

WORLD DAIRY EXPO

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Like Christmas in October

Kandy Cane is the judges' pick of International Holstein Show

BY DANIELLE NAUMAN
Staff Writer

MADISON, Wis. — At the conclusion of what is likely the biggest show ever judged on the colored shavings, Lovhill Sidekick Kandy Cane, the winning Five-Year-Old, was the Senior and Grand Champion selection of judge Aaron Eaton and his associate Pat Lundy. Kandy Cane is owned by Alicia and Jonathan Lamb of Oakfield, New York.

Following Kandy Cane as the Reserve Grand Champion was the Intermediate Champion crowned earlier in the day, West-Adub Lambda Sadie, exhibited by Butlerview Farm of Chebanse, Illinois. Sadie was the winner of the Junior Three-Year-Old class.

Reserve Senior and Honorable Mention Grand Champion honors went to the first-place Four-Year-Old, Eixdale Pwrup Alongside, exhibited by Milk Source Genetics of Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

The Honorable Mention Senior Champion was the winning Aged Cow, Altona Lea Unix Herminie, exhibited by



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Lovhill Sidekick Kandy Cane is named Senior and Grand Champion of the International Holstein Show Oct. 3 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Kandy Cane is owned by Alicia and Jonathan Lamb of Oakfield, New York. West-Adub Lambda Sadie is named the Intermediate and Grand Champion, after winning the Junior Three-Year-Old class. Eixdale Pwrup Alongside, the winning Four-Year-Old, is named the Reserve Senior and Honorable Mention Grand Champion. Alongside is exhibited by Milk Source Genetics of Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

Dalton J. Faris of Beaverton, Ontario.

Following Sadie as the Reserve Intermediate Champion was the winning Senior Three-Year-Old, Famipage Legend Barabas, exhibited by Ronald Grandy of Beaverton, Ontario. The Honorable Mention Intermediate Champion honors went to MD-Locustcrest P Zuriniah, the first-place Fall Senior Two-Year-Old, exhibited by Chip, Chase and Connor Savage and Tom Mercuro of Union Bridge, Maryland.

In the heifer show Junior Champion honors went to the winning Winter Yearling, Echo Glen Master Ivy, exhibited by Ronald Grandy of Beaverton, Ontario. Following as the Reserve Junior Champion was the first-prize Summer Yearling, Jolipre Master Angel, exhibited by Joel Lepage of Amqui, Quebec. The nod for Honorable Junior Champion went to the winning Winter Calf, Pettitclerc Jerry Adine, exhibited by Clarkvalley of Beaverton, Ontario.

The Premier Breeder of the Heifer Show banner was awarded to GenoSource of Blairstown, Iowa, while Reyncrest Farm of Corfu, New York claimed the Premier Exhibitor of the Heifer Show. Premier Sire of the Heifer Show was Golden-Oaks Master-ET.

Ferme Jacobs of Cap-Sante, Quebec, added another overall Premier Breeder banner to their collection, while Butlerview Farm of Chebanse, Illinois captured another overall Premier Exhibitor banner

for their collection. The overall Premier Sire banner was again awarded to Farnear Delta-Lambda.

Official judge Aaron Eaton of Marietta, New York, and his associate judge Pat Lundy of Granville, New York, were charged with placing 468 head of Holsteins during the International Holstein Show. Complete show results are available online at www.worlddairyexpo.com.

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WORLD DAIRY EXPO



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The Schwartzbeck family of Peace & Plenty Farm of Union Bridge, Maryland was honored with the Robert "Whitey" McKown Master Breeder Award Oct. 2 during the International Holstein Show at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The award, presented by the Klussendorf Association, celebrates decades of the Schwartzbeck family's dedication to improving the Holstein breed.



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Tom Morris (left) presents the Merle Howard Award to Kyle Welk during the International Holstein Show Oct. 3 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Welk, a native of Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania, is the 21st recipient of the award that recognizes outstanding young dairy enthusiasts.

