

2003 National Block and Bridle Club Outstanding Senior Awards

Jennifer Flinchbaugh grew up on a small livestock farm in York, Pennsylvania. During her time in the York County 4-H program, Jennifer exhibited sheep, swine, and market steers. In addition, she was a member of the 1998 Pennsylvania State 4-H Livestock Judging Team and received All-American honors at the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky.



Jennifer's livestock background logically led her to Penn State, where she completed her animal sciences degree in May 2003. During her time at Penn State, Jennifer was

active in many student organizations, including the Block & Bridle Club, Dairy Science Club, Ag Advocates, and the Alpha Zeta Honorary Professional Agriculture Fraternity. Jennifer also had the opportunity to travel to five countries, be a member of the Penn State Livestock Judging Team, and give an invited lecture at a bioterrorism symposium sponsored by the Keystone Institute of Food Technologies. In 2003, she participated in an international trade delegation to Puerto Rico sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Jennifer received numerous scholarships at the department, college, and national levels and was named to the dean's list every semester. She was recognized as an outstanding student in the College of Agricultural Sciences in 2003. After graduating with a 3.94/4.0 GPA, Jennifer enrolled in the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She hopes to focus on agricultural law, with the ultimate goal of working in agricultural policy development.

Kristen Voges's involvement in agriculture began at a very young age on her grandparent's farm. She was active in both 4-H and FFA, where she concentrated on livestock projects but also participated in leadership, community service, and public speaking activities. These experiences provided her with the scholarships she needed to enroll in Texas A&M University as an animal science major in 1999. She joined many clubs at A&M, but was most active in the Saddle and Sirloin Club, including a term as vice president.

She was a member of the 2000 Wool Judging Team, the 2001 Meat Judging Team, and the 2002 Livestock Judging Team. During the fall of 2002, Kristin served the meat judging program as assistant coach. She gained practical experience in the meat industry working at the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center. In the spring of 2003, Kristin attended the



National Block and Bridle Convention in Washington, D.C., worked as an intern at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and judged on the Meat Animal Evaluation Team. Kristin graduated cum laude in May of 2003 from Texas A&M University. She started graduate school in June in the area of meat science at A&M and will coach the 2004

Meat Judging Team. After graduating with her master's degree, Kristin plans to attend a major agriculture university to work on her Ph.D. in meat science and then to attain a job as a leading professor in the meat animal field.

Maurene Buchanan Currin began her agricultural experiences on her family's fourth-generation cattle farm in rural Southside Virginia. As an animal and poultry sciences major at Virginia Tech, Maurene has helped her parents with educational expenses by working full-time in the summer and part-time jobs whenever possible during the academic year.



Throughout her undergraduate career, Maurene was an outstanding member and leader in the Virginia Tech Block and Bridle Club. She combined a heavy academic course load with a variety of extracurricular activities, in addition to her community service and volunteer work.

She played an important role in planning the 2003 National Block and Bridle Convention by setting up farm tours throughout the states of Virginia and Maryland. As pledge coordinator for 2002/2003, she gave guidance and insight to the new members who will be leaders in the animal sciences in the coming years. Maurene was a true asset to the Virginia Tech Block and Bridle Club, and will continue to be; she has already volunteered to help serve sandwiches at the Vir-

ginia Food Festival and other barbecues during the coming year.

Maurene graduated cum laude in May of 2003, receiving a B.S. degree in animal and poultry sciences, graduating with a GPA of 3.45/4.0 in the science/biotechnology option. She will be entering the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall of 2003, where she will pursue her special interest in food animals.