

**Maxwell Beal** of Bakersfield, Calif., is a fourth-year student at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from the University of California-Davis. Maxwell worked at a feedlot in Bakersfield each summer during his undergraduate career to learn how a veterinarian can help solve the challenges that cattle producers face. He intends to work as a mixed animal practitioner with an emphasis in food animal medicine after graduating.

**Ben Bennett**, Mount Vernon, Ohio, is a fourth-year veterinary student at the Kansas State University (KSU) College of Veterinary Medicine, and is also working to earn a master's degree in Feedlot Health from KSU. He earned a dual bachelor's degree in Animal Science and Biology from the University of Findlay. While pursuing his education, Ben has worked as a barn manager assistant and pasture manager. After graduating, he plans to own a private veterinary practice.

**Justin Casares** of Mission, Texas, is a fourth-year student at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. He earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M University and spent eight years working at Mission Veterinary Hospital in Mission, Texas. In addition, Justin served as an extern at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for three years. In the future, he intends to work at a rural mixed animal or food animal veterinary practice in Texas.

**Taylor Crandall** of Hillsboro, Kan., is a fourth-year student at the Kansas State University (KSU) College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Animal Science from KSU and spent several summers working at Tallgrass Veterinary Hospital in Concordia, Kan. After graduating, Taylor plans to work as a veterinarian in rural Kansas.

**Alex Gander** of Brookfield, Wis., is a fourth-year student at the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Veterinary Medicine. During his undergraduate career, he studied animal science and bovine production. Alex has worked at two dairy science laboratories to research cattle nutrition and continues to research hoof horn lesions and lameness as a member of the Food Animal Production Team at UW. He plans to work as a bovine practitioner focused on dairy cattle after graduating.

**Marissa Horton**, Saranac, N.Y., is a fourth-year student at the Cornell University (CU) College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from CU, where she completed several externships with dairy cattle practitioners, dairy farm consultant groups, a food animal surgeon and a dairy nutritionist. After graduating, she plans to work as a dairy cattle practitioner.

**Cade Luckett** of Matador, Texas, is a fourth-year student at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. He earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University and gained experience working in veterinary clinics and his family's operation during this time. Cade also spent a summer working as an intern for the U.S. House Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C. He plans to work as a bovine practitioner and ultimately own his own practice after he graduates.

**Tara Lynch**, Caldwell, Kan., is a fourth-year student at the Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. She earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Animal Science from Kansas State University. To date, Tara has worked at several veterinary clinics to

gain firsthand knowledge of the profession. She would like to work as a bovine veterinarian in rural Kansas or Oklahoma after graduating.

**Rachel O'Leary** of Janesville, Wisc., is a third-year student at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Dairy Science and Pre-Veterinary Science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF). During her undergraduate career, she worked on a dairy farm and completed research as a member of the UWRF Dairy Science Department. She also served as an animal health intern for the Wisconsin State Fair. After graduating, Rachel plans to own a veterinary practice and specialize in bovine medicine.

**Jenetta Porter**, Geddes, S.D., is a fourth-year student at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from South Dakota State University (SDSU). Jenetta worked at several veterinary hospitals and clinics, as well as the SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostics Lab. After graduating, she plans to work as a bovine veterinarian before opening her own practice.

**Delaine Quaresma** of Manteca, Calif., is a fourth-year student at the University of California-Davis (UCD) College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Physiological Science from the University of California-Los Angeles. Delaine, the daughter of a third-generation dairy farmer, worked as a veterinary technician in the livestock barn at UCD and was active in its FARM Club. She plans to practice bovine veterinary medicine in a rural area after she graduates.

**Morgan Randall**, Soldiers Grove, Wis., is a student at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine (UWSVM). She earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Throughout her undergraduate career, she worked as a herdsman on an 8,000-cow dairy operation in Wisconsin. She also works as a lab assistant at the UWSVM. After graduating, she plans to enter private food animal practice.

**Cassandra Rice** of Edgerton, Minn., is a fourth-year student at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science and Dairy Production from South Dakota State University. She worked as a herdsman intern at a 3,000-cow dairy during her undergraduate career and completed several other internships to expose her to various facets of the farm. After graduating, Cassandra plans to join a dairy veterinary practice.

**Travis Roberts**, Big Spring, Texas, is a third-year student at the Ross University (RU) College of Veterinary Medicine. He earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Animal Science from Angelo State University. The son of a ranch foreman for a stocker operation in Texas, Travis grew up learning about the various aspects of the cattle industry. Travis is president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Student Chapter at RU and initiated the campus' first calf handling program. After graduating, he plans to work for a large animal practice.

**Brian Schnell** of Valders, Wis., is a fourth-year student at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. He studied dairy science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and assisted at a 700-cow dairy operation during his undergraduate career. Brian interned for a nutrition company and worked with immune stimulants in calves before working for a large local dairy group to revamp its calf management program. After graduating, he plans to complete a food animal medicine and surgery internship followed by a residency in large animal internal medicine.

**Kristy Shaw**, Logan, Ohio, is a fourth-year veterinary student at The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from OSU, and, during this time, worked at a local farm and interned at the Columbus Zoo, the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. After graduating, Kristy

would like to work as a food animal or mixed animal practitioner in a private practice before transitioning to a career in the government sector.

**Lauren Thompson**, Grandview, Texas, is a fourth-year student at the Texas A&M University (TAMU) College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree from TAMU and completed externships at several veterinary hospitals. Lauren also recently gained experience working as a bovine embryo transfer technician. After she graduates, she plans to work as a food animal veterinarian in a rural area.

**Kendra Wells** of Frederic, Wis., is a fourth-year student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine (UWSVM). She earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Kendra has experience working as a non-sterile technician in large animal surgery, a student technician in the UWSVM Clinical Pathology Laboratory and an employee at a local dairy operation. She plans to work as a food animal veterinarian with an emphasis in dairy medicine after she graduates.