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MINNESOTA GROCERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARDS \$73,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Paul, MN – June 19, 2017 – The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation (MGAF) awarded **\$25,000 in scholarships** to employees or their dependents from Minnesota Grocers Association member companies for the 2017-2018 school year. The Foundation Scholarship program serves to aid students who are related to Minnesota’s food industry by supporting their educational growth.

Using funds raised from an annual golf event and silent auction, the MGAF is able to award scholarships and community grants. This year, the MGA Foundation received **384 applications** from **41 companies**. The twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships awarded represent the Minnesota food industry’s strong belief in the need for continued education.

Scholarships are awarded by an impartial committee of educators and based on community involvement and academic achievements.

This year the Piggyback Scholarship Program was again available for members of the Minnesota Grocers Association, allowing companies to “piggyback” on the MGAF application process in order to provide a scholarship program specifically for their employees and employees’ dependents. Nine member companies participated and awarded a combined **\$48,500** in scholarships.

2017 MGAF Scholarship Winners include: Julia Abfalter from **Coborn’s**, Syrie Amiot from **Dean Foods**, Jamie Arostegui from **Cub Foods**, Haley Burgart from **Coborn’s**, Ariel DeBeer from **Teal’s Market**, Alyssa Dorff from **Olsen Fish Company**, Moira Fay from **Festival Foods**, Alyson Feltmann from **Mackenthun’s Fine Foods**, DyAnna Grondahl from **Miner’s, Inc.**, Hannah Hanson from **Do-Mat’s Family Foods**, Elizabeth Heile from **SUPERVALU**, Jonathon Krueger from **County Market**, Andrew Lonnes from **Cub Foods**, Trevor McDaniel from **SUPERVALU**, Kayla McIver from **Pilgrim’s Pride**, Andrew Meek from **Casey’s General Store**, Nora Mohamed from **Lunds & Byerlys**, Alison Przybilla from **Pilgrim’s Pride**, Jacob Rose from **Lunds & Byerlys**, Kendra Sandkamp from **Russ Davis Wholesale**, Jordan Scheunemann from **Advantage Sales and Marketing**, Jacob Schmidt from **Miner’s, Inc.**, Riley Sotnyk from **Russ Davis Wholesale**, Emily Stumpf from **Lunds & Byerlys**, and Grace Weinrich from **SpartanNash**.

2017 Piggyback Scholarship winners include: from **Chris’ Food Center**: Cassidy Koland and Samantha Koland; from **Cub Foods**: Haley Brandes, Eric Kieser, Erin Kotten, Abigail Meyer, and Sophia Thommes; from **Dean Foods**: Madison Bakken, Kelly Buhl, Lindsay Buhl, Alicia Christians, and Mackenzie Hanisch; from **Jerry’s Enterprises, Inc.**: Emma Becker, Winona Berg, Jamie

Colleran-Skov, Kali Denis, Ryan Gottsleben, Marisa Hall, Jade Hernandez, Marco Hernandez, Lilly Johnson, Cole Kaiser, Jonathon Krueger, Nicole L'Allier, Alyssa LeMay, Andrew Lonnes, Noah Madson, Anthony Mazza, Gretchen Olson, Alec Rudh, Anna Rummel, Joseph Scott, David Truong, Jennifer Truong, Theodore Wahl, and Eleanor Wolfe; from **KEMPS**: Benjamin Almquist, Kaitlyn Betzold, Alyssa Johnson, Emma Pelkie, Gianni Solis, and Phuong Vo; from **Mackenthun's Fine Foods**: Joan Fuhrman and Cody Sik; from **Miner's, Inc.**: Alyssa Aamodt, Reid Davidson, Maria Hecimovich, Karsten Larson, and Rebecah Riggs; from **SUPERVALU West Region Office**: Marlisha Carter, Grace Goodwin, Michael Heile, Sara Heile, and Kalli Opsal; from **Teal's Management**: Tracy Eisenschenk, Lexi Goebel, Laura Heitman, and McKenzie Laubach.

The MGA is a state trade association representing the food industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members serving over 1,100 locations statewide, as well as over 100 distributors, manufacturers, and wholesale partners. 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 of Minnesota as a civic leader and advocate.

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