

New 2003-04 National Youth Ambassador



(l-r) Hal Carlton, judge; Joe Miller, National Youth Director; Wade Ceplina, Alternate National Youth Ambassador; Jenna Worden, National Youth Ambassador; Jenna Hoffman, ambassador contestant; David Kendall, BSA Executive Secretary; Mark Fisher, retiring National Youth Ambassador; Liz Holtcamp, judge; and Colleen Aguilar, judge.

During this year's national convention, Jenna Worden, Oelwein, Iowa; David Wade Ceplina, Raymondville, Missouri; and Jenna Hoffman, Mingo, Ohio, made the journey out to Modesto, California.

After a great deal of deliberation, the judges, Colleen Aguilar, Hal Carlton and Liz Holtcamp, chose Jenna as the National Youth Ambassador. Wade was chosen as the Alternate National Youth Ambassador.

The contestants

Jenna is attending Westminster College majoring in Pre-Med with a goal of becoming a pediatrician. She has been very active in the Ohio Junior Association, serving as president. Jenna is the District II Youth Achievement winner in 2002, an officer in her local 4-H club and National Honor Society.

Her animals have been State and National Bell Ringer winners, and Jenna has also won showmanship and herdsman awards.

In her leisure time, she enjoys sewing, singing, dancing and talking with people.

Wade owns 33 animals on the Swiss Valley Dairy. He attends Southwest Missouri State University, is in "Who's Who Among College Students" and on the National Dean's List. In October 2002, he received the American FFA Degree.

He uses the association's classification program and this year enrolled his herd in the Brown Swiss Advantage program.

This year, he was elected to serve as a Dairy Farmers of America delegate for his local district.

In his free time, he enjoys horseback riding, reading J.R. Tolkien novels, swim-

ming and floating down the Current River.

Jonna attends Iowa State University and owns four animals in her family's herd.

Membership in 4-H and FFA has kept Jenna busy as an officer, member of judging teams, chairperson of special events and on quiz bowl teams.

During high school, Jenna stayed busy being involved in sports, the National Honor Society and as a Spanish teacher to elementary students.

Her Brown Swiss activities include State and National Production, Cheese Yield and Bell Ringer participation; while being vice president of the Iowa Junior Association.

Her career goal is to be in the public relations division of the dairy industry.

Sponsors

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