## **Becker Farms Scholarship**

The Becker Farms Scholarship is one time scholarship given to a graduating senior from Moravia Central School in memory of David Becker. David was a MCS graduate, an avid farmer, and lifelong supporter of agriculture in the community. David owned and operated his dairy farm until 2000, and then continued to work side by side with his family working the land to grow a variety of crops, all while having a full time job at Cornell University working at the Freeville farm. His love of farming went far beyond his own land, as he was often called upon by local farmers and organizations to share his knowledge and troubleshoot any type of soil, spray, or farm equipment issues. David also enjoyed helping out the MCS agriculture department. Dave helped organize the placement and building of the high tunnel project for the Agriculture Department and was awarded the Honorary Chapter Degree from the Moravia FFA. David was well known in the community and served on a variety of boards and organizations including the Sempronius Fire Department, Trustee of the Christ United Methodist Church, member of the Farm Service Agency Committee, New York State Forest Practice Board, President of Sand Hill Cemetery, a supporter of the Sempronius Youth Garden, Finger Lakes Antique Power, and was a Sempronius Town Board Member for 20 years.

**Eligibility:** 

Any senior graduating from MCS with a passion for agriculture.

Name:

Questions:

Has your experience with agriculture had an influence on the career path you have decided to pursue after graduation? If so, how?

What role do you think agriculture will have in your future?

What types of community service have you done?

How would receiving this scholarship help you start your career after graduation?

Please write a short paragraph telling us a little bit about someone who has inspired you to give back to your community.

Submission:

Please return this application to Mrs. Taylor's office by May 3, 2024