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DAIRY INDUSTRY RESEARCH
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Name: Vanessa Tuytel

School/Program: BSc. Biology at the University of the Fraser Valley

Completion Date: April 2023

Amount: \$2,500

Origin of Interest:

I was raised on a Chilliwack poultry, hazelnut, and cedar tree farm. I grew up around chickens, dogs, guinea pigs, rabbits, and horses. This started my interest in animals and after moving to our dairy farm in 2012 I was influenced to pursue veterinary medicine. I joined the Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club where I showed Holsteins and I have continued to work on our dairy while attending university.

Background:

I have been working on my family's dairy farm since 2012. Through my hours on our farm I completed the Youth Work in Trades Program as a Dairy Production Technician entailing more than 480 hours of work, as well as working paid hours during school and the summer. Also, over the years I have had the opportunity to assist and learn from our veterinarians and AI technicians, which has increased my interest and influenced me to pursue becoming a veterinarian.

Educational and Career Aspirations:

My current academic goal is to complete 3-4 years of the Bachelor of Science Program as a Biology major, while also taking agriculture classes at The University of the Fraser Valley to complete Veterinary school prerequisites and a science degree. After completing this, my goal is to attend The Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. I am aspiring to attend WCVM for four years and graduate with my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. I then plan to return to BC to begin a career as a practicing veterinarian.

DIREC Mission Statement:

The BC Dairy Association actively funds research and education projects. Our objective is to facilitate, encourage and financially support projects and programs that have been identified by the BCDA to benefit the BC dairy industry.



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