

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION

This year, the Deer Breeders Corporation and the DBC Animal Health Advisory Committee founded two new scholarship programs to benefit the following groups: future veterinarians interested in working with white-tailed deer and students pursuing a degree in the Wildlife field. The DBC Dedwylder/McBride EHD Scholarship program supports commendable students enrolled in the Texas A&M University DVM program who have experience working with deer, and who will continue to incorporate deer in their future. Students pursuing a degree in Wildlife Biology or a related field were eligible for the DBC Wildlife Scholarship. The DBC had an overwhelming response from excellent candidates, and a scholarship committee was established to review all of the applications. Applicants were evaluated on the following criteria: education, activities, employment history, financial need, wildlife experience, personal essay and references. With the support of DBC members, Dr. Dedwylder and Dr. McBride, the DBC awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships to exceptional students.



DBC Dedwylder/McBride EHD Scholarship

TYLER LUTHRINGER

Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine

Growing up raising deer with his family, Tyler acquired the necessary knowledge and skills required in the deer industry. After moving to College Station, Tyler worked for both Triple JJJ Ranch and Big Rack Ranch. He was a real asset to both of these ranches by assisting with every aspect of their operations. In addition to helping raise deer, he has also worked as a hunting guide for different hunting outfits. Tyler is described by his past employers as dependable, hard working intelligent and very cool under pressure. They also noted his ability to handle and keep animals calm, and how that makes him a valuable asset when working with deer. Tyler is currently in his fourth year of the Texas A&M University DVM program, and he plans to incorporate deer into his practice scope upon graduation.



DBC Dedwylder/McBride EHD Scholarship

BEAU SCHILLING

Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine

While pursuing a Masters at Michigan State University, it was clear to Beau's mentors that he had a gift for research. Upon attending Texas A&M, Beau was actively involved with the research project "Sequencing of diagnostic specimens to determine prevalence of Blue Tongue and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease virus serotypes in White-tailed deer in Texas." Beau has gained valuable experience working with white-tailed deer over the last few years. He has assisted with artificial insemination, de-antlering, vaccinating and handling white-tailed deer. His desire to acquire more knowledge keeps him actively involved with the deer industry. Beau has demonstrated a sincere interest in deer and will continue to do so.



DBC Wildlife Scholarship

JETTON FONTENOT

Tarleton State University

Jetton has a considerable amount of experience working with white-tailed deer. Much of her experience was gained from working with the captive herd on the Kerr Wildlife Management Area. In addition to working day-to-day in a captive setting, Jetton spends her Christmas breaks working on commercial hunting operations. She helps with harvesting does and management bucks, recording data, aging and observing nutritional impact programs have on free-ranging white-tailed deer. She has a very strong interest in large mammal nutrition. An advisor described her by saying, "Jetton excels in everything in which she is involved. She is a true model of what our 4-H program strives to develop; well-rounded in all activities, ever courteous and totally dependable. Jetton is an outstanding role model and ambassador for the 4-H as well as the areas of outdoor education and wildlife development."



DBC Wildlife Scholarship

WHITNEY PRIESMEYER

Texas A&M University Kingsville

Whitney is an ambitious student that is very involved with Wildlife Biology. She received her Bachelor's of Science from Texas A&M in Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Master's of Science in Biology, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. from Texas A&M Kingsville. Whitney has always been an avid hunter and outdoor enthusiast. Her current project involves supplemental feeding and deer density research. This study is to provide managers with hard data on the benefits of feeding. Whitney has a vast array of experiences working with white-tailed deer, some of which include the following: radio telemetry, vaginal transmitter implementation, field dressing, drawing blood, chemical immobilization, first aid, GIS, GPS, predator control and supplemental feeding. Her dedication to white-tailed deer and wildlife is apparent through all of Whitney's academic contributions.



DBC Wildlife Scholarship

ANDREA GRIMSLEY

Texas A&M University Commerce

An avid volunteer and member of the Wildlife Society, Andrea spends her time focusing on her studies and gaining hands on experience by working in the field. Some of her experiences include working on the Pride Rock Wildlife Refuge, Fossil Rim Wildlife Refuge and Texas Parks and Wildlife Copper Lake State Park. Andrea has also spent a considerable amount of time assisting a TPWD biologist collecting harvest data, aging deer and compiling statistics analysis. She is described by her professors as an outstanding student that is often doing more than required and is strongly committed to volunteer work with a desire to learn as much as possible. Andrea summed her love for the industry by saying, "There is not a volunteer opportunity that I have turned down or one that I will ever turn down. I love working in this field and I can't wait to see what it brings me."

