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SUNY Morrisville Hosts 2021 Northeast Dairy Challenge

Madison, WI, October 18, 2021 - Students from all around the Northeast attended the 2021 Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge from October 14-16, 2021. Over the three-day event, students participated in hands-on opportunities that helped them prepare for careers in the dairy industry.

The Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge lets students be part of an educational experience while creating a real-world dairy evaluation. Students are placed on aggregate teams, that they are to work with for the remainder of the competition. Dairy Challenge strives to incorporate a higher learning atmosphere with practical application to help prepare students for a variety of careers in the dairy industry

On Thursday, students visited their assigned farm to evaluate. The host farms were Porterdale Farms, Inc. in Adams Center, NY and Hanno Farms in Lowville, NY. Teams assessed their farm to find areas where each farm could improve to have a better running and more financially viable operation.

In addition to working on their presentations, students also had time for some fun at the Boonville Bowling Alley, as well as time for networking with industry professionals at a career fair.

About Dairy Challenge:

NAIDC is an innovative event for students in dairy programs at North American post-secondary institutions. Its mission is to develop tomorrow's dairy leaders and enhance the progress of the dairy industry by providing education, communication and networking among students, producers, and agribusiness and university personnel. Over its 19-year national history, Dairy Challenge has helped prepare more than 7,000 students for careers as farm owners and managers, consultants, researchers, veterinarians or other dairy professionals.

Winners of the 2021 Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge:



First Place Farm 1: Team 3 (Genex)
L-R: Chelsey Patch (University of VT), Josephine Swyers (Alfred State College),
Courtney Groom (SUNY Cobleskill), Jonathan King (Cornell University)



First Place Farm 2: Team 11 (Northeast Agricultural Education Foundation)
L to R: Donald Opp (Pennsylvania State University), Kaity Walorz (University of
Maine), Kassandra McMullen (Ohio State-ATI), Alexander Dawson (Cornell University)