

LEONARD A MAYNARD GRADUATE AWARD



Winners of the annual Maynard Award were announced at the 80th annual Cornell Nutrition Conference on October 17, 2018. This year's recipients were Amanda Davis and Andrew LaPierre.

Amanda Davis is a graduate student working with Dr. Joseph McFadden. Her research focuses on lipid and glucose metabolism in the periparturient dairy cow, with particular focus on the role of the sphingolipid ceramide.

Andrew LaPierre is a graduate student working with Dr. Mike Van Amburgh. His research focuses on understanding the relationships between energy and amino acid supplies in dairy cattle along with enhancing the ability to model these interactions.

Dr. L.A. Maynard was one of Cornell University's most distinguished nutritionists. An endowment in his name was established by Drs. Edith S. and Russel A. Rasmussen 1988, 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 based on "outstanding graduate performance." The award for this year is \$600.00.

Criteria for award include:

- (a) graduate student enrolled at Cornell University in the Department of Animal Science;
- (b) selection based on outstanding graduate performance; and
- (c) research must be nutrition-related.

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 Dr. J.M. Elliot, Department Chairman at the time the Endowment was established.

Applicants were required to submit a brief resume that included evidence of tangible achievements in research, teaching and/or extension. In addition, each applicant's advisor had to submit a supporting letter. A committee of Animal Science faculty is established to select the annual winner(s).