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Woodmansee, Sloan honored by Peers

Klussendorf, Klussendorf-MacKenzie awards presented at Expo

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MADISON, Wis. — As World Dairy Expo’s International Holstein Show commenced, two men were welcomed into a historic and prestigious fraternity recognized throughout the dairy cattle industry Oct. 2 in Madison, Wisconsin. The awards are voted on by previous winners during the organization’s annual meeting held during Expo.

Clark Woodmansee III of Present, Connecticut was named the 83rd recipi-



Clark Woodmansee (left) and Matt Sloan are honored with the recognition of the Klussendorf and Klussendorf-MacKenzie awards, respectively, Oct. 2 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The awards are voted upon during the Klussendorf Association’s annual meeting held during Expo.

ent of the coveted Klussendorf Award, given in memory of Arthur B. Klussendorf. Matt Sloan of Marshall, Wisconsin was presented with the 35th Klussendorf-MacKenzie Award, honoring the late Duncan B. MacKenzie.

Woodmansee has built a career breeding registered Holsteins of the highest quality, with nine cows that carry his Woodmansee prefix having scored Excellent-94 or higher. In addition, he has been involved with a dozen cows that have scored Excellent-95 or higher.

Developing show cows that could compete at the highest level became a passion for Woodmansee in the early 1990s, when he purchased and enjoyed success with Lo-Pine Jet Bianca EX-95, who went on to garner Reserve All-American honors in 1993. Woodmansee would enjoy more success over the year with homebred favorites that would factor into the annual Holstein World All-American balloting.

Woodmansee joined with friends in the purchase of perennial showing favorite Quality-Ridge Stormi Hazel EX-96. Hazel, frequently referred to as America’s sweetheart, captured an unprecedented seven All-American nominations in milking form.

Other cows of renown that Woodmansee has been involved with include World Dairy Expo winner and influential brood cow Dubeau Dundee Hezbollah EX-92 and the 2017 WDE Supreme Champion Rosiers Blexy Goldwyn-ET EX-97.

Sloan got his start as a dairy cattle fitter at the age of 14, clipping for Nabholz Farms and went on to work for many leading herds, fitting many cows of great renown, globally. Two of the cows he counts among his favorites are World Dairy Expo Supreme Champions RF Goldwyn Hailey EX-97 and Musqie latola Martha EX-97.

Sloan propelled himself into a new career avenue in 2010, starting his own hoof trimming venture, Carpe Diem Hoof Trimming. In 2020, along with his wife Molly, Sloan began offering his

services boarding and developing elite show heifers.

Meanwhile Sloan has also begun

looking at dairy cattle shows from the center of the ring, placing several local, state and regional shows.

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HERDSMANSHIP

Overall Winner

The crew from Budjon Farms — (kneeling, front) Emma Paulson; (second row, from left) Kate Edmonds, Kelli Cull, Tom Cull; (third row) Lauren McIlveen, Kylie Nickels, Caroline Arrowsmith, Keaton Phoenix, Owen Dawe, Jill Bening; (fourth row) Dawson Nickels, Egbert Korenberg, Jamison Ward, Nicholas Schuster, Ty Findley, Chandler Bening, Calvin Bening and Jeppe Anderson — takes a break from a busy day of showing to celebrate winning the Overall Herdsmanship Award Oct. 2 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Budjon Farms, located in Lomira, Wisconsin, was chosen as Friday’s Daily Herdsmanship Winner enroute to their Overall Herdsmanship selection.

SUPREME CHAMPION

OPEN SHOW Results



PHOTO COURTESY OF COWSMOPOLITAN

Golden-Oaks Temptres-Red-ET is named the Supreme Champion Oct 3 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Temptres, the Grand Champion Red & White was the winning Five-Year-Old. She is exhibited by Milk Source, Fischer, Steincresc and Crescentmead. Lovhill Sidekick Kandy Cane is named the Reserve Supreme Champion. Kandy Cane was named the Grand Champion of the International Holstein Show after winning the Five-Year-Old Class. She is owned by Alicia and Jonathan Lamb of Oakfield, New York.

