

### DGA Names Apprentice of the Year!

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship is excited to announce Tianne Spicer of Ohio has been named the DGA 2023 Apprentice of the Year!!!

Tianne was nominated 4 times for this honor by her Mentor, her Education Coordinator and DGA Staff.

Tianne has been absolutely amazing this year. She has went above and beyond what our expectations were for her. She milks, keeps records, makes feed, treats foot problems, moves fence, took part in the pasture mapping pilot, keeps records, works extra hours, has done

TIANNE SPICER

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multiple off farm trainings such as OV vet clinic, and much more. She is a hard worker, fast learner, and continues to take on more than we expect. She deserves to be named apprentice of the year.

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I'd like to nominate Tianne. From the beginning of her Apprenticeship, she has been actively engaged, attending Open Office Hours with me regularly, is enthusiastic about any opportunities that come her way and more than anything, embraced the NRCS PT grant and the work it required. She learned the PT, how to do the cuts, how to upload them and despite several technical issues (phone, PT machine, uploading issues) she always keeps trying and has a smile on her face. She is such a sweetheart and always enjoyable to talk to.

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Tianne is entering her third year as an apprentice on the Settlage Farm. She has excelled in every area and is a key member of the team. She has been tasked and trusted with training and

supervising new employees as well as other critical responsibilities on the farm. As Jordan Settlage and his father consider expanding their operation, they are looking to Tianne to take on more management responsibilities. Tianne has kept up with and excelled in her MGIC obligations and has logged an impressive number of discussion hours, demonstrating her interest in and commitment to dairying. Beyond the farm Tianne finds the time to volunteer for missions and as a youth group leader with her church. She is very bright and has been nothing short of a perfect example of what a DGA apprentice should be. I could go on and on about Tianne!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TIANNE!**

### National Apprenticeship Week Highlights

DGA celebrated National Apprenticeship
Week by honoring our 2023
Apprenticeship Grads! Congrats again
Abby Weisberg, Madeline Eby, Nathan
Tozier, Mikayla Birschbach, Emily Deier,
and Kate Sabino!



## APPRENTICESHIP WEEK GIVEAWAY



DGA celebrated some more with social media contests and give aways all week! Congratulations to our contest winners!! The will each take home some DGA swag from our DGA store!

> Brandy Miller Purebred Mini Jersey Society Jodie Weyland ProCross

Want some DGA Swag of your own?? You can order anytime from our DGA Store!!

Visit The DGA Store

And finally DGA celebrated National Apprenticeship Week with a live Webinar covering what Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship is all about.

Stay tuned for more live & free webinars

from DGA coming in the new year!



LEARN ABOUT DAIRY GRAZING APPRENTICESHI

11:30 a.m. CT | Via Zoom | November 14, 2023

## DGA APPRENTICES, APPRENTICE CANDIDATES & JOURNEYWORKERS...WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

DGA WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL BEGINNING FARMERS.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS QUICK SURVEY TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU!

FILL OUT SURVEY HERE



### 'FARMER'S GUIDE TO BUSINESS STRUCTURES'

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 11:30AM CENTRAL

In our upcoming monthly webinar on December 4th we will be discussing the Farm Commons platform and what resources are available to our farmers.

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FARM COMMONS!

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The Zoom Link for the monthly webinars comes directly to your email one week prior to the webinar date.

\*\*Got webinar topic ideas??? Send your suggestions to <u>Jessicam@dga-national.org</u>. If your topic is selected you will receive a DGA hat!

\*\*Webinars are recorded and available anytime on the DGA website to all our participants. Go to your dashboard and click the "Resource" button to find them

# In the news

DAIRY GRAZING
APPRENTICESHIP TRAINS THE
NEXT GENERATION OF
FARMERS
~WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO



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DAIRY INDUSTRY EYES INCREASE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ~AGRI PULSE

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CLIMATE-SMART GRAZING ON TAP FOR DAIRY PROJECT ~ HIGH PLAINS JOURNAL



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PROJECT TAKES AIM TO CREATE DAIRY TRACEABILITY STANDARD ~DAIRY PROCESSING

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Have an upcoming DGA Event? Send it to <u>Dana@dga-national.org</u> to have it placed in our monthly newsletter!

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December 6: Climate Smart Commodities Informational Webinar December 15: Last day of MGIC Classes January 18-19: DGA Board of Directors Winter Retreat



# HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Mentors!
DGA has a discussion forum just for you!

Join us

On the 2nd Tuesday of every other month from 6:30-8pm Central for an informal conversation to build relationships with other grazing farmers and Mentors...and maybe even bring something back to your own farm that can improve efficiencies, profitability and quality of life.

Please watch your email monthly for the Zoom Link.

Next Scheduled discussion is set for Tuesday, January 10th from 6:30-8pm Central



**DGA MENTORS/PRODUCERS!!** 

WE WILL HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL CLIMATE SMART COMMODITIES WEBINAR ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 10AM



#### CENTRAL

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE AND FOR Q&A!!

ZOOM LINK IS ON THE DGA HOMEPAGE BANNER.

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# WE WANT YOUR FARM VIDEOS AND PHOTOS!

WANT TO SHARE THE
CRAZY/WONDERFUL/NOT SO
FUN/AMAZING THINGS THAT HAPPEN
ON YOUR FARM?? FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW
AND YOUR PHOTOS AND CLIPS COULD BE USED ON
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS!

- 1. Start at https://www.dga-national.org/socialupload
- 2. Choose a file from your phone or computer.
- 3. Click the pencil icon to rename the image or video to include your name and location for credit.
- 4. Click the upload button.
- 5. Wait for the "Upload Success" message to ensure everything worked correctly. Longer videos will take some time to complete



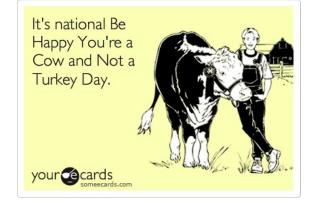
# THE DGA LOGO STORE IS READY FOR YOUR ORDERS!!!!!

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Happy Thanksgiving From All Of Us At DGA!







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