

News Release

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Anderson Named Star in Agriscience Finalist

Amanda Anderson of the Mount Horeb FFA Chapter was a Finalist for the Star in Agriscience Award for 2008 at the 79th State FFA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Her advisor is Pam Allen. She is the daughter of Scott and Audra Anderson. Amanda works at Minitube of America, a biotechnology company that is the leading global provider of porcine, bovine, equine and canine reproductive biology supplies, equipment, and training.

At Minitube she works with veterinarians and scientists researching reproductive products and protocols for artificial insemination and cloning. Amanda has come a long ways since beginning as Minitube's "farm crew", scooping manure, fixing fences, pulling weeds, and basic upkeep. Her duties now include being a veterinary assistant and an equine caretaker. Anderson's duties include preparing, cleaning and sterilizing equipment for daily palpations, embryo transfers, and artificial insemination. She administers vaccinations and drugs and assists with surgeries to recover cloned embryos in swine. Amanda plans to attend UW-Platteville and work in the animal science field.

The Star in Agriscience Awards are sponsored by Monsanto Chemistry, Seeds and Traits, and Haldeman-Homme, Inc. through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation, Inc.

The State Convention is a grand event that celebrates the accomplishments of the students, advisors, and supporters who make our organization great. Over 3,000 Wisconsin FFA members and advisors representing more than 250 schools along with parents, alumni, sponsors, and guests gathered June 9-12, 2008 to participate in the 79th State FFA Convention at the Exhibition Hall at Alliant Energy Center - Madison, Wisconsin.

The FFA Organization provides its members with an opportunity to gain life skills through hands-on learning. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