Supreme Champion — International Red & White Show Grand Champion
Golden-Oaks Temptres-Red-ET, 1st place Five-Year-Old, exhibited by Milk Source, Fischer, Steincresc and Crescentmead, Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Reserve Supreme Champion — International Holstein Show Grand Champion
Lovhill Sidekick Kandy Cane, 1st place Five-Year-Old, exhibited by Alicia and Jonathan Lamb of Oakfield, New York

International Ayrshire Show Grand Champion
B-Wil Kingsire Willow, 1st place Four-year-Old, exhibited by Budjon Farms and Peter Vail, Lomira, Wisconsin.

International Brown Swiss Show Grand Champion
Iroquois Acres Jong Cali, 1st place Component Merit Cow, exhibited by Brian Pacheco, Kerman, California



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The World Dairy Expo Grand Champions gather for a photo following the selection of Supreme Champion Oct. 3 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Grand Champion Red & White was selected as the Supreme Champion, while the Grand Champion Holstein garnered Reserve Supreme Champion honors.

International Guernsey Show Grand Champion
Kadence Fames Lovely, 1st place Aged Cow, exhibited by Kadence Farm, New Glarus, Wisconsin

International Jersey Show Grand Champion
Stoney Point Joel Bailey, 1st place Aged Cow, exhibited by Vierra Dairy Farms, Hilmar, California

International Milking Shorthorn Show Grand Champion
Mountainview TC Fired Up, 1st place Five-Year-Old, exhibited by Emily and Randi Fisher, Pittsfield, New Hampshire

SUPREME CHAMPION

JUNIOR SHOW Results



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Luck-E Merjack Asalia is named the Supreme Champion of the Junior Show Oct 3 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Asalia, the Grand Champion of the International Junior Holstein Show, was the winner of the Lifetime Milk Production Class. She is owned by Tessa and Stella Schmocker. Toppglen Wishful Thinking is named the Reserve Supreme Champion of the Junior Show. Wishful Thinking was the Grand Champion of the International Junior Ayrshire Show after winning the Lifetime Component Merit Cow. She is owned by Tanner, Brennan, Marissa and Logan Topp.

Supreme Champion — International Junior Holstein Show Grand Champion
Luck-E Merjack Asalia, 1st place Lifetime Milk Production Cow, exhibited by Tessa and Stella Schmocker, Whitewater, Wisconsin

Reserve Supreme Champion — International Junior Ayrshire Show Grand Champion
Toppglen Wishful Thinking, 1st place Lifetime Component Merit Cow, exhibited by Tanner, Brennan, Marissa and Logan Topp, West Salem, Ohio

International Junior Brown Swiss Show Grand Champion
TwinCounty Famous Diamond, 1st place Five-Year-Old, exhibited by Dakota Fraley, Muncy, Pennsylvania



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The World Dairy Expo Grand Champions of the Junior Shows gather for a photo following the selection of Supreme Champion of the Junior Show Oct. 3 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Grand Champion Holstein was selected as the Supreme Champion, while the Grand Champion Ayrshire garnered Reserve Supreme Champion honors.

International Junior Guernsey Show Grand Champion
Donnybrook Ammo Stevie, 1st place Senior Three-Year-Old, exhibited by Brittany Taylor and Laylaa Schuler, New Glarus, Wisconsin

International Junior Jersey Show Grand Champion
Kevetta Colton Delilah, 1st place Aged Cow, exhibited by Kyra Lamb, Oakfield, New York

International Junior Milking Shorthorn Show Grand Champion
Heavenly Zora-ET, 1st place Aged Cow, exhibited by Dillon Freeman, Bremen, Indiana

International Junior Red & White Show Grand Champion
Bert-Mar Alt Adlee-Red-ET, 1st place Four-year-Old, exhibited by Allison, Lane and Callum Francis, Greenville, Ohio

SUPREME CHAMPION HEIFER



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Echo Glen Master Ivy is named the Supreme Champion Heifer Oct 2 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Ivy, the winning Winter Yearling and Junior Champion of the International Holstein Show, is owned by Ronald Grandy.

