



2009

Scholarship Recipients

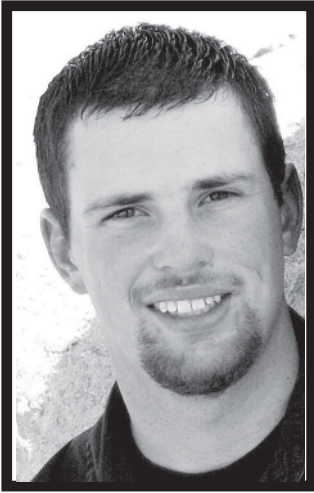
I.I.E.A. distributes \$15,000 in scholarships to deserving students

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to 22 students for the 2009-2010 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. The association has awarded \$285,395 in scholarships since that time,” said Trace Bedke, IIEA Scholarship Chair.

The IIEA 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 irrigation needs.

The deadline for the 2010 Scholarship Program is February 15, 2010.



Tanner Boone

Tanner Boone

Nampa, ID

Tanner Boone is attending Walla Walla Community College pursuing a degree in water management. The degree covers irrigation systems of all types and sizes, from drip and lawn systems to pivots. I was home schooled from second grade through high school. He participated in 4-H and worked on the family farm. After he finishes his two-year degree, he wants to get a bachelor's in Agriculture Science and someday own his own irrigation company.

\$250 Senninger Irrigation
\$300 Cornell Pump Co.
\$ 50 IIEA

\$600 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Mick and Debbie Boone
College: Walla Walla Community College
Sponsor: B.A. Fischer Sales Co. Inc.

Adam Burk

Bliss, ID

Adam Burk is a sophomore at the University of Idaho studying to become a Biological and Agricultural Engineer. He attended Bliss High School where he participated in sports, FFA, BPA, Honor Society, Idaho Scholastics Team, and Band. He was involved in HOBY, Boy's State, District IV High School Honor Band, and Idaho Top Scholar. Adam earned the rank of Eagle Scout and served on the town's volunteer fire department. Adam is a member of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Club. He would like to work in the Bio-Fuels industry after graduation.



Adam Burk

Parents: John & Melanie Burk
College: University of Idaho
Sponsor: Butte Irrigation

\$500 Lindsay Corporation

\$500 IIEA Scholarship



Matthew Christensen

Nampa, ID

Matthew is a 2006 graduate of Kuna High School. He was actively involved in the Kuna FFA chapter and served as Vice President for the 2005-06 school year. He was on a state-winning livestock judging team that attended nationals in Louisville, Kentucky where his team earned silver in the competition. He was also on the 1st place state Agronomy team in 2006 where he placed 1st high individual in the state. He is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho where he is studying plant and animal science. He plans on having his own farming and ranching operation when he graduates from college.

Matthew Christensen

\$500 Lake Company

\$100 Kermit & Candy Cochran

\$600 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Larry & Tawana Christensen

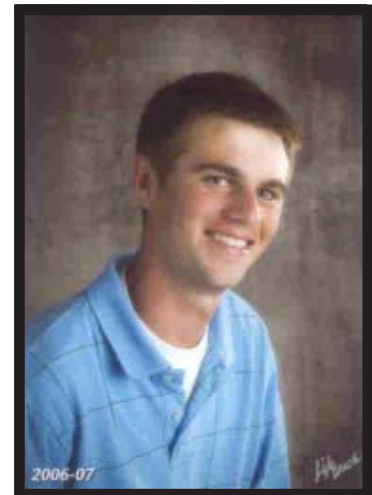
College: Brigham Young University-Idaho

Sponsor: Rain For Rent, Nampa

Jace Greiner

Star, ID

Jace Greiner is a 2008 graduate of Parma High School. He is entering his sophomore year at Walla Walla Community College in Washington. Jace is majoring in Water Management/Irrigation Technology and is on the Vice President's Honor Roll with a 3.66 grade point average. After graduating, Jace plans on transferring to a 4-year-school to earn his bachelor's degree in Ag Business. Jace also runs his own herd of Hereford cattle as well as raising and selling custom beef.



Jace Greiner

Parents: Mike & Tammy Greiner

College: Walla Walla Community College

Sponsor: B.A. Fischer Sales Co. Inc.

