

# Colorado Farm Show 2012 Scholarships Announced

**December 15th, 2011 COLORADO FARM SHOW - GREELEY, CO-** The 2012 Colorado Farm Show Scholarship Committee will be awarding seven graduating high school seniors a total of \$17,500 to be utilized in helping students to reach their higher education goals. One \$1,500 Carl Luther Memorial Vo-Tec Scholarship and the Six \$2,000 Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony held in their honor on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the Events Center Ballroom at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley, Colorado.



The Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarships started in 1992 to honor the late founder of the Colorado Farm Show. To date, over \$98,000 in scholarships have been awarded in his memory to young people pursuing careers in agriculture. The Vo-Tec Scholarship is given in memory of Carl Luther, a longtime supporter and exhibitor of the Colorado Farm Show.

Receiving the 2012 Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarships are: Kristen Lyn Schmidt of Greeley, Kathleen Emma Heupel of Weldona, Carl Douglas Martin of Genoa, Madison Leigh Andersen of Limon, Laura Cheyenne Mortensen of Dolores and Taylor LaShalle Hett of Roggen and receiving the Carl Luther Vo-Tec Scholarship is Morgan Nicole Trujillo of Ault.

## 2012 Colorado Farm Show Cuck Urano Memorial Scholarship Winners Bios:



**Kristen Lyn Schmidt** of Greeley is a Senior at Greeley West High School with a 4.073 GPA and is ranked 17<sup>th</sup> out of 343. She has held numerous FFA offices at the Chapter level and for the past two years as the Cache La Poudre District FFA Officer and is this year's President. She is also a member of the Galeton 4H Club and has held the office of President for the past three years. She has been selected as an alternate candidate for the Rodeo China trip in 2012 through the Colorado 4H Program. She has also participated in the Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging at the local, state and national levels. She is also a youth member of the Weld County Horse Council and serves as a volunteer for Weld County's Meals on Wheels. In addition, Schmidt is a volunteer for the Katy and Sean Memorial Rodeo Bible Camp. She is a Wyoming State FFA CDE Volunteer, adopt a senior volunteer and coordinator and a United Way Childrens Festival Volunteer. Schmidt also served as the

2009 Weld County Fair Princess. Schmidt plans to attend West Texas A & M in Canyon, Texas to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Communications and Journalism and then transfer to Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS for a Masters Degree.

**Kathleen Emma Heupel** of Weldona currently attends Weldon Valley High School, with a 4.0 GPA and is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> out 12. She is a member of the Weldon Valley FFA Chapter and serves as it's President. She is also a member of the Student Council, the National Honor Society, Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Track, Knowledge Bowl, the Drama team and serves as FBLA President. She is a 13 year member of her local 4H Club, has served three years as a Youth Superintendent at the Morgan County Fair and is the current President of the Morgan County 4H Council. Heupel also participates in ballet and is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the American Junior Boer Goat Association. Her projects include; breeding and market goats and lambs. Heupel plans on attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins - majoring in Agriculture Business and Animal Science.



**Carl Douglas Martin** of Genoa currently attends Limon High School with a 3.714 GPA and is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> out of 52. He is a member of the Limon FFA Chapter, currently serving as Sentinel and has participated in numerous events, contests and activities, including public speaking and knowledge bowl at both the local, district and state levels. Additionally, he has held numerous FFA chapter offices. He has participated on the meats and livestock evaluation teams. Martin is the Senior Class Vice-President, a representative to the Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school Martin is very active in the community and serves as the Lutheran Church's candlelighter, altar acolyte and as a Living Nativity member. Martin plans to attend University of Wyoming and major in Agriculture Business.

**Madison Leigh Andersen** of Limon, CO attends Limon High School with a 3.952 GPA and is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 52. She is a member of the Limon FFA Chapter and currently serves as Vice-President and also serves as the High Plains District FFA Reporter. She is also the Student Council Secretary, a member of the National Honor Society, as well as a member of the Limon High School Golf & Speech teams. In the community, Madison is a member of the United Methodist Church Youth Group and was also the 2011 Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo Queen. She is the Vice-President of the Rocking 4H Club and has held numerous offices in the past nine years. She was also named the 2010 & 2011 9News Hot Shot Youth Reporter. Andersen plans to attend either Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University or the University of Wyoming and major in Agriculture Communications and Broadcast Journalism.



**Laura Cheyenne Mortensen** of Dolores attends Montezuma-Cortez High School in Cortez with a 3.5435 GPA. Alison is ranked 26<sup>th</sup> out of 171. She is currently taking online pre-vet classes while attending high school. She is a four-year volleyball team member, lettering the past two, and is the team captain. She is the #2 setter in the SW CO 4A League. She is a four-year FFA member and has held numerous offices in the past. She has also participated in local & district competitions in prepared public speaking. Laura has also academically lettered all four years in high school. In the community, Laura enjoys dancing, piano & participating in church groups. She is currently the Montezuma 4H Club Secretary and held numerous offices as a member of the Calvin's Kids 4H Club as well. Mortensen plans to attend Brigham Young University in Idaho and major in Animal Science & Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

**Taylor LaShalle Hett** of Roggen attends Weld Central High School in Keenesburg, with a 3.844 GPA and is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of 161. Currently she is a member of the Weld Central FFA Chapter and serves as Reporter. She has participated in numerous contests activities at the local, district and state levels. She has been on teams competing in both Parli-Pro and Meats Evaluation. She is a member of the Science Club, Blue Spruce Book Club, National Honor Society and Rebels United. She is also a varsity member of the tennis team. Furthermore, Hett serves as Class Vice-President and is a member of the Student Council. In the community, Hett is a ten year member of the Shamrocks 4H Club holding numerous offices, but currently serving in her third consecutive term as Club President. She also works as a 4H volleyball coach and exhibits Maine Anjou breeding cattle at various shows on the local, state and national levels. She is a member of the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association and has served as Vice-President of the Colorado Junior Maine-Anjou Association for the past three years. She is an active member of the American Junior Simmental Association, American Junior Charolais Association and the American Junior Chianina Association. Hett plans to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins and major in Animal Science.



**Recipient of the 2012 Colorado Farm Show \$1500 Carl Luther Memorial VoTec Scholarship:**

**Morgan Nicole Trujillo** of Ault attends Highland High School with a 3.45 GPA and is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> out of 58. She is a member of the Highland FFA Chapter and currently serves as it's Vice-President and has held numerous offices in the past. She was also a member of the Varsity Volleyball team from 2009-11. Trijillo plans on attending Front Range Community College in Ft Collins and majoring in Veterinary Technology.

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**The Colorado Farm Show is one of the largest -- and oldest -- farm shows in the nation takes place in Weld County, the fourth largest agriculture producing county in the United States. The annual three-day event features almost 350 ag-related exhibits and draws more than 30,000 visitors from throughout the region interested in learning more about ag products, services, and machinery. And volunteers with a love for agriculture make it happen.**



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