Supreme Champion Heifer — International Holstein Show Junior Champion
Echo Glen Master Ivy, 1st place Winter Yearling, exhibited by Ronald Grandy, Beaverton, Ontario

Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer — International Milking Shorthorn Show Junior Champion
Lazy M Money Laundering-ET-P, 1st place Fall Yearling, exhibited by Elizabeth Gunst and Jamie Gibbs, Hartford, Wisconsin

International Ayrshire Show Junior Champion
Bricker-Farms R Cadillac-ET, 1st place Winter Yearling, exhibited by Todd, Lynsey, Allison, Lacey and Kinslee Bricker, Carli Binckley and Wyatt Schlauch of Salem, Ohio

International Brown Swiss Show Junior Champion
Blessing Garbro Pistachio-ETV, 1st place Fall Calf, exhibited by Logan and Chloe Duckett and Peter Vail, Rudolph, Wisconsin.

OPEN SHOW Results



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The World Dairy Expo Junior Champions gather for a photo following the selection of Supreme Champion Heifer Oct. 2 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Junior Champion Holstein was selected as the Supreme Champion Heifer, while the Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn garnered Reserve Supreme Champion honors.

International Guernsey Show Junior Champion
Wil-San James Dean Tori-ET, 1st place Winter Yearling, exhibited by Cindy Bates and Lorrie Dietz, Southington, Ohio

International Jersey Show Junior Champion
Kash-In Stop and Stare-ET, 1st place Winter Yearling, exhibited by Kamryn Kasbergen and Ivy Hebgén, Tulare, California

International Red & White Show Junior Champion
Milksource Shay-Red-ET, 1st place Spring Yearling, exhibited by Milk Source and Jeremy Holthaus, Kaukauna, Wisconsin

SUPREME CHAMPION HEIFER



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Bricker-Farms R Cadillac-ET is named the Supreme Champion Heifer of the Junior Show Oct 2 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Cadillac, the winning Winter Yearling and Junior Champion of the International Ayrshire Show, is owned by Todd, Lynsey, Allison, Lacey and Kinslee Bricker, Carli Binckley and Wyatt Schlauch of Salem, Ohio.

Supreme Champion Heifer — International Ayrshire Show Junior Champion
Bricker-Farms R Cadillac-ET, 1st place Winter Yearling, exhibited by Todd, Lynsey, Allison, Lacey and Kinslee Bricker, Carli Binckley and Wyatt Schlauch of Salem, Ohio

Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer — International Milking Shorthorn Show Junior Champion
Lazy M Money Laundering-ET-P, 1st place Fall Yearling, exhibited by Elizabeth Gunst and Jamie Gibbs, Hartford, Wisconsin

International Junior Brown Swiss Show Junior Champion
Jenlar Acclaimed Waikiki-ETV, 1st place Fall Calf, exhibited by Brianna and Abby Meyer of Chilton, Wisconsin

JUNIOR SHOW Results



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The World Dairy Expo Junior Champions of the Junior Shows gather for a photo following the selection of Supreme Champion Heifer of the Junior Show Oct. 2 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Junior Champion Ayrshire was selected as the Supreme Champion Heifer of the Junior Show, while the Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn garnered Reserve Supreme Champion honors.

International Junior Guernsey Show Junior Champion
Adams Creek Boston-ETV, 1st place Spring Yearling, exhibited by Kayleigh, Kelsey and Karlee Haag and Josey Varney, Dane, Wisconsin

International Junior Holstein Show Junior Champion
Karnview Bullseye Aboom-ET, 1st place Summer Yearling, exhibited by Caroline Egoff and Elliana Cummings, North Lewisburg, Ohio

International Junior Jersey Show Junior Champion
Kash-In Stop and Stare-ET, 1st place Winter Yearling, exhibited by Kamryn Kasbergen and Ivy Hebgén, Tulare, California

International Junior Red & White Show Junior Champion
Threesisters Jealous SI-Red, 1st place Winter Yearling, exhibited by Shelby Swanson, Hutchinson, Minnesota

ALONG THE ROAD TO Madison

MEDIA INTERNS



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The 2025 World Dairy Expo Media Intern Team — Katrina Hageman, Morgan Oliveira, Cade Claycomb, Lauren Breunig and Ryleigh Wadsworth — pause during a busy day Oct. 1 in the Media Room at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The media interns play a large role in helping to disseminate information and results throughout the week at Expo.

