



# 2011

# Scholarship

# Recipients

*I.I.E.A. distributes \$13,000 in scholarships to deserving students*

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association has awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to 22 students for the 2011-2012 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 \$313,395 in scholarships since that time,” said Dirk Leavitt, IIEA Scholarship Chair.

The IIEA was established in 1971 and membership consists of more than 120 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 2012 Scholarship Program is February 15, 2012. The scholarships will be awarded for the 2012-2013 school year.

# Garrett Buck

Blackfoot, Idaho

**Parents:** Stan & Kimberly Beck

**College:** Carroll College

**Sponsor:** Valmont Industries

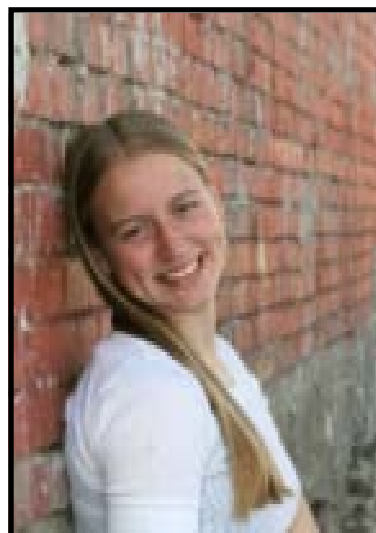
\$500 Valmont Industries

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**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**



*Garrett Buck is a 2011 graduate from Blackfoot High School, graduating with an accumulative 3.72 GPA. Garrett is a well-rounded young man who participated in a variety of activities throughout his high school years. He was two-time All State football player and 4th place state finisher in wrestling, a 4-H officer, Honor Society member, and participated in several service projects and mission trips outside of school. Garrett has been accepted to attend Carroll College where he plans to earn a business degree and use it in agriculture, working for his brother-in-law's dairy and farming operations. He looks forward to a future in agriculture and the dairy industry and would like to give back to society by supporting missions in need of milk or financial support.*



# Karmella Dolecheck

Twin Falls, Idaho

**Parents:** Thomas & Suzann Dolecheck

**College:** Utah State University

**Sponsor:** NACO Industries

\$500 Lindsay Corporation

\$300 Butte Irrigation

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**\$800 IIEA Scholarship**

*Karmella Dolecheck graduated as a valedictorian from Twin Falls High School in 2008. She is now a junior at Utah State University majoring in animal, dairy and veterinary science with an animal and dairy science emphasis and an agribusiness management minor. At school she is involved in the university Honor's Program, Service Learning Scholars, Animal Science Club, Collegiate 4-H, and College of Agriculture student council. Karmella also served as a College of Agriculture Ambassador during 2010-2011 which involved visiting regional high schools to recruit students into agricultural programs. Karmella has been appointed to the Dean's List every semester of school, earned a Utah State Academic A-pin, and is the 2010 College of Agriculture Scholar of the Year at USU. After earning her B.S. degree, Karmella hopes to continue in school to get a masters degree and then get involved in farm management.*

# Tyler Garner

Rupert, Idaho

**Parents:** Don & Leslie Garner

**College:** College of Southern Idaho

**Sponsor:** Rain For Rent, Paul

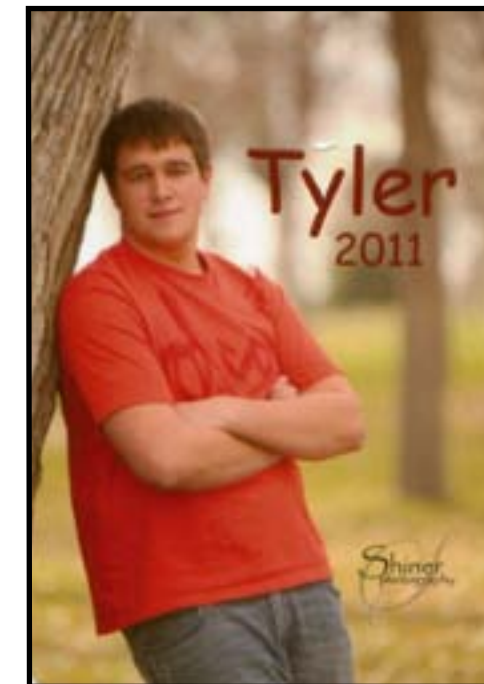
\$300 B.A. Fischer Sales Co. Inc.