\$500 G&S Sales

\$200 IPS Weld-On

\$100 Action Machining

\$200 IIEA

\$1,000 IIEA Scholarship



Adam Heaton

Hyrum, UT

Adam Heaton was raised in Millcreek, Utah. The second of four children, he grew up camping, biking, skiing, hiking and fishing in the nearby mountains. Adam has always been interested in drawing, painting, sculpture and many other creative pursuits. Adam worked as a graphic designer for nearly 8 years before deciding to return to school to pursue landscape architecture. After learning of the landscape architecture program at Utah State University, he moved to Cache Valley with his wife Lindsey and their three children. He has been attending Utah State University for two years, and loves being involved in the landscape architecture program. As well as being a dedicated father, he is a dedicated student, and has maintained a GPA above 3.5. He is excited to continue his study in the program and looks forward to applying his skills and talents as a licensed landscape architect.

Adam Heaton

\$200 Western Supply

\$200 Inman InterWest, Inc.

\$200 IIEA

\$600 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: J.D. & Claudia Heaton

College: Utah State University

Trey Mallory

Emmett, ID

\$250 Rain Bird - Agri Products Division

\$250 The Sprinkler Shop

\$500.00 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: LeeAnn & Gary Mallory

College: University of Idaho

Sponsor: Idaho Power Company



Trey Mallory

Trey Mallory is a graduate of Emmett High School where he earned a 3.8 GPA. Trey has spent the last four years devoting himself to the field of agriculture through numerous 4-H and FFA activities. His most favorite activities are those that promote and educate others about agriculture. With his many years of growing up on a farm and irrigating the fields, Trey has developed an inborn fondness for those associations that are agriculturally based. He will be attending the University of Idaho in the Fall of 2009 to pursue a degree in Agricultural Education. It is his earnest dream to return one-day to a small farm community to pass his love of agriculture to the next generation.



Ross Matsuura

Ross Matsuura

Blackfoot, ID

Ross Matsuura is a 2009 graduate of Blackfoot High School. He is a member of National Honors Society, Natural Helpers, FCCLA, We the People Class, and Mock trials. Ross has participated in football, basketball, and tennis throughout his high school career. He has been a 4-year varsity tennis player, and is a two-time district champion and placed third in state, all while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. After college graduation, Ross plans to run the family farm. He will be attending BYU-Provo this fall.

\$350 Clemons Sales

\$ 50 IIEA

\$400 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Richard & Shawna Matsuura

College: BYU

Sponsor: Valley Equipment & Irrigation

Jenna Meeks

Jerome, ID

Jenna Meeks, a 2006 graduate of Twin Falls High School, is currently a senior at Colorado State University double majoring in Agricultural Economics and Soil and Crop Science and also has a minor in Water Resources. She is actively involved in Agricultural Ambassadors, Agribusiness Association and Agronomy Club. Jenna is a member of the Farm Credit Services Student Board of Directors, a group that researches topics relevant to agricultural lending in Colorado. Most recently she was accepted into the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta. This past summer she interned with Servi-Tech as a crop scout. After graduation Jenna plans to pursue a master's degree.



Jenna Meeks

\$500 IIEA

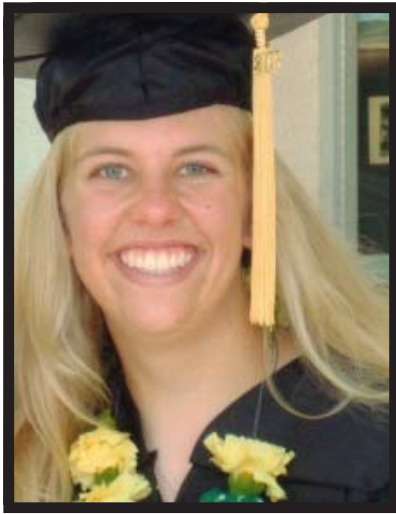
\$300 Spears Manufacturing

\$800 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Sharon Meeks & Jim Meeks

College: Colorado State University

Sponsor: Farmore of Idaho



Leah Meeks

Leah Meeks

Jerome, ID

\$500 Travis Pattern & Foundry

\$600 Matco-Norca, Inc.

