



2004

Scholarship

Recipients

I.I.E.A. distributes \$15,000 in Scholarships to Deserving Students

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to 24 students for the 2004-2005 school year. These students were selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, leadership, and interest in pursuing a degree in an agricultural or horticulture-landscape-related field.

“The IIEA implemented the scholarship program in 1980 with a \$500 scholarship to promote education in the industry. Now thousands of dollars are awarded annually to outstanding young men and women,” said Blake Fischer, IIEA Scholarship Chair.

The I.I.E.A. was established in 1971 and membership consists of more than 100 separate entities including wholesale suppliers, retail dealers, equipment manufacturers, public utilities and financial institutions engaged in serving Idaho’s agricultural needs.



Keith Baker

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Burley, Idaho

During high school, I was involved in the FFA, Debate team, Soil Judging team, and Parliamentary Procedure. I plan on attending the University of Idaho - Idaho Falls to major in Agribusiness. I will use the knowledge I gain to help my community grow to new heights in agriculture.

\$500 Rain Bird Sales
\$500.00 Scholarship

Parents: Loren & Janette Baker

Sponsor: Butte Irrigation

College: University of Idaho - Idaho Falls

Matt Busby

Buhl, Idaho

I'm a sophomore at the University of Idaho majoring in Ag Systems Management. I plan to pursue a career which challenges my interests in agriculture and technology.

Parents: Steve & Annette Busby

Sponsor: Ag Irrigation Supply

College: University of Idaho



Matt Busby

\$500 Rain Bird Agri-Products
\$100 Interstate Plastic
\$600.00 Scholarship



Trina Callahan

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Middleton, Idaho

I was very involved in FFA where I earned a variety of proficiency awards at the chapter and state levels. While in FFA, I was named Star Chapter Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, Outstanding Ag Student in 2002, and I've earned my American FFA Degree. I am attending the University of Idaho where I am studying Dairy Science with an Agribusiness minor.

\$500 Godwin & Schultz
\$100 Action Machining Inc.
\$600.00 Scholarship

Parents: Daniel & Robin Callahan

College: University of Idaho



Corey Edwards

\$300 PWPipe/Eagle

\$100 Layne Pumps

\$200 IIEA

\$600.00 Scholarship

Corey Edwards

Kuna, Idaho

Agriculture has always been a part of my life and in the future it will continue to be my focus. I plan to study agri-business at BYU-Idaho and eventually return to the family farm. My education will enable me to make better decisions concerning the various enterprises we are involved in and to be successful in the field of agriculture.

Parents: Glen & Kristine Edwards

Sponsor: Rain For Rent

College: BYU-Idaho

R. Victor Eggleston

Portland, Oregon

A year and a half ago, I transferred to Brigham Young University - Idaho. Since attending BYU-Idaho, I have earned all A's with the exception of a few A-'s. This last spring I attended the student career days in Columbus, Ohio and competed in various landscaping competitions; with the help of my other teammates we won the national competition. By the end of the summer I will have completed an internship with ValleyCrest Landscape in Chicago, Illinois. In April 2005, I will graduate with my Bachelors of Science degree in Horticulture.

Parents: Randal & Victoria Eggleston

Sponsor: Silver Creek Supply

College: BYU-Idaho



Victor Eggleston

\$200 Silver Creek Supply

\$200 Inman InterWest

\$100 IIEA

\$500.00 Scholarship

Rebecca Fischer

Boise, Idaho

I have just completed my freshman year at Western Washington University and I plan to continue there this fall where I will major in Biology with an emphasis on organismal biology and minor in French. I then hope to continue my education at a veterinary/medical school where I would like to become a surgeon.



Rebecca Fischer

\$300 Butte Irrigation

\$200 IPS Weld-On

\$500.00 Scholarship

Parents: Belinda & Larry Fischer

Sponsor: BA Fischer Sales Co. Inc.

College: Western Washington Univ.



Lance Gillette

\$250 Senninger Irrigation

\$350 IIEA

\$600.00 Scholarship

Lance Gillette

Gooding, Idaho

Lance Gillette graduated with a 3.93 GPA at Gooding High School. While in high school, he was involved in many clubs and activities which include Boy Scouts of America, FFA, track, football, wrestling, golf, honor society, church groups, and some leadership positions. He has also received many honors and rewards which include Eagle Scout, football captain, two-year wrestling captain, two-time state placer in wrestling, presidential fitness award winner, state finalist for the Wendy's Heisman Award, United Dairyman Citizenship Award, FFA State Degree, 1st Place State Soils Team, 1st Place State Soils Individual, 1st Place State Welding Team, 4th High individual state welding, Gooding FFA Outstanding Senior, Star district farmer, and 13th place national soils team. Lance plans to attend college and receive a degree in Agricultural Science. He also plans to serve an LDS Mission.