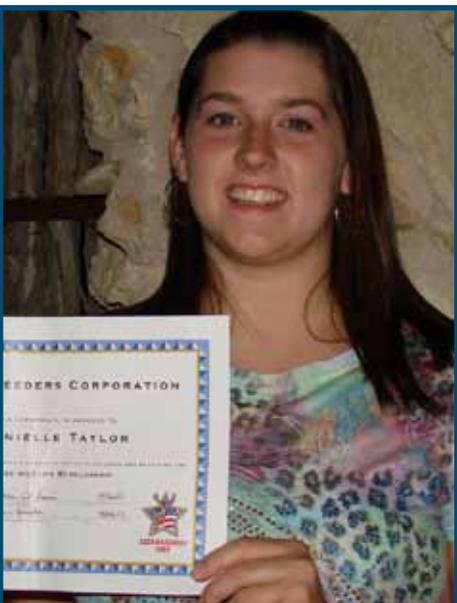


DBC Wildlife Scholarship

SHARI KETCHAM

University of Arizona

"My thirst for knowledge drives me to pursue my goal of becoming a renewed wildlife biologist," Shari explained in her application. A full time graduate student and a full time employee of the USDA Forest Service, Shari has hundreds of hours of experience in the wildlife field. She has worked extensively with the Black Footed Ferret recovery program, Arizona Game and Fish Quail survey program and USDA Forest Service monitoring long nose bats and Mexican long-tongued bats. In addition to working with these programs, she has also contributed to projects involving Cooper's Hawks, Northern Goshawk, Mt. Graham red squirrels, Grebes and Black-tailed prairie dogs. She is described by her professors as being organized and hard working. Shari has demonstrated her dedication to achieve her goal of becoming a wildlife biologist by working as an unfunded graduate student to complete school.



DBC Wildlife Scholarship

DANIELLE TAYLOR

Tarleton State University

Danielle is a very unique student that possesses a wealth of knowledge relating to white-tailed deer, the deer industry and overall animal health. Her knowledge was acquired by working for the deer breeder facility that her family owns and working in veterinary clinics. In addition to assisting the family deer program, Danielle works for Moss Creek Ranch. She has many responsibilities and handles the day-to-day duties associated with any large deer operation. Her background and experience working in a vet clinic has enabled her to treat and monitor deer. Danielle's employers describe her as, "a tremendous asset to any company and not only is she exceptionally knowledgeable of deer breeding, her aptitude in all facets of ranch operations will prove to be essential in future opportunities."

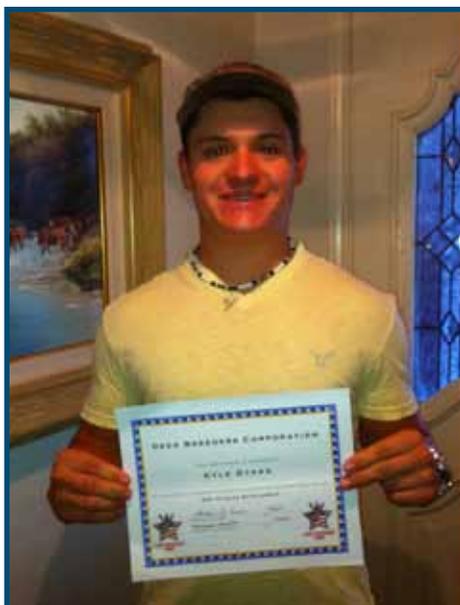


DBC Wildlife Scholarship

TAYLOR SANFORD

Texas A&M University

Starting in Galveston and moving to College Station gave Taylor a strong foundation and a vast array of experiences working with wildlife. She is a member of the Texas A&M University honor program and “managed to have a 4.0 while holding down two part time jobs,” according to an advisor. Taylor worked with Moody Gardens giving tours of the Wildlife Exhibit, St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary, BioBlitz surveying park species and with the Galveston Island Humane Society. In her application she said, “My concentration both in and outside of school has been in the field of wildlife biology and conservation. My interests are in finding new ways to provide safe environments for the many species of animals that are quickly being pushed from their homes.” Taylor demonstrates knowledge and passion, which will allow her to excel in this field.

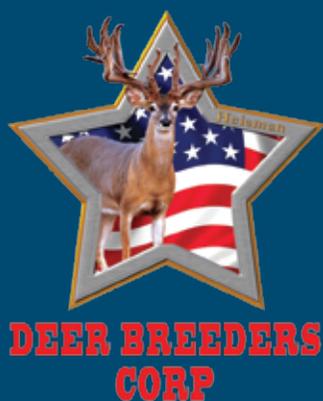


DBC Wildlife Scholarship

KYLE DYKES

Texas A&M University

Kyle was born and raised on his family farm and is very familiar with animal husbandry. He has experience working with white-tailed deer and assisting ranches with artificial insemination. In addition to school and working deer, he also spends many hours in a veterinary clinic acquiring valuable skills. It is Kyle’s goal to eventually assist others. “I want to give back,” he says, “plans for me include securing a strong job with my education so that I can help future college students in the same way that people have set up this scholarship to assist me in the time of need.”



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