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## MINNESOTA GROCERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARDS \$77,750 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Paul, MN – June 18, 2020 – The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation (MGAF) awarded **\$30,000 in scholarships** to employees or their dependents from Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) member companies for the 2020-2021 school year. The Foundation Scholarship program helps 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 **335 applications** from **40 companies**. The thirty \$1,000 scholarships awarded represent the Minnesota food industry’s strong belief in the need for continued education. Since its inception the Foundation has awarded over **\$850,000** in scholarships.

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

**The 2020 MGAF Scholarship Winners are:** Grace Adesida from **Cub Foods**, Brian Almquist from **KEMPS**, Catherine Cuthbert from **KEMPS**, Rachael Fuchs from **SpartanNash**, Jillian Gamble from **Russ Davis Wholesale**, Heather Haarstick from **Central Market**, Dylan Holven from **Kwik Trip**, Elizabeth Horton from **Hy-Vee**, Haley Karels from **County Market**, Kaitlin Klennert from **Roadside Market**, Connor Kockler from **Coborn’s**, Koleman Lind from **Lunds & Byerlys**, Ellie Logelin from **Jubilee Foods**, Madeline Moore from **Kwik Trip**, Kendra Morisette from **Cub Foods**, Jayde Morrissette from **General Mills**, Austin Mundt from **Faribault Foods, Inc.**, Ana Nelson from **Kowalski’s Market**, Conor O’Rourke from **Lunds & Byerlys**, Anna Perron from **Kowalski’s Market**, Austin Pinske from **Mackenthun’s Fine Foods**, Jordyn Sears from **Dean Foods**, Lilli Sisler from **KEMPS**, Lauryn Sobasky from **Olsen Fish Company**, Emma Soderstrom from **UNFI**, Grace Stelley from **Arctic Glacier Ice**, Noah Stillman from **Lunds and Byerlys**, Laura Swanson from **Fresh Strategies, Inc.**, Megan Thienes from **Knowlan’s Super Markets, Inc.**, and Mauricio Vite from **Superfair Foods**.

This year the Piggyback Scholarship Program was available for members of the MGA, 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 **\$47,750** in scholarships to **56 students**.

**The 2020 Piggyback Scholarship winners are:** from **Cub Foods:** Izabella Allison, Jaida Emerfoll, Matthew Tomlinson, Cody Venske, and Jackson Young; from **Dean Foods:** Miah Nelson; from **Jerry's Enterprises, Inc.:** Winona Berg, Lila Berg, Natalie Bous, Megan Cosman, Megan Fullerton, Kristen Gensch, Kayla Gorshe, Cristian Hernandez, Angelina Jaramillo-Rangel, Amelia Jutz, Haley Karels, Nicholas Kosek, Samantha Krueger, Hunter Menefee, Rebecca Menning, Tiandra Miller, McKenna Miska, Kendra Morissette, Lily Raschke, Mya Rudh, Jack St. George, Amelia Wenisch, and Gabriella Wenisch; from **KEMPS:** Sheyenne Hamilton, Ryan Hulke, Silas Pelkie, Jacob Peterson, Samuel Sisler, and Alexis Zuehlke; from **Kowalski's Companies, Inc./Jim Kowalski Education Awards:** Caiden Gagner, April Grabner, Riley Hallinan, Sarah Klassen, Lucy Larson, Josh Matara, Ana Nelson, Olivia Nelson, Sean Nelson, Anna Perron, Emily Riley, Katelyn Whitehouse; from **Mackenthun's Fine Foods:** Alyson Feltmann, and Gabriela Llerena; from **Miner's, Inc. Achievement Scholarships:** Alyssa Humphrey, Jack McCormick, and Katelyn Schmidt; from **S & R Qusberg, Inc.:** Jenna Hagemann; and from **Teal's Management/Pearl & George Teal Scholarships:** Andrea Eisenschenk, Hayden Hultman, and Kayla Meyer.

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating over 120 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacturers, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 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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