\$100 Irrigation Accessories

\$1,200 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Sharon Meeks and Jim Meeks

College: University of Florida

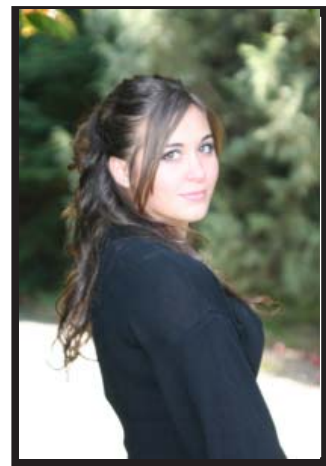
Sponsor: Farmore of Idaho

Leah Meeks, a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School, is currently working on her master's degree in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Florida. In June 2008, Leah graduated from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo with her bachelor's degree in BioResource and Agricultural Engineering with a Women's Studies Minor where she was named one of the Top 5 Women in Engineering and Technology for the class of 2008 for her scholastic achievements and community involvement. Leah obtained her Engineer-In-Training certificate in July 2008. Meeks' thesis research at the University of Florida is evaluating and testing rain sensors to reduce residential irrigation. Meeks will graduate in May 2010 and will return to the Western US to pursue her PhD in agricultural engineering. After completing her formal education, Leah plans on obtaining her professional engineering license and teaching at the university level.

Kristin Metz

Lewiston, ID

Kristin Metz is a 2009 graduate of Lewiston High School. She was active in leadership positions in her school and community through various activities, such as 4-H, YoungLife, soccer, softball, wrestling management, DECA, National Honor Society and student government, as the Associated Student Body President. Coupled with these many activities, Kristin has achieved 15 college credits while in high school by taking challenging Advanced Placement courses and dual credit courses maintaining a 3.95 GPA. Kristin plans to continue her education at the University of Idaho, where she will pursue a Bachelors degree in Pre-Law, and a graduate degree as a Lawyer. Kristin's goal is to become a successful attorney and use her legislative skill to help protect water rights in Idaho.



Kristin Metz

\$200 Interstate Plastic

\$300 Mitchell, Lewis & Staver

\$500 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Eugene Metz &
Denise Metz

College: University of Idaho

Sponsor: Ferguson Waterworks



Katelyn Mosman

Craigmont, ID

Katie Mosman was born and raised on a family farm on the Camas Prairie in Northern Idaho. She is a 2009 graduate of Nezperce High School. She has been very involved in FFA and has served in chapter, district, and state offices. She also served as National Honor Society President and Senior Class Vice President and was class valedictorian with a 4.0 GPA. This coming fall, she will attend the University of Idaho and pursue a Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Education. Her career goal is to become an agricultural science teacher and FFA advisor so she can make a difference in the lives of students and help inspire tomorrow's leaders in the agricultural industry..

Katelyn Mosman

\$100 Layne Pumps Inc.

\$250 Universal Sales

\$450 IIEA

\$800 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: David & Cathy Mosman

College: University of Idaho

Jessica Munson

Riggins, ID

Parents: Kim & Margaret Munson

College: University of Idaho

Sponsor: Interwest Supply

\$500 Valmont Industries

\$200 Hastings Irrigation Pipe Co.

\$200 IIEA

\$100 Interstate Plastics, Inc.

\$1,000 IIEA Scholarship



Jessica MunsonI

Jessica Munson is a 2009 graduate of Salmon River High School, Riggins, Idaho. She graduated with top honors in her class and has been active in National Honor Society, and Associated Student Body. She has been a varsity sports letterman and an active volunteer in the local community. She is a ten year member of 4-H where she has participated in local, state, and national events. Jessica is currently enrolled at the University of Idaho pursuing a degree in Agricultural Education and Extension. She hopes to someday educate our youth about the importance of agriculture in our communities.



McKenzey Newcomb

Rupert, ID

McKenzey Newcomb is a 2005 graduate of Minico High School. She grew up on the family farm north of Rupert. After graduation, she attended Utah State University where she majored in Agricultural Systems Technology. She is continuing her education at the College of Southern Idaho where she majors in Agribusiness. After earning her degree, McKenzey will continue to live in the Mini-Cassia area and work towards a career in Farm Management.

