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MINNESOTA GROCERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARDS \$74,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Paul, MN – June 3, 2016 – The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation (MGAF) awarded **\$25,000 in scholarships** to employees or children of employees from Minnesota Grocers Association member companies for the 2016-2017 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 Foundation received **378 applications** from **70 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. Eleven member companies participated and awarded a combined **\$49,500** in scholarships.

2016 MGAF Scholarship Winners include: Alyssa Aamodt from **Miner’s, Inc. – Hermantown**, Nick Aarsvold from **Bennett’s Food Center – Plainview**, Nickolas Anderson from **Faribault Foods, Inc. – Faribault**, Daniel Boe from **Cub Foods – Cottage Grove**, Kelly Buhl from **Dean Foods – Woodbury**, William Croteau from **Festival Foods – Brooklyn Park**, Kayden Daggett from **GNP Company – St. Cloud**, Elizabeth DeRosier from **Cub Foods – Eagan**, Jenson Draper from **H. Brooks and Company – New Brighton**, Kendra DuChaine from **Casey’s General Store – Cokato**, Kathryn Friesz from **Cub Foods – Bloomington**, Jacklyn Hensel from **Coborn’s – St. Joseph**, Michael Himlie from **Harmony Foods – Harmony**, Angela Hinsch from **Hub Food Center – Zumbrota**, Kyle Hinseth from **Crystal Farms – Minnetonka**, Nicholas Larson from **Central Market – Detroit Lakes**, Michaela Marcum from **Coborn’s – Sartell**, Adam Martin from **Jim’s Market – Slayton**, Marshal Quast from **Tersteeg’s Holiday Market – Redwood Falls**, Rosie Schacht from **KEMPS – Rochester**, Emily Schimbeno from **Econofoods – Red Wing**, Nathan Steckman from **SUPERVALU – Hopkins**, Rachel Stinson from **Lunds & Byerlys – Golden Valley**, Susan Thompson from **Glen’s Food Center – Luverne**, Alexander Wennerberg from **Kowalski’s Eagan Market – Eagan**.

2016 Piggyback Scholarship winners include: from **Chris' Food Center:** Samantha Koland and Casey Sura; from **Cub Foods:** Kacie Lein, Mariah Madsen, Abigail Meyer, Carolyn Meyer, and Martin Peyton; from **Dean Foods:** Brooklyn Anderson, Madison Bakken, Lindsay Buhl, Alicia Christians, and Angela Holtquist; from **Glen's Food Center, Inc.:** Brianna Jonason and Dylan Westerbur; from **Jerry's Enterprises, Inc.:** Katie Barber, Winona Berg, Thomas Brandt, Matthew Bugajski, Lauren Fox, Kathryn Friesz, Connor Glade, Amanda Halek, Marisa Hall, Aaron Harkner, Kevin Hines, Jonathon Krueger, Hailey Meleen, Cassandra O'Donovan, Thomas Rivard, Justus Rivard, Anna Rummel, Maria Rummel, Joseph Scott, Jonathan Sullivan, Danielle Towner, Gabrielle Travers, David Truong, Jennifer Truong, and Kristen Woida; from **KEMPS:** Brianna Flug, Alyssa Johnson, Erik King, and Emma Pelkie; from **Mackenthun's Fine Foods:** Zachary Thole and Jenna Zellmann; from **Miner's, Inc.:** Matthew Borash, Jennifer Fournier, William Fournier, Madalyn McComber, and Whitney Wender; from **S & R Quisberg, Inc.:** Kendra Hacker and Zoe Loucks; from **SUPERVALU West Region Office:** Lauren Freichels, Sara Heile, Kalli Opsal, Taylor Schaubert, and Kourtney Selensky; from **Teal's Management:** Elizabeth Heitman and Leah Spaeth.

The Minnesota Grocers Association 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 manufacturers and distributors. 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 retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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