Parents: Rusty & Cindy Gillette

Sponsor: Butte Irrigation

College: Northwest College, Wyoming

Mark Hatch

Castleford, Idaho

I am majoring in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Idaho. My first two years of college and my summer internship dealing with agricultural waste management have reinforced my enthusiasm and devotion to my major. I hope to help the agriculture industry through the research, creation, and design of a product beneficial to everyone affected by the industry.

Parents: Reagon & Susan Hatch

Sponsor: AIS, Inc.

College: University of Idaho



Mark Hatch

\$500 Wish Northwest

\$100 Irrigation Accessories

\$600.00 Scholarship



John Holman

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Chateau and Red Lodge, Montana

John is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Plant Science while working as the Grass Seed Cropping Systems Scientist in Plant, Soil and Entomological Sciences at the University of Idaho. John is currently researching Kentucky bluegrass issues. John obtained a B.S. in Agronomy in 2000 and a M.Sc in Land Resources and Environmental Sciences in 2002 from Montana State University.

Parents: Lyle & Brenda Weist

Sponsor: Waterman Industries

College: University of Idaho

\$200 Sprinkler Supply of Idaho

\$150 Priest Electric Co.

\$150 IIEA

\$500.00 Scholarship

Wesley Hopwood

Kimberly, Idaho

I will begin my senior year at Utah State University studying Biological and Irrigation Engineering in the fall of 2004. I plan to continue my education for a Masters in Irrigation Engineering. I wish to use my education to improve and develop irrigation systems in Kyrgyzstan. I plan to use my knowledge of irrigation to help the poor and share the hope that Jesus offers.

Parents: Carol & Rodney Hopwood

Spouse: Niki Hopwood

College: Utah State University

Sponsor: Idaho Power Co. -TF



Wesley Hopwood

\$250 Mitchell, Lewis & Staver

\$150 Freedom Plastics

\$150 Idaho Equipment Co.

\$250 IIEA

\$800.00 Scholarship



Amber House

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Cambridge, Idaho

This year I will be a senior at the University of Idaho where I am majoring in Horticulture. After graduating in May of 2005, I plan on working in the Boise area. Eventually, after I have some good horticulture experience, I would like to manage my own greenhouse and/or nursery. I feel that both careers are an excellent way to give back to my community.

Parents: Gene & Kathy House

Sponsor: Growers Supply Co. Inc.

College: University of Idaho

\$250 Universal Sales
\$100 Growers Supply Co. Inc.
\$100 Godwin & Schultz Co. Inc.
\$150 IIEA

\$600.00 Scholarship

***Amber is the 2004 Karl Bronson
Scholarship Recipient***

Heidi Lake

Burley, Idaho

I recently graduated from Burley High School as Senior Class President and with a 3.6 GPA. During my high school years, I held numerous leadership positions. I particularly enjoyed my experiences in student council as a class officer each year, and my membership in the FFA organization. I served as chapter chairman, secretary, and president throughout high school in the FFA and also held a district office my senior year. This spring I was chosen to serve as the Idaho State FFA president for the next year. This fall I had the opportunity to serve as a Legislative Page at the Idaho State Capital. I will be attending Idaho State University for this next year of school majoring in Ag Business. I plan to use those skills in an agriculture industry after completing my studies.



Heidi Lake

\$500 Travis Pattern & Foundry
\$100 Ag Sales

\$600.00 Scholarship

Parents: Rod & Rebecca Lake

Sponsor: Butte Irrigation

College: Idaho State University

Chase Lanting

Hollister, Idaho

Agriculture has been part of my life ever since I can remember. I participated in 4-H for 11 years and FFA for 4. I was also very active in school by taking part in different sports and clubs. My most recent achievement includes my acceptance into the University of Idaho Ag Ambassador program. As a member, I will travel to different high schools in the Western States discussing the different aspects of the University of Idaho and why students would want to attend. I believe that this will enhance my public speaking skills as well as give me a chance to make new lifelong friends. As a sophomore at the University of Idaho, I plan to continue to pursue majors in animal production and crop science. I plan to use the knowledge that I gain on the family farm/ranch to help increase the profit margin of the operation.

Parents: A. John and Carolyn Lanting

Sponsor: Hastings Irrigation Pipe

College: University of Idaho



Chase Lanting

\$400 Hastings Irrigation Pipe
\$500 Fresno Valves & Castings
\$900.00 Scholarship

Todd Lanting

Hollister, Idaho

I am preparing to begin my third year of veterinary school at Washington State University this August. I look forward to learning how to perform surgical procedures and practice medicine. Next spring I will start clinical rotations and by the following May, I hope to have completed all the requirement to receive my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Upon graduation I intend to return to southern Idaho and operate a large animal veterinary practice focusing on beef cattle while also maintaining a role in our family farm. I am proud to be one of the few students in my class interested in animal agriculture.

