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## **2009 STEPHEN F. KRUT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

On behalf of the American Association of Meat Processors, the Board of Directors and the Membership, it is with great pleasure to tell you that the 2009 Stephen F. Krut Scholarship Award is being given to Anthony Klinger.

Throughout his youth he was very active within FFA and 4-H and stated that both activities had a positive influence on developing him into the person he is today and helped him determine the educational path that he has chosen to pursue.

Anthony will begin his senior year at Michigan State University in August and is enrolled in an Animal Science Pre-veterinary major. He currently maintains a very respectable 3.83 GPA and is enrolled in a variety of challenging Animal Science classes for his remaining two semesters.

Throughout his educational career at Michigan State University he has worked at the Meat Laboratory on the slaughter and processing crew, as well as the research team. The research team has focused on processing and the safety of ready-to-eat meat and poultry products.

After graduating from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science he plans to attend veterinary school. Anthony hopes to focus on livestock animals as food products and microorganisms in food and meat products. For a future career he may look toward the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). While some in the audience may frown upon this career choice, Anthony seems to be the exact type of individual that FSIS and the meat industry needs...an individual with a true animal agriculture background and education that would assist the Agency in making rationale future decisions.

Throughout his letters of recommendation, individuals mentioned that Anthony is a very honest, reliable, and aggressively motivated individual with an excellent work ethic. His work ethic and desire to pursue a higher education within animal agriculture make him a much-deserving young man of AAMP's support.

It is an honor to announce that Anthony Klinger is the recipient of the 2009 Stephen F. Krut Scholarship Award, in the amount of \$2,000. Unfortunately, Anthony was not available to be with us for the convention, but we have already been in contact with him regarding the scholarship.