

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO ENTHUSIASTIC YOUTH

Every year Accelerated Genetics awards scholarships to youth both just entering and already enrolled in college in the agricultural field. Youth are the foundation of the future of the agricultural industry and Accelerated Genetics wants to ensure that the next generation is well prepared.

Four \$500.00 scholarships are awarded to youth just graduating from high school and beginning college. The 2009 recipients are Mandy Brazil of Petaluma, Calif.; Lauren Holterman of Watertown, Wis.; Carrie Jo Leum of Viroqua, Wis.; and Mary Pat Speerstra of Whitehall, Wis.

Mandy Brazil plans to attain a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Communications with a minor in Dairy Science at the California Polytechnic State University. With Mandy's background and passion for agriculture she wants to exert a positive influence on the industry, continuing the American tradition of agriculture excellence for generations to come.

Lauren Holterman would like to utilize her creativity, desire for business, passion for

farming and skills in communication to build on an on-farm Ice Cream business. She plans to attend either the University of Wisconsin-Madison to study Food Science or Cornell University to study Applied Economics Management while minoring in Spanish.

Carrie Jo Leum has the vision of working in the genetics aspect of the dairy industry. Being raised with such a strong agricultural-based life, Carrie Jo wants to keep promoting and improving dairy cattle genetics and the dairy industry as a whole. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where she will major in Dairy Science with a minor in Spanish.

Mary Pat Speerstra plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and major in Dairy Science. Growing up on a farm began Mary Pat's interest in dairy cattle genetics and the importance of genetic progress. She wants to ensure that genetic progress increases production and longevity in dairy cattle as this is essential to providing food to feed the growing world.

Two \$1,000.00 scholarships are awarded to students currently enrolled in agricultural programs at college. Accelerated Genetics partners with the National FFA organization to select these students and the 2009 recipients are Justin Belling of Lomira, Wis. and Michele Belling of Lomira, Wis.

Justin Belling is attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He is majoring in Computer Systems in Agriculture. Michele Belling is majoring in Animal Science at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Accelerated Genetics is pleased to offer these scholarship programs to youth pursuing careers in agriculture! Eligible candidates or their parents must be customers of Accelerated Genetics and be pursuing a degree in an agricultural field. Applicants are evaluated on their leadership, scholarship and involvement in agriculture. For more information about the Accelerated Genetics Scholarship program, please contact your localsalesrepresentative, call 1.800.451.9275, email [info@accelgen.com](mailto:info@accelgen.com) or go to [www.accelgen.com](http://www.accelgen.com).

## SATISFIED CUSTOMER BENEFITS FROM THE PACE YOUNG SIRE PROGRAM

BY: ANGIE LINDLOFF, ELECTRONIC MEDIA COORDINATOR

John Visser of Rock Creek Dairy in Farmington, Calif. milks 1400 Holsteins. His farm has been reaping the benefits of the Accelerated Genetics PACE young sire program since 1985.

### WHY DID YOU BEGIN USING THE PACE YOUNG SIRE PROGRAM?

"I began using the PACE program because I wanted good quality sires at a reasonable price. I typically use the PACE semen on my cow's second and third services."

### WHAT DO YOU SEE AS BENEFITS OF PACE YOUNG SIRES IN YOUR HERD?

"The biggest benefit to me is getting good cattle! Not many dairy sire summaries go by without one of the PACE young sires that we have used in our herd getting proven by Accelerated Genetics."

### WHY DO YOU KEEP USING PACE YOUNG SIRES?

"I continue to use PACE young sires because they produce good quality cattle. I have always tried to be economical on my dairy by getting the best genetics at a reasonable cost, and it is especially important with how the economy is today."

## TOP SIRES AVAILABLE IN



ACC-SS sexed semen is available from breed-leading sires like: 014HO04876 Paxton, 014HO04924 Kramer, 014HO03597 Potter, 014JE00473 Louie, 014JE00472 Alexander and 014BS00314 Driver. Accelerated Genetics is excited to offer its top genetics to customers interested in increasing their heifer ratios through the use of sexed semen.

For a complete listing of ACC-SS sires available, contact your local representative or go to [www.accelgen.com](http://www.accelgen.com) for the most current listing of sires available.

