

# ONTARIO JOINT DAIRY BREEDS



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## Inaugural Scholarship Winners Announced

Cambridge, ON May 25, 2012 – The Ontario Joint Dairy Breeds Committee, is pleased to announce the first recipients of their Future Leaders Scholarship. Courtney O'Neill and Chris Albrecht are the inaugural winners of the \$1,000 scholarships offered to students who have begun to take on positions of leadership within various organizations or clubs and who have also demonstrated commitment and shown potential for future achievement.

These two young students have focused their post-secondary education in the agricultural field as well as become involved in activities where they have taken a leadership role.

Courtney O'Neill comes from Erinsville and attends the University of Guelph focusing on Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. As an active 4-H member in Lennox and Addington County, Courtney has and continues to take on all executive roles for her dairy and judging clubs. The leadership continues through her sporting events of soccer and hockey where she has been the captain of the Stone Mills Girls hockey team as well as Most Dedicated Player for three years. She plans to continue being involved in university clubs, including the judging club where she has had the opportunity to travel the country judging on behalf of the university. Public relations in a breed association or AI company are her main career goals while planning to build their Neillcrest herd with high type animals.

Chris Albrecht also attends the University of Guelph in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program. This Wellesley, Ontario native has been involved in numerous activities including Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Maple View Mennonite Youth Group and the Wilmot-Wellesley 4-H Dairy club. This experience continued with becoming Alumni/Student Relations Director for the U of G College Royal and then receiving the Most Outstanding Executive Member award for the College Royal. For 2013, Chris will be the Secretary of the College Royal. He has built inner strength with mission trips to Louisiana to assist with Hurricane Katrina victims and worked at bible camps in Thunder Bay and Manitoulin Island. His goals include attending OVC to become a large animal veterinarian.

The Ontario Joint Dairy Breeds is a committee that focuses on dairy youth activities and is funded by the Ontario Stockyards Fund that is administered by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario Board of Directors.