

## Montgomery County Farm Bureau

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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY FARM BUREAU AWARDS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANNUAL MEETING**

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau recently held its 2009 Annual Meeting at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center in Gaithersburg, MD. Guest speaker for the evening was David Miller, Director, High School and Post Secondary Education of Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF). Approximately 118 members and guests attended. Maryland Farm Bureau President Michael Phipps presented President George Lechluder with six State Gold Level Awards of Excellence in Legislative Affairs, Young Farmers, Outstanding County Program, Leadership Development, Member Benefits & Membership and Women & Ag Education.

Six educational scholarships were awarded. Lori Mangum presented the \$2,000 Robert T. Mangum Memorial Scholarship to Amber Phaire, Silver Spring, MD. Amber is a senior at University of Maryland majoring in landscape architecture. The Montgomery County Farm Bureau awarded five \$1,000 educational scholarships to the following recipients: Kaylene Lyons, Olney, MD - Kaylene is a senior at Blake High School and plans to attend college majoring in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine; Julia Huang, Rockville, MD - Julia is a freshman at Montgomery College and plans to major in agricultural and resources economics/business management at University of Maryland; Alex Huntley, Damascus, MD - Alex is a freshman at University of Maryland, Institute of Applied Agriculture, majoring in ornamental horticulture; Cody Fletcher, Laytonsville, MD - Cody is a junior at University of Maryland majoring in agricultural science and technology; Cameron Irons, Laytonsville, MD - Cameron is a freshman at University of Wyoming majoring in large animal pre-veterinary medicine.

The elected 2009-2010 officers of Montgomery County Farm Bureau are President - George Lechluder, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Lonnie Luther, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Pam Saul and Director, Colesville Area - Todd Greenstone.

Montgomery County Farm Bureau is part of the Maryland Farm Bureau, a private, non-profit membership organization. The Maryland Farm Bureau Mission is to promote and protect Maryland agriculture and rural life. Its strength comes from the active participation of over 32,000 member families that belong to the state's 23 county Farm Bureaus. For more information, visit the website at [www.mdfarmbureau.com](http://www.mdfarmbureau.com).

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