

2023 Ironstone Concours Foundation/ Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Recipient

Molly Terpstra

The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is a collaborative project of the California State Fair, the California Agricultural Advisory Council, and the Friends of the California State Fair. This year, twenty students have been awarded \$41,500 for scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year. These students represent fifteen California counties.

The Ironstone Concours Foundation/ Friends of the California State Fair provides \$5,000 to be awarded to one outstanding candidate. In 2023, we recognize the recipient of the Ironstone Concours Foundation/ Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Molly Terpstra.

In Fall 2023, Molly will be starting her freshman year of college at Modesto Junior College as an Agricultural Business and Management major. Molly's passion for agriculture has been a long journey, stemming from her childhood when she began growing and selling produce at the Riverbank and Oakdale farmer's markets, as well as breeding, selling, and showing her own sheep and cattle projects. Molly has progressed to selling her own calves, and this past year, sold a registered Angus bull to a local rancher as his new herd sire.

Community service projects are also an important focus of Molly's time. Some of which have included working with her floral class to make breast cancer awareness bows for the entire student body and teachers, Valentines for the Escalon Care Center, Escalon High Graduation corsages, and coordinating Thanksgiving meals for those in need.

Molly's long-term goals include transferring to Purdue University to obtain a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Agriculture Business, with an emphasis in International Agriculture Marketing. Additionally, Molly plans to obtain her PhD at Cornell University in Agriculture Economics and pursue a career as an agriculture commodities broker in international commodities trade.

Congratulations, Molly!

