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First Hugh Mitchell – Western Fair 4-H Endowment Fund Scholarship Awarded

London, January 11, 2020 -- The first Hugh Mitchell – Western Fair 4-H Endowment Fund Scholarship has been awarded to Emily Duenk of Denfield.

Duenk is pursuing her Masters of Science in the Plant Science department at the University of Guelph's Ridgetown campus. She was recognized for her involvement in several initiatives that demonstrate unique collaborations within 4-H, her school, and the community. In particular, Emily has excelled at showing and raising beef cattle. She enjoys assisting younger 4-H members in learning the skills required to raise cattle and show them to their advantage in the show ring.

The \$2,500 scholarship was established this past year and is awarded to an existing or former 4-H member from Middlesex County, between 17 and 21 years of age, who are exemplary in his/her demonstrations of the 4-H pledge:

I Pledge my Head to clear thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, my Health to better living, for my community, my country and my world.

"Our Association would like to thank Hugh Mitchell and the Western Fair District for supporting our local 4-H members as they strive to "Learn to do by Doing" each and everyday," said Laurie Farquharson on behalf of the Middlesex 4-H Association.

The Scholarship is named in honour of former Western Fair Association CEO Hugh Mitchell, himself a graduate of the University of Guelph, in recognition of his lifetime achievements relating to rural-urban relationships. It is supported by the Western Fair Association in recognition of the organization's ongoing commitment to the local community.

"This award brings me great pleasure because its yet another testament to the associations unflinching commitment to support 4-H in this region," said Mitchell.

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