McKenzey Newcomb

\$500 Rain For Rent
\$300 B.A. Fischer Sales Co. Inc.
\$200 IIEA

\$1,000 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Ross Newcomb,
Dennis & Karen Hylton
College: College of Southern Idaho
Sponsor: Rain For Rent, Paul

Ryan Nichols

Parma, ID

Ryan Nichols is a 2009 graduate of Parma High School. In high school, Ryan participated in tennis, basketball, and FFA. Through FFA, Ryan earned several chapter and district awards plus his State Farm Degree. He was named the DeKalb Outstanding Agricultural Student at Parma High School. Ryan plans on attending the University of Idaho and majoring in Agricultural Systems Management. After he graduates, he will return to the family farm and contribute to its operation.



Ryan Nichols

Parents: Mike & Phyllis Nichols
College: University of Idaho
Sponsor: Clearwater Supply

\$300 JM Eagle
\$300 IIEA

\$600 IIEA Scholarship



Stephen Parrott

Stephen Parrott

Buhl, ID

Stephen Parrot attends the University of Idaho where he is majoring in Agribusiness. He currently serves as the State FFA Vice President. He also serves as the ASUI Director of Community Relations. Stephen is a 2008 graduate of Filer High School where he was active in various clubs, sports and community service. Stephen served as Student Body President and was active in Student Council. He was a member of the National Honor Society and was an American Legion Boys State Delegate where he served as a State Senator. Stephen has been very involved in FFA competing and serving as an officer. Stephen loves to ride and race motorcycles, play golf, ride his snowmobile, wakeboard and generally enjoy the outdoors. He appreciates growing up in a rural area enjoying his family's agricultural roots. He is thankful for the great support of his community and businesses like AIS Irrigation.

\$500 Fresno Valves & Castings

\$200 Toro

\$700 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Dan & Cally Parrott

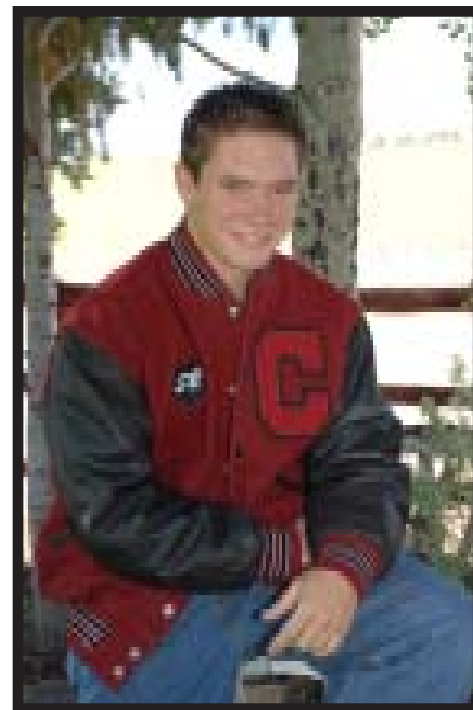
College: University of Idaho

Sponsor: AIS, Inc.

Kaden Piva

Challis, ID

Kaden Piva is a 2008 graduate of Challis High School. He was the 2007-2008 Student Body President and member of the Honor Society, graduating with a 3.85 GPA. He was also involved in wrestling, football, track and field, FFA, Envirothon, Natural Helpers, and P.E.A.K (Peers Encouraging Abstinent Kids). He is attending the University of Great Falls in pursuit of a degree in Business. While wrestling on the college team, he is also involved in SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise), Corps of Discovery, and the Snowboarding/Ski Club.



Kaden Piva

\$400 Pentair Water Group

\$250 Advanced Irrigation

\$ 50 IIEA

\$700 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: John & Kathy Piva

College: University of Great Falls

Sponsor: Idaho Power Co.



Matt Richardson

Yerington, Nevada

Matt Richardson is currently a senior at the University of Idaho and will be graduating in December 2009 with a degree in Agriculture Systems Management. He is currently President of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and is the only member in this chapter's history to be elected to two terms. Matt plans on returning to his home town of Yerington, Nevada where he will continue working on the Ivey Ranch. This ranch consists of 3,000 acres of alfalfa and grain hay that is all flood and sprinkler irrigated. Matt is very excited about graduating in three and a half years with his degree and applying what he has learned at the University to the farm, with the hopes of someday taking over management of the ranch.

