2016 POULTRY PRINCE AND PRINCESS ANSWERS

When did you first hear about the Poultry Prince and Princess Program?

Molly: In 2012 I competed in my first poultry show at the state fair and some of my friends ran for Poultry Prince and Princess, and from then on someone I know has ran.

Nathan: In Poultry Bowl we saw the Prince and Princess from a couple years back and someone recognized them and pointed them out to me.

Why did you apply to be a part of the program?

Molly: Ever since I joined 4-H, I’ve had a passion for the poultry project and advocating for agriculture. I absolutely love sharing my passions with others and helping younger 4-H members become passionate about this program too. Educating consumers about the agriculture and poultry industries is another thing I love doing. I thought this program would be a great way for me to continue to share my passions and educate others.

Nathan: I thought it might be an interesting experience.

What are your favorite moments as Poultry Prince and Princess so far?

Molly: I would have to say one of my favorite moments serving as Poultry Princess would be attending the University of Minnesota’s Ag Day at the football field. There I got to not only attend a Gopher game (I’m a huge fan of the Minnesota Golden Gophers), but also meet President Kaler and Brian Buhr – Dean of the College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences, and I got to sit in on an agricultural informative panel. Another one of my favorite moments would be meeting all of the 4-H members that are all so passionate about agriculture and poultry. I can tell you right now, the future of agriculture is in good hands.

Nathan: Going to the Ag Day event at the U of M last fall.

What are you most looking forward to this summer as you continue your reign as Poultry Prince/Princess?

Molly: I’m most looking forward to being able to go to all of the county fairs throughout the state and getting to see everyone’s projects. I’m also really looking forward to all of the media appearances that we have the opportunity to be apart of.

Nathan: Meeting some cool people!

What characteristics do you think the next Poultry Prince and Princess need to have to be successful?

Molly: I think that they need to be fun-loving, outspoken, charismatic individuals. But most importantly the next prince and princess needs to be driven and passionate individuals. They need to have a passion for the poultry project and industry, and being the advocates for the industry. It’s important that they always work towards instilling and sharing this passion with members, industry leaders, and consumers.

Nathan: They need to be personable and nice people who care about poultry.

What do you want other 4-H’ers in the poultry program to know about the Poultry Prince and Princess contest?

Molly: I want other members to know that it is a very rewarding and fun program to be apart of. You get to meet so many new people and have a ton of cool opportunities. I also want them to know that if you have a passion for poultry, that this could be them next year. It’s a very cool experience no matter if you earn the title or not.

Nathan: You should try it – you might win!

What are your plans for your $1,000 scholarship check?

Molly: After graduating high school this year, I plan to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities or Iowa State University. I would like to major in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Communications, with minors in Animal and Political Science, so the $1,000 will go to help paying for college!

Nathan: I am planning to use the money to help cover college costs next year.