Cade Claycomb
Trenton, Missouri
Oklahoma State University
Junior, Agricultural Communications

Tell us about your dairy industry background. I grew up on an 80-cow dairy farm in northern Missouri, where my connection to the dairy industry began before I could even walk. What started as a daily routine quickly evolved into a lifelong passion. In high school, I exhibited Jersey cattle at local and state shows, which deepened my appreciation for the breed and the community surrounding it. As I got more involved in FFA, I was named the National FFA Proficiency Winner in Dairy Production–Entrepreneurship and the Missouri State Star Farmer in 2024.

What made you apply to be a World Dairy Expo Media Intern? World Dairy Expo has always been on my bucket list, but I never had the chance to attend until now. Growing up, I admired Expo from afar and knew they offered a media internship. I told myself that one day I would apply, and this year, I finally did. Being selected to work in the media room has been a dream come true, and I am thrilled to be part of such a prestigious event.

What has been the most enjoyable thing about your work this week? This week has been an incredible learning experience. I have gained a deeper understanding of what it takes to run an event of this scale, from drafting press releases to capturing candid moments around the grounds. Every task has been both exciting and rewarding. In just a few days, World Dairy Expo has become one of my favorite places to be, and I feel truly fortunate to be part of it.

What are your plans or goals for the future? After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in the dairy industry focusing on advertising, design and photography. I am passionate about telling the stories of dairy producers, and through my creativity, I hope to help them share their journeys and promote their genetics by combining my industry background with visual storytelling.

Katrina Hageman
Ossian, IA
Iowa State University
Junior, Agricultural Communication

Tell us about your dairy industry background. While I did not grow up on a dairy farm, my mom’s family has been milking for three generations. I have been around dairy my entire life, starting with feeding calves when I was little. During high school, I got active in dairy judging. My team won the Iowa State FFA Dairy Judging Contest and competed at nationals. Alongside my cousins, I showed dairy for three years in 4-H. In college, I have completed two social media internships with the Dairy Challenge.

What made you apply to be a World Dairy Expo Media Intern? World Dairy Expo has always been a place I wanted to attend. My friends and family have always had great things to say about the people and experience. When this internship opportunity arose, I knew I wanted to apply. I wanted to experience the various cultures and learn about media on a world-wide level, as well as meet highly respected individuals in the dairy industry. I have always felt very supportive in the dairy industry, and I was excited to apply for another media dairy internship.

What has been the most enjoyable thing about your work this week? The people have been the best part of this experience. Lisa (Behnke) and Haley (Beukema) have been so supportive and great connections for us interns to meet communication and media specialists from around the world. Being able to meet farmers and company representatives from different countries has been an amazing experience. Also, establishing great relationships with the other interns and getting to know their strengths while working hours on press releases, social media posts and various other tasks.

What are your plans or goals for the future? In my future, I hope to work in a communication specialist role for an agricultural company. I want to volunteer back to 4-H and FFA, to honor the organizations that helped me get to where I am today. Agriculture will always be a passion of mine and I plan to raise a family surround by it.

Lauren Breunig
Sauk City, WI
University of Wisconsin–Madison
Senior, Life Sciences Communication

Tell us about your dairy industry background. I was raised on my family’s 400-cow registered Holstein farm, Mystic Valley Dairy, located in southern Wisconsin. I have always had an interest in dairy cattle. I grew up exhibiting animals at the local, state and national level, and currently own a small herd of cows which carry the Jenny-Lou prefix. After years of involvement in the Wisconsin Holstein Association and Holstein Association USA, I was recently selected as a 2025 National Distinguished Junior Member Finalist.

