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## *Travis Dow*

*Travis Dow is 19 years old, from Vermilion, Alberta. Travis is currently in his second year of the University Transfer program at Lakeland College in Lloydminster specializing in Secondary Education. Travis is currently an active student at Lakeland College. He is a member of the Lakeland College Curling Team as well as an Ambassador for the College. His goal is to transfer to University after this year to finish his Bachelor of Education degree and begin a career as a Middle School Teacher.*

*At the beginning of his 4-H career, Travis leased purebred Dorset's from Lakeland College. After three successful showing seasons, including winning Grand Champion Flock at the Provincial Sheep Show in 2013, Travis made the decision to start his own purebred sheep flock. In the fall of 2013, Travis teamed up with the Westergaard family to create WD5 Suffolks, a flock which currently consists of 40 purebred Suffolk ewes with British and Canadian genetics.*

*Over his nine year 4-H career, Travis has developed from a quiet and shy person into a confident and well-respected Judge and workshop presenter. Over the past three years, Travis has had the opportunity to Judge numerous 4-H Achievement Days across Alberta, most recently Judging at 4-H on Parade in Calgary this past June. Over the past 10 years, Travis has shown for numerous breeders as well as recently consigning his own purebred sheep at the All Canada Sheep Classic. While showing at the Classis, Travis has met hundreds of breeders across Canada while gaining connections and new ideas about the developing sheep industry. Travis looks forward to establishing his own purebred Suffolk flock in the future and continuing to contribute to the purebred sheep industry in Alberta and throughout Canada.*