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KENT STUDENTS RECEIVE FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL STUDIES

Two Kent students who have started their further education studies in agriculture this year are the latest recipients of the Kent County Agricultural Society's scholarship scheme bursary.

The Society's scholarship scheme has been running since 2016 and is designed to support Kent based students who are looking to study agriculture or a land-based subject at university. Recipients of the bursary form the Kent Rural Scholars, who this year are joined by Morgan Tasker and Alice Edmonds.

Morgan Tasker, from Maidstone, has studied for an extended diploma in agriculture at Hadlow College and has recently started at Writtle University to study Agriculture (Regenerative Systems and Livestock). The course is the first of its kind in the UK and has been introduced to reflect the changing direction of the agricultural industry to include conservation and climate smart agriculture, agro-ecology, carbon farming, technology use, and integrated management practices.

Upon joining the Kent Rural Scholars, Tasker said: "I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to become a Kent Rural Scholar. I will use the funding to buy textbooks that will assist me with my studies. Successfully becoming a Scholar is a great achievement and I look forward to being associated with the Kent County Agricultural Society."

Alice Edmonds, also from Maidstone, has started studying Food Marketing and Business Economics at the University of Reading. She decided to pursue a career in agriculture after joining New Line Learning Young Farmers Club and working for Burdens during her free time.

Edmonds said: "Becoming a Kent Rural Scholar is rather exciting, and I am looking forward to what opportunities it will introduce me to. I am very grateful to the Kent County Agricultural Society for the generous funding towards my degree and I am proud to be representing the charity at the University of Reading."

The current members of the Kent Rural Scholars are studying a range of subjects from agriculture to forestry management at universities across the country. Chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Society, James Forknall, said: "The scholarship scheme is an important part of the charitable work by the Society. The Kent Rural Scholars will be part of the future of agriculture and related industries, so it is important they are supported through their studies."

The Scholarship Scheme and Kent Rural Scholars are run by the Kent County Agricultural Society, a charity that works to promote and support agriculture in Kent. Find out how to support the Society's charitable work by visiting the website.

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About the Kent County Agricultural Society (Registered Charity Number: 1001191)

The Kent County Agricultural Society has been supporting education and improvement in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and related industries since its foundation in 1923. It provides grants to Kent Young Farmers Clubs and offers university scholarships to students wishing to study in related fields. The Society also provides free education on farming to young children through the 'Farming in the Classroom' initiative and the Living Land event.

The Society's headline event is the Kent County Show; the region's showcase event for farming, countryside, and rural life. The three day show in July brings together the best food, animals, and entertainment that Kent has to offer and reveals the true spirit of "The Garden of England."

Alongside its work in supporting education in agriculture for young children and students, the Society also supports the county's agricultural and land-based industries and workers through recognition awards and its trade show, Farm Expo in March.