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APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 12 FOR DAIRY LEADERS OF TOMORROW 'EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE' PROGRAM

'Exploring the Bovine from the Outside In' to be Hosted May 26

Harrisburg, Pa. – Applications for the Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow Exploration Experience, "Exploring the Bovine from the Outside In," are due Friday, May 12. High school students in grades 10-12 who are interested in dairy veterinary careers are invited to apply. The event will be hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania on Friday, May 26, at Meadow Vista Farms in Bainbridge, Lancaster County, from 9 – 2 p.m.

Exploration Experiences are a new supplemental series to the Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow high school education platform, established by the Center Foundation, and will provide students with the opportunity to apply the skills and techniques they learned in the classroom in a real-world setting.

"We're pleased to provide this in-depth learning opportunity to students through the Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow program," said Mary Foote, dairy education program manager for the Center Foundation. "Not only will students participate in a unique hands-on experience, but they will be able to explore one of the many potential careers in food animal medicine and the dairy industry."

Jared Risser, who will graduate from Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in May, will lead the Exploration Experience before he joins the team at Dairy Veterinary and Management Services in Indiana. Attendees will learn about animal health from the perspective of a veterinarian and discover how veterinarians decide upon treatment recommendations. Risser will encourage students to apply their fundamental understanding of biology, anatomy, and physiology to the bovine species through both live animal and post-mortem examinations. Students will witness how common diseases of cattle manifest, treatments for the diseases, and how cattle vary from other mammalian species in terms of digestive anatomy.

Participation is limited to the first twenty-five students and registration must be made by Friday, May 12, to be considered.

More information about the experience can be found by visiting the "Educational Experiences" tab at dairyleadersoftomorrow.com and selecting the "Exploration



Experiences” on the left side menu. To register, visit the website or contact Mary Foote, at 717-346-0849 or via email at mfoote@centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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Jared Risser 2016.jpg: Jared Risser will present the “Exploring the Bovine from the Outside In” Exploration Experience workshop for school students. Risser will graduate from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in May. *(Photo provided by Jared Risser)*

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