

Chelsea Allan, of Richmond, Ontario, is a fourth-year veterinary student at the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph. She received a Bachelor of Science in animal biology from the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph. Her career goal is to become a dairy veterinarian and act as a mentor to aspiring young veterinarians.

Benjamin Baird, of Tremonton, Utah, is a veterinary student of the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine and is currently in his third year. He earned a Bachelor of Science in animal science from Brigham Young University-Idaho (BYU-I). Benjamin was employed at BYU-I's livestock center, working with professors in reproduction, nutrition and veterinary fields. After graduation, Benjamin hopes to work as a bovine veterinarian in the beef cattle industry.

Lindsey Borst, of Nicollet, Minn., is a fourth-year veterinary student at University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned her Bachelor of Science in animal science from the University of Minnesota. She has spent time assisting the Nicollet Veterinary Clinic and participated in dairy research at the University of Minnesota. Following graduation, Lindsey's goal is to practice dairy medicine in southeast Minnesota.

Julie Conner, of Champaign, Ill., is a third-year veterinary student at the University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Animal and Dairy Science from the University of Georgia. Julie was employed as the herd health manager of a 1200-head dairy operation prior to veterinary school and she currently works in UC Davis' Livestock Medicine and Surgery department as a barn nurse and surgery technician. Following graduation, Julie intends to practice dairy herd production medicine.

J.D. Folsom, of Jackson, Mont., is a fourth-year veterinary student at Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Health Sciences. He received his Bachelor of Science in zoology from Weber State University. J.D. has worked with the Bovine Palpation Team during the past three years, gaining experience with the reproductive side of cattle medicine. His primary career goal is to be a successful business owner of a predominantly cattle practice.

Jacob Hagenmaier, of Randolph, Kan., is a third-year veterinary student at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Kansas State University as well. Throughout his undergraduate studies, Jacob worked for Lyons Ranch, an Angus seedstock operation, and has helped conduct research trials for the Beef Cattle Institute since 2009. His long-term goal is to assist beef producers by obtaining a position in the animal health sector that involves research, consultation and education.

Jennifer R. Holle, of Baldwin, Wisc., is currently a third-year student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. She currently serves as a small animal surgery technician at the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, and spent a summer at BEL Group in New Zealand as a dairy intern. Her ideal career would allow her to assist and serve as a resource for as many people as possible, including farmers, the general public, and veterinary students both in the United States and abroad.

Daniel J. Lopez, of Buffalo, N.Y., attends the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, and is currently in his third year as a veterinary student. He earned his Bachelor of Science in agriculture and life sciences from Cornell University. During his winter breaks, Daniel was an assistant herdsman on two 1500-head dairy operations. He currently works in Cornell's large animal hospital as a surgery technician. After graduation, Daniel plans to obtain a doctorate in either epidemiology of dairy cattle diseases or in human health nutrition.

Lee Michels, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., attends the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota, and is currently in his fourth year. He received his Bachelor of Science in animal science from the same university. During the past two summers, Lee worked with dairy faculty at the University of Minnesota on summer research projects exploring dairy cattle health, and presented the data at the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) conference. Upon graduation, he hopes to practice in a rural Midwest community as a food animal practitioner with an emphasis in dairy medicine.

Halley Oliveira, of Gold River, Calif., is in her fourth year at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned her Bachelor of Science in animal science at the University of California, Davis. Halley was a feeder and resident at the UC Davis Dairy and also worked at the Center for Lab Animal Research and the Equine Athletic Performance Lab. After graduation, Halley would like to join a progressive dairy cow practice in the Central Valley of California.

Emily K. Severt, of Coldwater, Ohio, is a fourth-year student at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Animal Science from The Ohio State University. Emily has spent time studying bovine respiratory disease in beef feedlots and was involved in a related telemedicine project. Following graduation, she plans to focus on food animal medicine, pathology, and food safety.

McKenzie Steger, of Chappell, Neb., is currently a fourth-year veterinary student at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. McKenzie has spent time working in a microbiology lab and shadowing the Ogallala Animal Clinic and Alliance Animal Clinic in western Nebraska. McKenzie plans to make an impact in the livestock industry as a United States Army veterinarian, as well as a large animal practitioner in rural America and a livestock producer.

Peter A. Strassburg, of Kaukauna, Wis., is a third-year student at the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Veterinary Medicine. He earned his Bachelor of Science in animal science at the University of Wisconsin. During his undergraduate studies, Peter managed the UW School of Veterinary Medicine's Charmany Dairy Teaching herd, served as a Pfizer Animal Health Dairy Summer Sales intern and performed a dairy heat stress trial through the Merial Summer Scholar program. Peter wants to first work as an associate general bovine practitioner, and then specialize in reproductive medicine.

Holt Tripp, of Shelbyville, Ky., is a fourth-year student at the Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences pursuing dual degrees – doctor of veterinary medicine and a MBA. He earned a Bachelor of Science in animal science from Oklahoma State University. Holt has interned for several enterprises, including Johnson Research, LLC, and Agri Beef, Inc. Ultimately, he hopes to own and operate a diversified research and consulting practice specializing in feedlot and stocker cattle production systems.

Ashley Zondlak, of Byron Center, Mich., is a fourth-year veterinary student at the Michigan State University (MSU) of Veterinary Medicine. She received a Bachelor of Science in biology from Alma College. Ashley has been employed as a farm manager at Star-Summit Registered Holsteins in Byron Center since 2005, and worked in the Mastitis Lab at MSU during veterinary school. Her goal is to obtain a job as a food animal practitioner in a multi-doctor practice after graduation.