\$100 Universal Sales

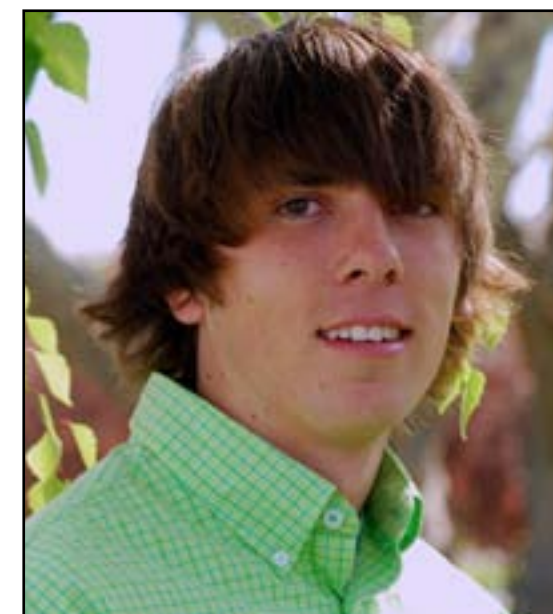
\$100 IIEA

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**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**



*Tyler Garner grew up in Rupert, Idaho and is a 2011 graduate from Minico Senior High School. After graduation, he will be attending the College of Southern Idaho where he will complete his associate's degree in Applied Science and Diesel Technology. Tyler plans on continuing his education and obtaining his Bachelor's degree in Diesel Technology. After graduation, Tyler would like to return to the Mini-Cassia area to live and eventually open his own business.*



# Dillon Greiner

Parma, Idaho

**Parents:** Mike & Tammy Greiner

**College:** University of Idaho

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

\$250 The Sprinkler Shop

\$250 Rain Bird Agri-Products

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**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**

*Dillon Greiner is a 2010 Graduate of Parma High School. He is currently a sophomore at the University of Idaho where he is double-majoring in Ag Economics and Agribusiness. He is also on the Dean's List with a 3.69 G.P.A. and the starting Left Fielder on the University of Idaho Club Baseball Team. After graduation, he hopes to work for an agribusiness firm and run his own cattle herd.*

## Jace Greiner

Parma, Idaho

**Parents:** Mike & Tammy Greiner  
**College:** University of Idaho  
**Sponsor:** B.A. Fischer Sales Co. Inc.

\$500 Fresno Valves & Castings  
\$300 Cornell Pump Company  
**\$800 IIEA Scholarship**



*Jace Greiner is a 2008 graduate of Parma High School where he participated in football, basketball, and baseball. This fall, he is beginning his senior year at the University of Idaho where he is involved with the trap shooting team, the BEAR Association (Brotherhood Empowerment against Rape), and the Student Idaho Cattle Association. Jace currently runs a custom hay business with his father as well as a small cow calf operation. Jace plans to someday own his own cow calf operation and ranch.*



## Shalissa Hamilton

Blackfoot, Idaho

**Parents:** Layne & Linda Hamilton  
**College:** Utah State University  
**Sponsor:** Agricultural Services, Inc.

\$500 Travis Pattern & Foundry  
\$200 IPS Weld-On  
**\$700 IIEA Scholarship**

*Shalissa Hamilton is a 2010 graduate of Blackfoot High School. She is currently attending Utah State University and working towards a B.S. degree in Accounting with a minor in Agribusiness. Shalissa is actively involved in clubs and organizations on campus and was appointed to the Dean's list for the College of Business. She was one of 20 national scholars for Agriculture Future of America and attended their leadership conference in Kansas City, Missouri, last fall. Shalissa has a passion for agriculture and strives to help promote it in her school and community. She plans on becoming a Certified Public Accountant specializing in the agriculture industry. Growing up on a ranch has taught her the importance of agriculture and she looks forward to being a part of such an essential industry.*

