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Future Leaders Scholarship Winners Announced

Cambridge, ON, June 25, 2013 – The Ontario Dairy Joint Breeds Committee is excited to announce the recipients of their second annual Future Leaders Scholarship. Hiske Renkema and Andrew Brekveld are the winners of the \$1,000 scholarships. These are given to young people in the agricultural industry for their involvement, accomplishments and leadership achievements. The winners have begun to take on positions of leadership within various organizations and demonstrated commitment and shown potential for future achievement.

The future leaders have focused their post-secondary education in the agricultural field as well as participated in activities where they have taken a leadership role.

Hiske Renkema hails from the Mt. Elgin area and attends the University of Guelph in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program. An active 4-H member in Oxford County for 11 years, Hiske has shown both Holstein and Jersey projects and served as club president. Hiske has been active in soccer in Tillsonburg serving as both a player and coach. At the University of Guelph, the leadership has continued with Hiske taking on executive and volunteer roles with the College Royal Society, Canadian Intercollegiate Judging Competition, OAC Judging Club and the OAC Class of 2014. Currently a herd manager at her family's second farm where the herd is under the prefix of Halfway, Hiske hopes to successfully manage and own a 120 head dairy herd and a flock of 500 sheep.

Andrew Brekveld attends the University of Guelph –Kemptville Campus in the Associate Diploma of Agriculture Program. In his hometown of Murillo, Andrew has been a director on the Oliver Agricultural Society, member of Steps to Leadership Thunder Bay steering committee and a member of his church's worship committee. At Kemptville, Andrew was the 2013 College Royal King. He also has many agricultural certifications including "Proudly Presenting Agriculture", (an agricultural ambassador program) and the Rural Ontario Institute's Steps to Leadership Program. Andrew's future goal is to own a dairy farm and be able to provide quality milk for the residents of Thunder Bay as well as be involved in agricultural clubs and organizations within the district.

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.