Matt Richardson

\$100 Ag Sales

\$400 IIEA

\$500 IIEA Scholarship

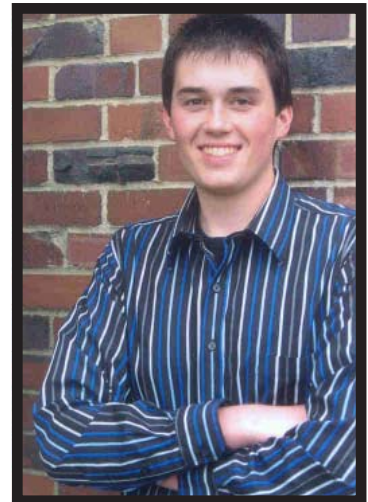
Parents: Jim and Gina Richardson

College: University of Idaho

Joshua Schroeder

American Falls, ID

Joshua Schroeder is a 2006 graduate of Aberdeen High School. He gained an appreciation for agriculture through growing up on his family's farm, which he still returns to each summer. He is currently earning a degree in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Idaho. Joshua is a member of the University of Idaho Honors Program, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture, and the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. After completing his college education, Joshua plans to remain rooted in agriculture, while pursuing a career in Agricultural Engineering.



Joshua Schroeder

Parents: Philip and Lura Schroeder

College: University of Idaho

Sponsor: Knudsen Irrigation

\$500 WISH NW

\$100 IIEA

\$600 IIEA Scholarship



Shelli Simpson

Hagerman, ID

Shelli Simpson graduated as Valedictorian from Hagerman High School in 2006. Currently, she is working towards her bachelor's degree at Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is a senior majoring in Horticulture with an emphasis in Design/Build. With hard work and dedication, Shelli has been able to maintain a grade point average of 3.996 at BYU-Idaho. Shelli plans on graduating from BYU-Idaho in 2010. After graduating, she wants to pursue a career that will enable her to continue to learn and grow. She wants to be able to use the knowledge she has gained to help educate others.

Shelli Simpson

\$200 Pipeco, Inc.

\$500 Rain Bird Turf Sales

\$100 Irritrol

\$800 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Ronnie & Sharlene Smith

College: BYU-Idaho

Sponsor: Nebraska Irrigation West

Jake Turnbull

Cambridge, ID

Jake Turnbull is a 2007 graduate of Cambridge High School. He is a 2008 recipient of the National FFA American Degree, and a member of the National Honor Society. Community involvement has been a focal point for him through various groups and projects. Jake is currently a sophomore at the University of Idaho, majoring in Agriculture Systems Management. Jake has acquired a passion for agriculture technology, and hopes to someday play a key role in creating new innovations to help farmers deal with issues such as precision irrigation, and water quality issues.



Jake Turnbull

\$250 Snake River Sales

\$200 Gheen Irrigation Works

\$ 50 IIEA

\$500 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Ray Turnbull and Vickie Ford Turnbull

College: University of Idaho

Sponsor: Butte Irrigation



Mary Jo Usabel

Mary Jo Usabel

Marsing, ID

MaryJo Usabel is a graduate from Marsing High School, valedictorian class of 2006. She currently is a Senior at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, ID. MaryJo competes on the track team, competing in hurdles and polevault. She is also a member of Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) where she recently was a part of the presentation team, receiving 1st place at the regional competition and competing at nationals in Philadelphia. MaryJo hopes to graduate in May 2010 and utilize her degree in the agricultural field to promote the continuity of agriculture in our ever changing world.

\$250 Nelson Irrigation Corp.
\$450 IIEA

\$700 IIEA Scholarship

Parents: Joe and Jody Usabel
College: Northwest Nazarene University
Sponsor: Agri-Lines Irrigation

Stephanie Woodworth

American Falls, ID

Stephanie Woodworth is a 2009 graduate of American Falls High School. She has maintained above a 4.0 throughout her high school years. She is very much involved in Future Farmers of America, Student Council, Cheerleading, Drill Team, Junior Civitan, and National Honors Society. Stephanie holds many leadership positions and has been honored with numerous awards. She is currently the East Magic Valley District FFA Secretary and American Falls Chapter FFA Vice President. She also recently passed on her title of 2009 Power County Junior Miss to the next 2010 Junio Miss. Stephanie will be attending Idaho State University in the fall and will be majoring in Finance.



Stephanie Woodworth

Parents: Ken & Cinda Woodworth
College: Idaho State University
Sponsor: Butte Irrigation

\$100 IIEA
\$300 Butte Irrigation

\$400 IIEA Scholarship