## Kathryn Hartman

Parma, Idaho

**Parents:** John & Sue Hartman  
**College:** Kansas State University  
**Sponsor:** Clearwater Supply

\$400 Pentair Water Group  
\$100 IIEA  
**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**



*Kathryn Hartman is a 2011 graduate of Parma High School. She is involved in many organizations and student clubs such as FFA, and Student Council. She served as the Senior Class president and Vice President of the Parma FFA chapter. Kathryn enjoys dancing ballet, skiing and SCUBA diving. In the fall she is looking forward to attending Kansas State University, where she will major in international agribusiness.*

## Lily Holmes

Indian Valley, Idaho

**Parents:** Joe & Dawn Holmes  
**College:** University of Idaho  
**Sponsor:** Krause K Box Inc.

\$350 Mitchell Lewis & Staver  
\$150 IIEA  
**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**



*Lily Holmes is a 2011 graduate from Council High School. She will be attending the University of Idaho in the fall as an agribusiness major. After college she plans on coming back to her family farm in Indian Valley. Lily has been involved in the FFA, as her chapter president and the Western Idaho District Reporter. As well as FFA she is involved in basketball, cheerleading and track.*

## **Robert Holmes**

Indian Valley, Idaho

**Parents:** Joe & Dawn Holmes

**College:** University of Idaho

**Sponsor:** Krause K Box Inc.

\$500 Nelson Irrigation Corp.

**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**



*Robert Holmes is a 2009 graduate of Council High School. Robert graduated with a 3.8 GPA. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity football team, and the varsity baseball team. Robert was involved in several community service projects as a part of the Senior Project. He held four chapter FFA offices and was involved in the Adams County Fair. Robert is now a sophomore at the University of Idaho, majoring in Ag Systems Management. Robert hopes to return to the family ranch in Indian Valley Idaho after collage.*



## **Tiffany Joyce**

Rupert, Idaho

**Parents:** David & Staci Joyce

**College:** Spokane Falls Comm. College

**Sponsor:** Rain For Rent, Paul

\$100 Kermit & Candy Cochran

\$500 Rain For Rent

**\$600 IIEA Scholarship**

*Tiffany Joyce is a 2011 graduate of Minico High School. She will be graduating with her Honors Diploma and a GPA of 3.4. Tiffany has been an avid participant of high school athletics. She has participated on the Varsity Softball and Volleyball teams at Minico. Tiffany will be attending Spokane Falls Community College and seeking a degree in Landscape Architecture.*

## **Douglas Kippes**

Buhl, Idaho

**Parents:** Joe & Berdena Kippes

**College:** University of Idaho

**Sponsor:** Nelson Irrigation Corp.

\$350 IIEA

\$150 Snake River Sales LLC

**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**



*Douglas Kippes is a senior at the University of Idaho studying agricultural engineering. In 2011 he served as an ambassador for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences where he visited high schools in northern Idaho and eastern Oregon to promote agriculture and higher education. In 2010, Doug was inducted into the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society in recognition for his academic achievements, character, and integrity. This spring he participated in a U of I faculty led study abroad tour to Taiwan where he gained invaluable international agriculture perspective. Future plans include graduate school, serving as a peer advisor, and organizing trips and events for the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers ASABE student branch where he will serve as vice-president next semester.*



## **Aubrey Kofford**

Pingree, Idaho

**Parents:** Kyle & Cindy Kofford

**College:** Brigham Young University-Idaho

**Sponsor:** Agricultural Services, Inc.

\$200 Gheen Irrigation Works

\$300 Spears Manufacturing

**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**

*Aubrey Kofford is a 2011 graduate of Snake River High School, graduating with a 3.97 GPA. She has been involved in several different organizations including: 4-H, FFA, basketball, soccer, cross-country, volleyball, rodeo, and Honor Society. Through her various 4-H projects, she has won several awards in showing lambs, steers, and horses. She and her livestock judging team also won the Idaho State Competition several times and attended the National Livestock Judging Competition in Denver, Colorado placing 8th and 9th in different categories. Rodeo by far is her greatest passion where she competes in breakaway and team roping. She will be attending BYU-Idaho in the fall.*

