



## Stories from Cornerstone Dairy Academy™

**Laura Raatz** Listen to Laura's candid feedback on how she benefitted from Cornerstone Dairy Academy and the support of the Professional Dairy Producers Foundation.



*Laura Raatz of Wagner Farms, Oconto Falls, WI*

**Corey Knoepke** from More-To-Do Farms in Durand, WI has attended Cornerstone Dairy Academy, for two years. First participating in Influential Leadership and then, Visionary Leaders. He tells us that the etiquette session was surprisingly useful because it taught him "what the now is and what the public wants to see". This professional development experience gave him the opportunity to think about things that as a young farmer he does not think about every day. For example, the proper way to send an email and speak on a voice mail. He strongly recommends the Cornerstone Dairy Academy to fellow dairy professionals.

**Rosario Ibarra** is a part of the Priority IAC team in Manitowoc, WI. She attended the Influential Leadership track at the Cornerstone Dairy Academy. She shares that as the only millennial in a multi-generational team, she found it valuable to learn that like her, many young professionals have to work at how to effectively contribute to their team. She feels that she has become more patient as she learned more about the values of the different generations. "It is important to breathe and understand what others are thinking, and to discover better ways to

communicate. Often it is about improving myself and others, not just about me."

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## Training Designed to Grow Dairy Industry Leadership

The Cornerstone Dairy Academy is a Professional Dairy Producers' (PDPW) program that directly addresses the need for growing leadership skills within the dairy community. It is especially effective for those with strong technical skills, who want to pair that knowledge with the communication skills needed for advancement and leadership in the dairy industry.

PDPF proudly supports Cornerstone Dairy Academy as part of its vision to grow the next generation of dairy leaders. Since the program's inception in 2014, 90 applicants from 17 states have participated.

*Thank-you for supporting future generations of dairy leaders.*



The next Cornerstone Dairy Academy will be held March 15-16, 2016 at the Sheraton Madison Hotel in conjunction with the PDPW Business Conference. Interested applicants can apply [here](#).

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