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The Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce this year's Heritage Animal Exhibitor and recipient of a \$2,500 Scholarship, Sierra Short from Rancho San Juan High School FFA. Sierra was also a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship last year, from our Foundation. She has just graduated from high school and will pursue her goal to become an Ag Teacher at Fresno State in the fall.

Sierra has been guided by her leaders in both 4-H and FFA and hopes to mentor her students as much as her advisors have helped influence her. She has served in a variety of leadership roles in both 4-H and FFA, including President, and has served as the FFA Sectional Secretary for the past year. One of her teachers described her as being a "once in a lifetime students", in reference to her "great initiative".

Sierra describes herself as a "lifelong learner" and she "loves to absorb new information and learn all about things in agriculture." Her academics are outstanding as well and she was a co-salutatorian for her graduating class this year. In her spare time, Sierra can be found volunteering for a local little league.

Please join our Board in Congratulating Sierra Short on being selected as this year's Heritage Animal Exhibitor and Scholarship recipient. The animal she raises will be auctioned during the 2022 Monterey County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction on Saturday, August 27. All proceeds from the sale of the animal will help benefit our youth in the community by promoting scholarship opportunities, agricultural awareness, and will help with improvements to the barns, grounds, and event center venues at the Monterey County Fair.

