



# *News Release*

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### **Giving Back to Idaho Students**

Boise, ID – When you think about June Dairy Month, milk, cheese, yogurt and ice cream come to mind. Those delicious products produced by Idaho's dairy farmers each and every day are part of the reason we recognize the dairymen and women for their hard work each year.

Not only do Idaho's dairy farm families contribute to our physical well-being through the nutritious dairy foods we enjoy, but they contribute to their communities as well. For the past two decades, Idaho's dairy farm families, through United Dairymen of Idaho (UDI), have contributed thousands of dollars to Idaho students through the Distinguished Student program and the Idaho High School Activities Association. Idaho's dairy farm families care about the communities where they live. They realize the importance of giving back to their towns.

UDI sponsors the Interscholastic Star Scholarships, which are awarded by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA). Each year, IHSAA names five top Interscholastic Stars. UDI presents \$1,000 to each student's school in their name and \$500 to the schools of the three runners-up. UDI also sponsors the state tournaments for athletic and non-athletic events supported by the IHSAA.

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Ian Turner is the latest milk mustache star in Idaho. The Coeur d'Alene High School junior was recently chosen to receive the 2006 Interscholastic Star Student Recognition Scholarship. Dairy products are a part of Turner's everyday life. "I'm a milk drinker because it tastes great and yogurt gives my body the protein it needs to compete in a physically demanding sport like wrestling." Turner knows that dairy plays a key role in helping him maintain a healthy body. After all, three servings of milk, cheese or yogurt is a deliciously easy way to help build stronger bones and better bodies. Not only does it taste great, but milk has a great nutrient package including calcium, protein, vitamin A and six other essential nutrients for healthy growth and development.

The Distinguished Student is another program that recognizes excellence in academics, citizenship and the role of education in Idaho. Each week during the school year, four nominated students are selected from around the state. Each student's school receives a plaque in the student's name and \$100 to spend on academic needs for the school. At the end of the year, four students are selected as student of the year. Their schools receive \$5,000 for academic needs from UDI. Recent recipients of the distinguished student award include Kelly De Lange from Timberline High School in Boise, Tony Nichols from Council High School, Faith Amber Brasher from Homedale High School, Tyler Marshall from Rigby High School and Ramiro De Leon from Malta High School.

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*United Dairymen of Idaho (UDI) is the local planning and management organization responsible for increasing demand for U.S. produced dairy products on behalf of Idaho's dairy farm families.*