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**Stephanie Breazile Crowned 59th Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador
Breazile representing Linn and Benton Counties looks forward to an exciting year**

SALEM, Ore. – January 28, 2018 - Stephanie Breazile representing Linn and Benton Counties, was crowned the 2018 Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador during ceremonies Saturday night. The 59th annual coronation event was hosted by the Oregon Dairy Women at the Salem Convention Center. Stephanie was among five county contestants vying for the 2018 title. Megan Sprute, representing Washington County was named First Alternate.

Breazile, 20, is a student at Oregon State University where she is studying to be a high school agriculture teacher upon graduation. Breazile was very active in her high school's FFA chapter holding multiple leadership positions including president for two years. In college, she is an active member of Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority.

Her speech during the contest, titled "Technology, Efficiency and Innovation on the Farm: Not Your Grandfather's Dairy" discussed the variety of ways that dairy farmers utilize technology on their farm. Breazile spent the last two days in interviews, performing impromptu speeches and interacting with the three judges before she was selected Saturday for this honor.

Breazile is looking forward to a busy year informing and educating the public about the dairy industry. She will spend the next twelve months traveling statewide attending fairs, town meetings and public events as a representative of Oregon's dairy farmers. Much of her reign will be spent in Oregon schools delivering educational presentations about life on a dairy farm and the nutritional benefits of consuming dairy products.

Upon being crowned, Breazile received \$3,000 in scholarships to continue her education. Outgoing Dairy Princess-Ambassador Kiara Single received \$14,000 for her year dedicated to the Oregon dairy industry, personally informing over 15,000 students of the benefits of dairy products and life on a dairy farm in schools and community events.

Megan Sprute representing Washington County was named First Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess-Ambassador. Also a recipient of scholarships, Sprute will play an important role assisting in the promotion of the dairy industry throughout the state in the coming year. The other state finalists include Donata Doornenbal of Marion County, Rachel Jenck of Tillamook and Jessica Monroe of Yamhill County, who received the peer-elected Miss Congeniality award.

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Oregon Dairy Women (ODW) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization with the main objective to promote the dairy industry. The ODW mission is to promote greater use of all dairy products through outreach and educational programs.

Since 1959, the Oregon Dairy Women's Dairy Princess Ambassador Program has served as the premier advocate for the Oregon Dairy Industry in collaboration with the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association and the Oregon Dairy Nutrition Council. The ODW award scholarships, and provides financial support to 4-H and FFA programs, Agriculture in the Classroom, Ag Fest, Summer Ag Institute, Adopt-a-Farmer and judging teams.



Stephanie Breazile of Linn and Benton Counties looks to Kiara Single, 2017 ambassador just after being crowned 2018 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador.



2018 Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Stephanie Breazile (left) of Linn and Benton Counties and 2018 First Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Megan Sprute (right) of Washington County.