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**Scholarships help cement a rural future**

Books, living costs, a new laptop and a plane ticket to an internship are likely to be the recipients of scholarship money won by four students through The Royal Agricultural Society of WA.

Each year The RAS assists young people studying agricultural subjects by contributing to their tertiary costs through the Australian Council of Agricultural Societies 2009 Coca-Cola Regional Scholarship program. Each of this year's four winners receive \$2000.

This year's winners are Wattle Grove's Dr Jennifer Clulow, Gnowangerup's Alexander House, Narrogin's Braden Lange and South Lake's Caris Allen who has won a scholarship for the second year running.

Dr Jennifer Clulow, 28, is in her fourth year of vet science at Murdoch after doing a PhD on large animal reproduction. Planning to specialise in horse and cattle reproduction she hopes to head to

Alexander House, 18, is studying agriculture and commerce at UWA and will put his money towards books and general living expenses.

Braden Lange, 20, will use his money towards books and travelling. He is studying agribusiness at Muresk and plans to travel to the US to investigate local methods of harvesting and seeding.

Caris Allen, 19, is doing a double major in environmental management and land and water management. Next year she will add a science communications qualification and hopes to marry the two together in a job. Her award money will go towards a laptop.

CEO of The RAS, Martin Molony says one of the core aims of the society is education and these scholarships are an important part of fostering a passion for agriculture. Mr Molony says encouraging the next generation's vision for agriculture ensures the industry's future is in capable hands.

The scholarships will be awarded during the President's Cocktail Party at the 2009 Smoke Free Perth Royal Show at Claremont Showground on September 26.

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