What made you apply to be a World Dairy Expo Media Intern? Growing up 30 minutes from World Dairy Expo, I have had the privilege to attend the show for many years. As a member of the Badger Dairy Club, I have also been able to work behind-the-scenes with World Dairy Expo staff to put on this great event. I decided to apply for the Media Intern Position to help put on another aspect of the show that also connected my interest in writing, design and photography.

What has been the most enjoyable thing about your work this week? I have really enjoyed learning more about event management and doing the media releases related to the dairy cattle show.

What are your plans or goals for the future? After graduation, I plan to serve as a dairy sales account manager for STgenetics, while remaining connected with youth through Dane County Junior Holsteins and serving on the National Dairy Shrine Board of Directors.

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Morgan Oliveira
Hilmar, California
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Graduating June 2026, Agricultural Communications

Tell us about your dairy industry background. I grew up a third-generation dairy farmer in California's Central Valley, and I could not be more grateful for the experiences, opportunities and moments that I have experienced because of it. My grandfather, Joe Oliveira, moved to the United States from the Azorean Islands off of the coast of Portugal, and grew up milking cows to support his family. He earned the opportunity to begin a dairy farm of his own with the help from a man named Bill Furtado, and ever since then, my life has been ingrained in the dairy industry. I have always known that the dairy industry is one that I want to pursue because of the people it has introduced me to, and the people that have raised me in it.

What made you apply to be a World Dairy Expo Media Intern? When I was in the fourth grade, my dad came back from Expo and gave me a big purple stuffed cow. Ever since that year, my dad has gone to and from Expo and I have dreamed of tagging along. As I grew in my love for show cattle and the industry, attending Expo has been a goal of mine. During high school, I became interested in the advocacy and communications aspect of the dairy industry, which led me to become interested in a field of work that is this internship. Once I saw the application, I knew I had to apply.

What has been the most enjoyable thing about your work this week? Undoubtedly, the people, a million times over. I have had such an incredible opportunity to work with talented professionals in the dairy industry this week, and with such a stellar team of interns around me. Most of all, however, I have enjoyed being around everyone who has attended Expo. Whether they are working in the Pavilions, Exhibition Hall or at the Alliant Energy Center, everyone has truly been such a joy to be around. The dairy community radiates such kindness and compassion, and I am truly thankful to have been surrounded by a sea of friendly faces this past week.

What are your plans or goals for the future? Upon graduating Cal Poly San Luis Obispo this coming June, I hope to pursue a Master's degree in agriculture communication. I am interested in pursuing research at the intersection of storytelling, agricultural policy, and the farming communities that this policy impacts. Long-term, I hope to work in a communications or government relations role within an agricultural company or organization. I also plan to settle in California's Central Valley and take a managerial role on my family's dairy farm, and continue it for generations to come.

Ryleigh Wadsworth
Saratoga County, New York
Oklahoma State University
Junior, Agricultural Communications

Tell us about your dairy industry background. I grew up in Saratoga County, New York, showing cows and being heavily involved in 4-H and New York Junior Holstein. My brother, Blake Wadsworth and I both have our own herd of registered Holsteins under the Milkworth Holsteins prefix.

What made you apply to be a World Dairy Expo Media Intern? After finding my passion in communications and marketing for the dairy industry and seeing others fulfill this position, I had been so excited for the opportunity to apply. It is an internship where I was going to be able to do everything, I love with everyone I love to be around and fully indulge myself in a new experience to learn from. World Dairy Expo is a place where I have made some of the best memories in the barn, I appreciate being able to see the behind the scenes that make this show the world's best.

What has been the most enjoyable thing about your work this week? I have enjoyed everything and have loved all aspects of this internship but, if I had to choose a favorite thing it would have been conducting interviews and helping write the press releases.

What are your plans or goals for the future? In the future I would like to pursue my passion of the Holstein breed through communications, community outreach, photography and design.

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