

COE STUDENTS HONORED AT YEAR-END BANQUET

The Midwest Poultry Consortium recently held its 2018 COE *Magical Banquet and Awards Ceremony* at Madison's *Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club* to honor its 35-member COE class – one of the largest ever for the program. Marking the end of its 23rd year of educating students, the year-end banquet and awards ceremony brought together students, family members, faculty, MPC board members, staff, and industry representatives to socialize, network, and recognize and reward students and faculty for their hard work in completing another successful summer session.

The COE, an intense 12-week poultry science curriculum spread over the course of two summers, is intended to better prepare students for employment within the poultry industry upon graduation. It provides students with the opportunity to earn up to 18 credits in poultry science, participate in internship opportunities which pave the way for future employment within the industry, and develop a lifelong industry network.

In a departure from previous years, the 2018 COE *Magical Banquet and Awards Ceremony* featured motivational speaker and magician Lyndy Phillips who entertained the audience with magic tricks and a motivational message. The event's social hour gave students the opportunity to visit with industry representatives about potential employment opportunities and



2018 COE students (L to R) Claudia Tellman, Alexis Reily, Erin Thelander, Kaitlyn McCarty, and Emmillee Boot enjoying social hour at the COE Banquet.



COE award winners (L to R) Emilee Copple, Reilly Hoefker, and Aaron Ripplinger.

career paths within the poultry industry. The banquet's awards ceremony recognized Emilee Copple as the most intelligent student (*Egghead Award*) for the second year in a row, Reily Hoefker as class clown (*Yolkster Award*), and Aaron Ripplinger as the most dedicated student (*Ducks in a Row Award*).

Faculty members were also recognized at the "Magical" COE Banquet with the coveted *Mark Cook Pullet-zer Prize*. The award, renamed in honor of perennial *Pullet-zer Prize* winner and distinguished University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty member Dr. Mark Cook who passed away last year, went to Dr. Yuko Sato of *Iowa State University* for Summer Session I and Mike Fulton of *Michigan State University* for Summer Session II. The *Mark Cook Pullet-zer Prize* is voted on by students and goes to the faculty member student's feel went above and beyond in their efforts to connect with and educate students at the 2018 COE. Others nominated for the award included: Maria Arendt, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Greg Fraley, *Hope*

College; Ron Kean, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Ken Koelkebeck, *University of Illinois*; Carl Parsons, *University of Illinois*; Mark Richards, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Mike Wineland, *North Carolina State University*.

Onsite COE Coordinator Dr. Mark Richards presented diplomas to recognize students graduating in 2018 and the hard-work they put in to complete both years of the COE. 2018 COE graduates include: Emmillee Boot, *Michigan State University*; Gabriell Conn, *Michigan State University*; Emilee Copple, *Ohio State University*; Mariah Huberty, *University of Minnesota*; Lindsey Leiser, *Kansas State University*; Victoria Mason, *Iowa State University*; Jessica Menke, *Iowa State University*; Thomas Salentiny, *South Dakota State University*; Emily Starlin, *Ohio State University*; Erin Thelander, *North Dakota State University*; Hunter Wawers, *University of Florida*; Camden Zahn, *University of Missouri*; and Luke Zimmerman, *University of Illinois*. *Congratulations COE graduates!*

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2018 COE Graduates (Back row L to R): Camden Zahn, Luke Zimmerman, Hunter Wawers, Thomas Salentiny. (Middle row L to R): Emmillee Boot, Lindsey Leiser, Victoria Mason, Jessica Menke, Gabriell Conn. (Front row L to R): Mariah Huberty, Emily Starlin, Erin Thelander, Emilee Copple.