

## Northeast Iowa Community College Dairy Science Student Profile

**Name:** Patricia Melcher  
**Hometown:** Harpers Ferry, Iowa  
**High School:** Waukon High School  
**Class Size:** 105



**Farm:** I live on a dairy farm where we milk 55 Holsteins. We also have 25 beef cows and a hog confinement building. Along with the livestock we also have 500 acres of corn and 250 acres of soybeans.

**Major:** General Agriculture with a Certificate in Dairy

**Why did you decide to attend NICC?**

I decided to attend NICC because of the great Agriculture programs they have. It also helped that it was close to home so I could still live at home and help with the farm.

**What has been your most memorable college experience?**

I have enjoyed getting to work with the animals and making new friends in my classes.

**What has been your favorite course?**

My favorite course has been Applied Reproductive Techniques taught by Dr. Chris Harvey. I enjoy this class because we get hands on experience with different animals. It also provides us with skills that I can put into practice right away on our farm.

**What are your future career goals?**

My future goals include continually improving my family's herd and eventually having a registered herd of Holsteins.

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DJM Semifinalists - Luke Rauen & Dan Stewart

\$1,500 NHWSO Scholarship - Luke Rauen

Senior Dairy Bowl Team - Joey Adams, Michael Bahl, Kyle Demmer, Matt Henkes

3rd Place Junior Dairy Bowl Team - Alyssa Dougherty, Andy Dougherty, Mary Scott, Katie Stewart

Senior Dairy Jeopardy - Jessica Hammerand ~ Finalist, Luke Rauen ~ Semifinalist

Intermediate Dairy Jeopardy - Jake Mills ~ 3rd, Megan Rauen, Josh Simon

Junior Dairy Jeopardy - Amanda Dougherty, Sally Hamlett

Public Speaking - Intermediate - Rachel Demmer ~ 5th, Rachel Scott & Katie Stewart

Folding Display Contest - Intermediate - Emily Moon ~ 4th, Megan Rauen ~ 3rd;

Senior - Jessica Hammerand ~ 1st

4th Place Traditional Scrapbook - Jessica Hammerand

5th Place Digital Scrapbook Contest - Katie Fober

Banner - Abby Costello

National Junior Breeder of an Excellent Cow Award - Matt Henkes & Michael Lyons

National Junior 30,000-Pound Cow Award - Matt Henkes and Carly Lyons

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