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Stanley A. Hamel Traveling Scholarship 2016

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Rebecca Hiltz '16 of East Falmouth, Massachusetts is the recipient of the Stanley A. Hamel Traveling Fellowship for 2016. The fellowship was established in 2013 and funded by a generous endowment from Stanley A. Hamel through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Administered through the UNH Office of National Fellowships, the Stanley A. Hamel Traveling Fellowship provides around \$3,800 for self-designed travel in Europe to observe and absorb the culture that influenced the history of the United States. UNH graduating seniors and recent (up to five years) graduates are eligible to apply.

Hiltz will graduate from UNH in May with a major in Medical Veterinary Science and a minor in Dairy Herd Management. She will travel to Germany for two months to study the history of agriculture and the Holstein breed of cows, which originated in the Schleswig-Holstein region of Germany. Her inquiry will go beyond the livestock themselves, analyzing surviving family farms that existed when German immigrants first left their homeland for North America, bringing



Rebecca Hiltz '16, recipient of 2016 Stanley A. Hamel Traveling Fellowship

their cows with them. Hiltz has designed an itinerary that covers a wide range of experiences, including staying with host families on two commercial dairy farms, touring universities in Bonn and Kiel to study bovine genetics, and visiting museums of German agricultural history. This is not Hiltz's first trip out of the United States: she has visited family in Germany twice, and she has gone to South Africa for the Vets in the Wild Program. This trip will add to her travel experience and complement her aspirations to become a veterinarian.

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