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Minnesota Grocers Association Presents 2018 MGA Best in Class Awards

St. Paul, MN. – May 1, 2018 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) presented the 2018 MGA Best in Class Award to D.J. Williams, District Sales Manager for 7up/Snapple Bottling Group, South St. Paul. It was awarded on Thursday, April 26 at the MGA Industry↔Connects Luncheon in Bloomington, MN.

The MGA Best in Class Award acknowledges the best of the best in Minnesota’s food industry. Based on his/her performance in 2017, the winner has gone above and beyond in his/her leadership, brought results and positive growth to his/her companies through his/her direction at the store level.

Nominations for the award were submitted by the members of the MGA, and judged on positive sales growth through the development and execution of new programs, the ability to foster company engagement and provide opportunity for employee personal and professional development, and demonstrated community support and involvement.

MGA President Jamie Pfuhl and MGA Board Chair Mark Collier of Superfair Foods presented the award on behalf of the Minnesota Grocers Association. The D.J. Williams received a commemorative plaque in an awards ceremony at the MGA Industry↔Connects Luncheon, as well as acknowledgement from his peers.

“The MGA is so proud to recognize the dedication and achievements of those whose day to day efforts are laying the foundation for a vibrant and thriving industry,” said Jamie Pfuhl, MGA President. “D.J. demonstrates the hard work, commitment, and passion for excellence that makes our industry truly great.”

The MGA is a state trade association representing the food industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members with nearly 1,100 stores statewide, as well as approximately 100 distributors and manufacturers. Our member companies employ over 125,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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Photo 1: 2018 Best in Class: D.J. Williams of 7up/Snapple Bottling Group is presented with the 2018 Best in Class Award by Mark Collier of Superfair Foods, MGA Board Chair with Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association.