# Ryan Luttmmer

Hagerman, Idaho

**Parents:** Scott & Sandi Luttmmer

**College:** Brigham Young University-Idaho

**Sponsor:** Farmore of Idaho

\$500 WISH Northwest

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**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**



Ryan Luttmmer is a 2011 graduate of Hagerman High School. He has been a dedicated student and athlete throughout his school career. His efforts in the classroom have earned him a 4.0 GPA as well as Valedictorian of his class. He was involved in FFA, Business Professionals of America, Youth Action Council, National Honor Society, Boy Scouts of America, Church Youth Group, football, basketball, and track. Through hard work, he has received numerous awards from these activities such as qualifying for BPA Nationals, earning his Eagle Scout Award, making the All-State football team, and being named the Snake River Conference Basketball Player of the Year. He plans to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He hopes to use this degree to obtain a successful career that will benefit him and his future family throughout his life.



# Leah Meeks

Twin Falls, Idaho

**Parents:** Sharon Meeks and Jim Meeks

**College:** Utah State University

**Sponsor:** Layne Pump

\$350 Clemons Sales Corp.

\$100 Layne Pump

\$ 50 IIEA

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**\$500 IIEA Scholarship**

Leah Meeks is currently a doctorate research student at Utah State University in the Civil and Irrigation Engineering department. Meeks graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2003. Meeks majored in Agricultural Engineering at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo with an irrigation emphasis and a Women's Studies minor. In 2010, Meeks earned her masters of engineering degree at the University of Florida. Her research, in which she evaluated rain sensors to reduce residential irrigation, is currently in press in professional irrigation journals. At Utah State, Meeks is on a research team funded through the National Science Foundation modeling water resources to aid in water management decisions. After gaining industry experience and obtaining her professional engineering license, Meeks plans on returning to academia to teach irrigation and water resources engineering courses.

# Jessica Munson

Riggins, Idaho

**Parents:** Kim & Margaret Munson

**College:** University of Idaho

**Sponsor:** Interwest Supply

\$600 Matco-Norca

\$100 Action Machining

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**\$700 IIEA Scholarship**



Jessica Munson is a 2009 graduate of Salmon River High School, Riggins, Idaho. She has since gone on to complete her sophomore year at the University of Idaho. At the University of Idaho, she maintained a GPA of 3.8 and has been on the CALS Dean's List for four consecutive semesters. She has been involved in campus organizations such as Delta Delta Delta, Vandal Volunteers, and Student National Education Association. She is currently working toward her degree in Agriculture Science Communication and Leadership, where she intends to promote agriculture to future generations.



# Ryan Nichols

Parma, Idaho

**Parents:** Mike & Phyllis Nichols

**College:** University of Idaho

**Sponsor:** Clearwater Supply

\$200 Toro

\$300 Interstate Plastic Inc.

\$100 IIEA

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**\$600 IIEA Scholarship**

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 will be a junior this fall at the University of Idaho where he is majoring in Agribusiness. Ryan is a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, Agricultural Systems Management Club, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. After he graduates from the University of Idaho, he plans on returning to the family farm and use his education to contribute to its success.

# Jessica Reynolds

Kuna, Idaho

**Parents:** Dave & Karla Reynolds

**College:** University of Idaho

\$500 Lake Company

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## \$500 IIEA Scholarship

*Jessica Reynolds is a 2010 graduate of Kuna High School. She started in the 4-H program in third grade and her senior year served as the president of the Kuna FFA Chapter and Boise Valley FFA. She was on five state winning FFA teams and was awarded the Boise Valley FFA District Star Placement in Agriculture for her work experience on her family's 1200 acre farm. She was also given the Kuna FFA Chapter Workhorse Award. Jessica also played on the Varsity Tennis team. Jessica will start her sophomore year at the University of Idaho in the fall to become an Agricultural Education teacher.*



# Cameron Schoessler

Bliss, Idaho

**Parent:** Lauresa Schoessler

**College:** College of Southern Idaho

**Sponsor:** Farmore of Idaho

\$250 Senninger Irrigation

\$100 JM Eagle

\$150 IIEA

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## \$500 IIEA Scholarship

*Cameron Schoessler is a 2010 graduate of Bliss High School and has completed his freshman year at the College of Southern Idaho. Cameron is majoring in Animal Science and will complete another year at CSI before attending the University of Idaho to continue his education. Upon completion of his Animal Science degree, he intends to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine and start his own cattle business.*



