material taught in class, but more about myself." In his expression of his short and long term goals, it's evident that Spencer sees his future as being all about experiencing and appreciating the bounty of life's adventures and eventually, leaving behind something that people will remember.

CONGRATULATIONS SPENCER!