

Student Experiences in Dairy



How do you feel that your undergraduate institution has prepared you for a career in the dairy industry?



Natalie Roe
UW–Madison

"Industry professionals and researchers are always willing to guest lecture in classes, which helps you see what the industry is looking for in employees and make connections. The dairy science major also requires an internship, which helps students explore potential career options before graduating."



Jack Saemrow
UW–River Falls

"UW–River Falls has provided me with many opportunities to network with peers, farmers, and instructors that are dedicated to the success of every student in and out of the classroom."



Halie Maier
UW–Platteville

"I have had the opportunity to take advantage of many co-curricular experiences in the dairy industry that have helped me learn so much more, such as employment at Pioneer Farm and being a part of the Dairy Nutrition Experience hosted by Purina Animal Nutrition."

UW Alumni Perspectives



How did your interests in the dairy industry evolve throughout your undergraduate education?



Erin Kammann
UW-Platteville

Graduate student
UW-Madison

"At the start, I was not sure what area I wanted to focus on. It was with help from my advisor, Dr. Lammers, and taking more nutrition courses that I found an interest in ruminant nutrition."



Max Shenkenberg
UW-Madison

Herdsman
Maier Farms

"In the beginning I just had an interest in overall animal health, but as I got into taking more major specific courses I found a passion for reproductive physiology and genetics of dairy cows."



Karissa Juckem
UW-River Falls

Graduate student
UW-Madison

"At the beginning of my undergraduate career, I wanted to be a nutritionist but didn't know if it would include dairy or beef cows, or potentially both. I did internships with Dr. Waldron and GPS Dairy and the opportunities and people I met only enhanced my decision of becoming a dairy nutritionist."