Parents: A. John & Carolyn Lanting

Sponsor: Hastings Irrigation Pipe

College: Washington State University



Todd Lanting

\$1,000 Lake Company
\$1,000.00 Scholarship



Dwight Little

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Teton, Idaho

Throughout my life I have enjoyed a variety of different challenges and opportunities for growth. In 2000, I served as the Sugar-Salem High School student body president and as the Idaho State FFA Vice President. I graduated as valedictorian of my high school class and was awarded the outstanding freshman award in the BYU-Idaho Ag program. I have received the American Farmer Degree in FFA by maintaining an FFA project that was recognized as most outstanding in the North Upper Snake River District. I am currently working towards full ownership of our 1,000-acre family farm operation.

\$500 Nelson Irrigation Corp.
\$500 Rain For Rent

\$1,000.00 Scholarship

Parents: Dwight & Sally Little
Sponsor: Rain For Rent
College: BYU-Idaho

Luke McCall

Heyburn, Idaho

In the fall of 2004, I will attend the University of Idaho and major in Agricultural Systems Management. This degree will be mechanically and machine-based which I hope will provide employment opportunities commercially and independently in agriculture. I am a graduate of Minico High School where I earned a 3.8 GPA. I have been involved in basketball, track and field, National Honor Society, and I'm listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". I have been a 4-H member for 10 years and participated at the local, county and state levels.

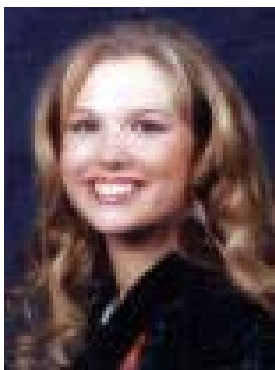
Parents: Jim & Laurie McCall
Sponsor: Butte Irrigation
College: University of Idaho



Luke McCall

\$200 Gheen Irrigation Works
\$400 IIEA

\$600.00 Scholarship



Katie McFarland

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Salmon, Idaho

I have received my Associates Degree at the College of Southern Idaho in Agricultural Science. I was on the Dean's List my first two semesters and completed my degree while on the President's List. I interned at the Lemhi County Agricultural Extension Office last summer and continue on with my internship this summer. This fall I will return to the College of Southern Idaho campus to receive my Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Sciences and Technology through the University of Idaho. After I have achieved my Bachelor's degree, I will continue on to Moscow and achieve my Master's Degree so I will be able to become a county agricultural agent.

\$350 Clemons Sales Corp.

\$100 Ag Sales

\$ 50 I.I.E.A.

\$500.00 Scholarship

Parents: Dan & Tracy McFarland

College: College of Southern Idaho

Leah Meeks

Jerome, Idaho

By blending my agricultural background with business and engineering. I selected California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo for my undergraduate degree. I am gaining a broad knowledge of global and western agriculture. I plan to continue at Cornell University for a masters degree. My career goal is to aid the agricultural industry to better utilize its limited amount of water.

Parents: Jon & Sharon Meeks

Sponsor: Farmore Irrigation

College: Cal Poly State-San Luis Obispo



Leah Meeks

\$200 Toro Ag

\$100 Carson Industries

\$200 IIEA

\$500.00 Scholarship



Will Schumaker

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Meridian, Idaho

Will has been raising sheep since he was eight years old. He was very involved in the FFA program. He currently owns 18 ewes and one ram. Will be attending the University of Idaho starting in the fall of 2004 to major in Landscape Architecture.

Parents: Mel & Sharon Schumaker

College: University of Idaho

\$200 Pipeco, Inc.

\$100 Irritrol Systems

\$200 IIEA

\$500.00 Scholarship

Jed Seamons

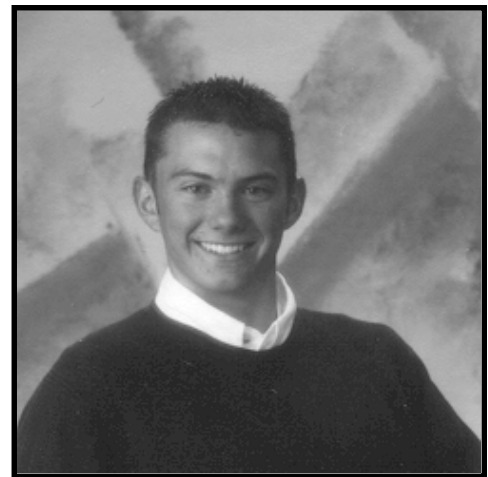
Jerome, Idaho

In May 2004, I graduated from Jerome High School with a 3.76 GPA. I was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Body Secretary, Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee, and a U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award recipient. I plan on attending Utah State University and majoring in agriculture and engineering.

