

## 2013 Maynard Award Recipients

### **Kristen Davis**

Ph.D. candidate

Advisor – Dr. Yves Boisclair

#### **Area of study:**

*Regulation of milk synthesis in the mammary gland with particular focus on protein synthetic pathways*

### **Maris McCarthy**

Ph.D. candidate

Advisor – Dr. Tom Overton

#### **Area of study:**

*Nutritional physiology of dairy cattle during early lactation*

### **Xi Yan**

Ph.D. candidate

Advisor – Dr. Xingen Lei

#### **Area of study:**

*Metabolic functions and mechanisms of selenium and selenium-containing enzymes in type 2 diabetes and obesity*

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**Dr. L.A. Maynard** was one of Cornell University's most distinguished nutritionists. An endowment in his name has been established to honor graduate students who have a nutrition-related program. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program in the Department of Animal Science and selection is on the basis of "outstanding graduate performance." The award for 2013 is \$500.00.

#### I. CRITERIA FOR AWARD

- A) Graduate student enrolled at Cornell University in the Department of Animal Science
- B) Selection on the basis of outstanding graduate performance
- C) Research be nutrition-related

#### II. BACKGROUND FOR AWARD

Drs. Edith S. and Russel A. Rasmussen established an endowment for the award in 1988. The first two criteria are essentially verbatim from the letter by the family's trust officer when the award was established. The third criterion seeks to recognize Dr. Maynard's life-long commitment to animal nutrition and was established after discussions with J.M. Elliot, Department Chairman at the time the Endowment was established.

Nominations will involve a brief resume that includes achievements, to be submitted by the nominee. The nominee's faculty advisor will submit a letter of reference. The award will consist of a check based on the growth of the endowment and up to two students can be selected per year. For 2013, the check will be for \$500 and at the selection committee's discretion, up to 2 students may be selected.

#### III. SELECTION PROCEDURE

A committee will be established to select the annual winner(s). As operational criteria it is suggested that:

- a) "Enrolled" means enrolled in graduate school at the time of the particular CNC when the award is to be made.
- b) "Outstanding graduate performance" will be assessed by tangible achievements including but not limited to abstracts, publications, extension presentations, and teaching accomplishments.
- c) "Nutrition-related" is broadly defined to represent the type of nutrition-oriented research that would or could be presented at the CNC.