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Sara K. Kvidera Receives National Milk Producers Federation Dairy Scholarship Fund

Champaign, IL—The American Dairy Science Association® (ADSA®) is pleased to announce Sara K. Kvidera as the 2017 recipient of the National Milk Producers Federation Dairy Scholarship Fund. The award will be presented on Monday, June 26, 2017, during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The National Milk Producers Federation Dairy Scholarship Fund was created to recognize research efforts with direct application to the problems of the US dairy industry. The winner must be enrolled in or have completed within the preceding year a program leading to an advanced degree in a department of dairy science, dairy production, dairy processing, or food science or a department with a similar curriculum in an accredited college or university in the United States and have accomplished research with direct application to problems of the US dairy industry. If the winner’s degree work is completed, he or she must be employed by a US company. The winner must also be a member of ADSA or the Student Affiliate Division of ADSA.

Sara Kvidera was born and raised on a beef farm in northeast Iowa. She completed her BS at Kansas State University, where she ran track and worked in Barry Bradford’s lab. She earned her PhD in 2017 from Iowa State University under Lance Baumgard, researching the effect of gastrointestinal tract barrier dysfunction on metabolism. She successfully executed a model and estimated that the activated immune system utilizes more than 1,000 grams of glucose during a 12-hour period in a lactating cow. Her studies shed light on the cross-talk between metabolism and immunity.

It is with great pleasure that ADSA and the National Milk Producers Federation present Sara K. Kvidera with the 2017 National Milk Producers Federation Dairy Scholarship Fund.

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