Parents: Joel & Karen Seamons

Sponsor: Sprinkler Shop

College: Utah State University



Jed Seamons

\$300 Cornell Pump Co.

\$500 Valmont Industries

\$800.00 Scholarship

Ryan Svaty

Caldwell, Idaho

After acquiring a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Systems Management from the University of Idaho, I plan to return to the family farm. I feel we need more young people pursuing this vocation, and hope that I can be a positive influence and again make the "family" farm a reality. If I'm not able to farm, I'm very interested in one of our most precious resources, water, and how best to use it within the agriculture industry.

Parents: Max & Alita Svaty

Sponsor: Rain For Rent

College: University of Idaho



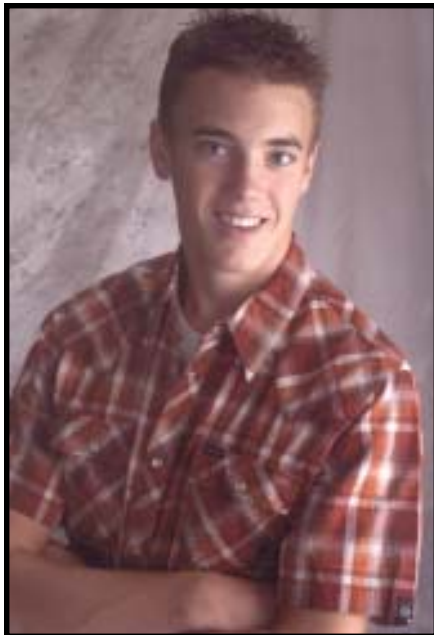
Ryan Svaty

\$400 Berkeley Pumps

\$100 Kermit & Candy Cochran

\$100 IIEA

\$600.00 Scholarship



Elliott Toevs

\$300 Spears Mfg.

\$200 IIEA

\$500.00 Scholarship

Elliott Toevs

Aberdeen, Idaho

Elliott recently graduated from Moscow High School magna cum laude. He plans to attend the University of Idaho and pursue a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Systems Management. Elliott would like to manage and someday own a farming operation.

Parents: Gordon & Brenda Toevs

Sponsor: Advanced Irrigation

College: University of Idaho



Ian Toevs

\$500 Lindsay Manufacturing
\$500.00 Scholarship

Ian Toevs

Aberdeen, Idaho

Ian recently graduated from the University of Idaho and will begin graduate school at Cornell University the fall of 2004. At the University of Idaho, Ian received many awards including the Alumni Association Award for Excellence, the Agricultural Engineering Outstanding Senior, and the American Society of Agricultural Engineering Student Honor Award. At Cornell, Ian will study soil and water engineering. He hopes to address many of the water issues facing the northwest and someday teach at a university level.

Parents: Gordon & Brenda Toevs

Spouse: Vanessa Toevs

Sponsor: Advanced Irrigation

College: Cornell University

Shawn Woodward

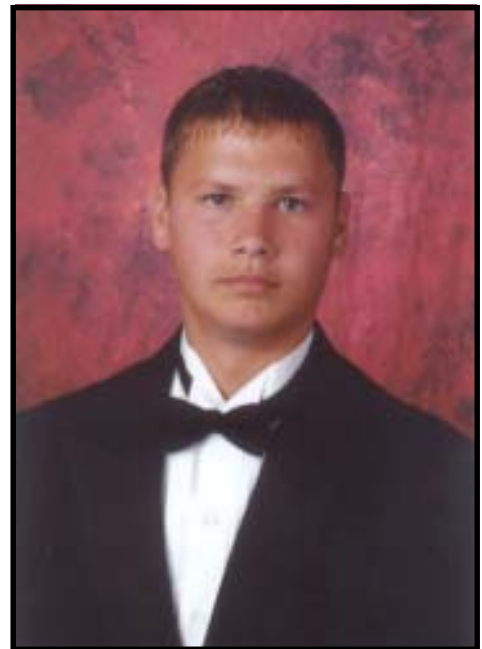
Paul, Idaho

Since I was little, I have interested in making a career in agriculture. I graduated from Minico High School with a 3.70 and a College-Prep Diploma. I was a member of the National Honor Society and was selected as an All-American Scholar Award winner by Mrs. Teresa Bodensteiner, a counselor at Minico. I was also nominated for the Who's Who of America. I plan to attend Utah State University majoring in Agricultural Systems Technology which will help me be able to return to the farm.

Parents: Arlen & Judy Woodward

Sponsor: Butte Irrigation

College: Utah State University



Shawn Woodward

\$600 Matco-Norca
\$600.00 Scholarship