# Jorge Rios, Jr.

Burley, Idaho

**Parents:** Jorge & Susie Rios

**College:** University of Idaho

**Sponsor:** The Sprinkler Shop

\$1,000 Rain For Rent

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## \$1,000 IIEA Scholarship

### ***Don Billings Memorial Irrigation Leadership Scholarship Recipient***

*Jorge Rios, Jr., a native of Burley, Idaho, is a 2009 Burley High School graduate. During his high school years, he helped with various FFA projects and activities. He was selected as a Natural Helper, a recipient of the Mr. Burley High School, and player of the school's soccer and track team. In addition to tutoring his high school peers in math, Jorge, Jr. continued to offer his tutoring services in college. He attended Treasure Valley Community College, and will continue his education at the University of Idaho in the fall of 2011, majoring in electrical computer engineering. While attending college, he played on the soccer team and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. As a result of his high academic standing, he received the All-Academic Award for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges. By exemplifying academic citizenship through leadership and achievement, he was the only athlete on campus selected to receive the Academic Leadership Award. Upon graduating from college, Jorge Jr. plans to apply his electrical knowledge to continue building a strong foundation and background in the irrigation industry through his father's family-owned irrigation business.*



# Kyle Steadman

Raft River, Idaho

**Parents:** Lynn & Susan Steadman

**College:** University of Idaho

**Sponsor:** Nebraska Irrigation Inc. West

\$200 Pipeco, Inc.

\$100 Irrigation Accessories

\$400 Hastings Irrigation Pipe

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## \$700 IIEA Scholarship

*Kyle grew up on a sod farm in Raft River, Idaho. He graduated from Declo High School as an honor student in 2003. He participated in football, soccer, track and FFA. He earned his Eagle Scout award. He is studying Horticulture at BYU-Idaho. He has completed an internship in Albuquerque, New Mexico and earned first place at the PLANET (Professional Land Care Network) Student Career Days. He also participated in the Professional Land Care Network college competition. He was part of the BYU-Idaho team that won the event. Kyle won two events and placed 26th out of 900 students.*

# *Jolyn Wendt*

Idaho Falls, Idaho

**Parents:** Kraig & Annette Wendt

**College:** Utah State University

**Sponsor:** Rain For Rent, Idaho Falls

\$200 Silver Creek Supply

\$200 Inman Interwest Supply

\$100 Irritrol

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\$500 IIEA Scholarship



*Jolyn Wendt is the 4th of nine children. She is a 2009 summa cum laude graduate from Skyline High School in Idaho Falls. She is attending Utah State University where she is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (~3.6 GPA), Aggie women's track & field team (jumps), LDS Student Association, and Storytellers Service Group. Jolyn will obtain her BS degree at USU in Residential Landscape Design in two years. Each day she strives to learn more and challenge herself. Jolyn would love to have a career in designing and building landscapes knowing that in a small way she will be able to help others find some of the beauty in life while being environmentally efficient.*



# *Micah Wood*

Rigby, Idaho

**Parents:** Dale & Betty Wood

**College:** Brigham Young University - Idaho

**Sponsor:** John Deere Landscapes

\$500 G&S Sales

\$100 IIEA

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\$600 IIEA Scholarship

*Micah Wood graduated from Rigby High School with High Honors in 2006. He earned his Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America. He has been attending Brigham Young University-Idaho for the past two years. Micah is studying horticulture with an emphasis in design build. He attended PLANET Student Career Days with BYU-Idaho in 2010 and 2011 taking 3rd place both years. Micah was awarded 1st place in wood construction and paver installation in 2010. In 2011, he was awarded 1st place in wood construction and 2nd in arboriculture. Micah had an internship with Northwest Landscape Services in Illinois during the summer of 2011. After Micah graduates, he plans on using the knowledge and skills he learned in school and other events to pursue a career in the green industry.*