

Iowa State University

Dairy Science Student Profile



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High School: MFL Mar Mac
Class Size: 96
Farm: Henkeseen Holsteins
Major: Dairy Science, Minor: Ag Education

Why did you decide to attend ISU? My sister and parents all attended ISU and majored in Dairy Science. When I went on a college visit, my sister took me to a dairy science club meeting and I decided it was the place for me.

What has been your most memorable college experience? Placing 2nd team overall at the NAILE Dairy Judging contest this fall. Team members were myself, Jordan Hanson, Jessie Hammerand and Katie Adams. We worked hard all fall and it came down to one day and a few official judges and we agreed for the most part! Each team member placed individually in a breed. I was 2nd individual in Ayrshires with two 50's on placings and a 49 on reasons. We also placed 2nd as a team in reasons. I am also very involved in the Dairy Science Club which has created many memorable experiences especially being on the exec team, ADSA club trip and our trip to the Royal. I was recently elected vice president of the club so hopefully I will be able to help create many more memorable experiences.

What has been your favorite course? Animal Science 337 Lactation with Dr. Leo Timms, he is a great teacher and always keeps everything interesting and applies things to real life. I also enjoyed the current events we talked about each day and the Magical minutes, which were a 3 minute presentation on the paper you wrote dealing with lactation. It was a great way to learn about each student's paper.

What are your future career goals? My immediate plans upon graduation are to return to Henkeseen Holsteins. I want to continue to develop and improve the genomics of our herd to increase the marketing potential of young stock and embryos. I plan to coach the county dairy judging and quiz bowl teams. I plan to work with 4-H youth by providing share-a-heifers and teaching them how to show and care for them. I hope to be able to judge cattle shows, especially youth shows.

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