

# a.j. quist memorial young breeder of the year award

## Matthew & Lauren Evangelo

Matthew and Lauren Evangelo are the recipients of the 2012 A.J. Quist Memorial Young Breeder of the Year Award. Matthew grew up on D & E Dairy in Hanford, which consists of 700 Registered Holstein cows and heifers. Matthew raised and showed Registered Holsteins throughout his 4-H and FFA career. Lauren grew up in Petaluma where she raised and showed Grade Holsteins in both 4-H and FFA. Since they graduated from Cal Poly, the duo has been involved with raising a Registered Holstein herd at D & E Dairy and they purchased their first Holstein together in 2009.



Since then, they have grown their Registered herd to about 25 Holsteins, with many of the animals owned in partnership with fellow Holstein Breeders in California and Wisconsin. Their key partnerships are with Nick and Jessica Sarbacker and Airosa Dairy. In addition to their own herd, Matthew currently works with his parents, Anthony and Teresa Evangelo and brother Jason, to manage and operate D & E Dairy's herd. The Evangelos have also been involved in sale management, helping manage the 2010 Cal Poly Classic, the 2012 Air-osa 100th Anniversary Sale at World Ag Expo, and the 2013 California State Holstein Convention Sale.

Matthew and Lauren have been extremely involved in the Holstein industry, well beyond the farm. In addition to being a lifelong Holstein USA member, Matthew has served on the California Holstein Association board since 2007

holding various roles such as South San Joaquin Holstein Association Representative, Secretary/Treasurer, and being Co-Chairperson of the California State Holstein Show. Both Matthew and Lauren are very involved with South San Joaquin Holstein Association, where Lauren has been Secretary since 2009. Lauren has also served as Co-Convention Chairperson for the 2013 California State Holstein Convention and Co-Chairperson/Founding Member of the 2012 Western Dairy Classic Jr. Show. Additionally, Lauren led the Pre-Convention Tour committee for the 2009 National Holstein Convention.

When asked why they believe Registered Holsteins have a future in their program, they responded, "The Black and White cow has played an important role in both of our lives since childhood and has helped shape us into the individuals we are today. Registered Holsteins and our love for cattle led us to meet each other at World Dairy Expo in 2004 and has given us the opportunity to meet Holstein enthusiasts and form wonderful friendships all over North America."

"Furthermore, in a day and age where it is difficult to start your own dairy, Registered Holsteins have allowed us to enter into the dairy cattle business, buying a handful of elite dairy females to build a foundation for marketing and showing cattle throughout North America."

Matthew and Lauren plan to keep developing the Holstein cow families that they currently have and seek out future investments that will allow them to continue to develop their dairy cattle marketing business.

*Congratulations to this year's recipients of the A.J. Quist Memorial Young Breeder of the Year Award, Matthew and Lauren Evangelo.*

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1960 Bill & Libby Clark	1974 Mike Martin	1989 Ken & Kathy Elliot	2004 Bill & Jennifer Silva
1961 Norman & Freda Lucas	1975 Vic Gouveia, Jr.	1990 Leo Langerwerf	2005 Chris & Ellen Durrer
1962 Louis Aufdermaur, Jr.	1976 Tony Bos	1991 Dennis Areias	2006 Tara Davis
1963 Bernard Souza, Jr.	1977 Gilbert Teixeira	1992 Leroy Rocha	2007 Ryan Matheron
1964 Doug Maddox	1978 Dino Ortega	1993 Chris Hellwinkel	2008 Jon & Tami Tollenaar
1965 Tom Nunes	1979 Joe Vieira	1994 George & Kelly Morasci	2009 Robert Teixeira
1966 Art Avrit	1980 Dan Ranney	1995 Dino Migliazzo	2010 Jana McClelland
1967 Tom Sawyer	1981 Louie Jr. & Leo Durrer	1996 Joey Airosa	2011 Natalie Silva
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