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Keith Gilmore Foundation Scholarship Winners Announced

CALGARY, AB - The Keith Gilmore Foundation (KGF) has announced ten students from seven provinces have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year.

This is one of the first year's the maximum number of available scholarships has been awarded to tally \$19,000 to successful recipients pursuing college and university education in the fields leading to agriculture, agricultural journalism and veterinary studies.

The \$2,500 post graduate recipients are Daniel Columbus, a Doctor of Philosophy student at the University of Guelph, ON and Karen Wagner, a third year Animal Science student at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, SK.

The four winners of \$2,000 undergraduate scholarships include Evan Capatos majoring in agricultural studies at The University of Lethbridge, AB; Ashley Farrell studying Pre-Veterinary Medicine at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College; Vanessa Klages entering her fourth year in Agricultural Business at the University of Guelph, ON; and Andrea Walters in her third year of Pre-Veterinary Medicine at Thompson River University, BC.

The five winners of \$1,500 diploma scholarships include Amanda Doyle pursuing Agricultural Business at Olds College, AB; Jonathan Messerli studying Farm Management and Technology at Macdonald College, QC; Trevor Morris entering his second year of Land and Water Management at Assiniboine Community College, MB; and Kristina Peters in Agricultural Business at Olds College, AB.

The Keith Gilmore Foundation receives applications primarily from Canada and the United States and since inception has awarded over \$175,000 to over 140 recipients. For each of the categories, the applicant must have completed a minimum of one year of secondary education and must be enrolled in the fall semester for another year of studies in a recognized college or university.

The Canadian Hereford Association established the Foundation in 1987 and was named in honour of the late Keith Gilmore, editor and publisher of The Hereford Digest for 30 years. The Foundation, managed by an independent board of Trustees, recognizes and pays tribute for his unequaled contributions to the beef cattle industry, agricultural journalism, and the Hereford breed.

Entries close July 1st of each year with application forms available from the web site, <u>www.keithgilmorefoundation.com</u> or by writing to the Foundation at 5160 Skyline Way NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6V1.

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