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MINNESOTA GROCERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARDS \$94,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Paul, MN – June 9, 2022 – The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation (MGAF) awarded **\$37,500 in scholarships** to employees or their dependents from Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) member companies for the 2022-2023 school year. This 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 **190 applications** from **44 companies**. The 25 \$1,500 scholarships awarded represent the Minnesota food industries strong commitment to its workforce. Since its inception the Foundation has awarded over **1 million** in scholarships.

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

The 2022 MGAF Scholarship Winners are

Savva Archakov / Lunds & Byerlys
Ava Barrett / S & R Quisberg, Inc.
Haley Beukema / Cub Foods
Melanie Boyer / Hy-Vee, Inc.
Tanner Campos / Hugo’s Family Marketplace
Samantha Erickson / ALDI, Inc.
Alexa Gordner / Jerry’s Enterprises, Inc.
Elijah Graner / Dicks Fresh Market
Andrew Hoiness / Rushford Foods
Sarah James / Roadside Market
Jasmine King / KC’s Country Market
Maggie Marcolina / Cub Foods
Chase Nelson / Jerry’s Enterprises, Inc.

Claire Nelson / Kowalski’s Companies, Inc.
Kristen O’Brien / Coborn’s Inc.
Kyla Oelkers / Hy-Vee, Inc.
Caitlin O’Rourke / Lunds & Byerlys
Arthur Perron / Kowalski’s Companies, Inc.
Peter Schik / Lunds & Byerlys
Aaron Soderholm / SpartanNash
Jenna Standing / Hy-Vee, Inc.
Morgan Sylvester / Haug Companies
Martha Weinrich / Lake City Fresh Market
Connery Wiecks / Miner’s, Inc.
Emma Winters / Cub 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. **Ten** companies participated and awarded a combined **\$57,000** in scholarships to **58 students**.

The 2022 Piggyback Scholarship winners are

Chris' Food Center:

Josey Olson
Cassidee Thorvig

Cub Foods:

Andrew Fossum
Benjamin Jasinski
Tyler Peterson
Caleb Reames
Samantha Youngquist

Fareway Family Scholarship:

Taylor Haberman
Paige Roiger

Jerry's Enterprises, Inc.

Andrew Blilie
Avery Constant
Skyler Dargis
Megan Erickson
Alexa Gordner
Kurt Haugen
Kyle Haugen
Angelina Jaramilo-Rangel
Amelia Jutz
Cierra Karels
Michael Krueger
McKenna Miska
Chase Nelson
Olivia Rotz
Brooke Schultz

Jim Kowalski Education Scholarship:

Ellie Ackland
Drew Bigelbach
Ernest Mattson
Claire Nelson
Anna Perron
Arthur Perron
Riley Philippi
Kathleen Piepkron
Josef Richter
Britte Ryden
Tiffany Stevens
Emma Zimmer

KEMPS:

Bryan Alvarez
Brady Johnson
Lilli Sisler
Taylor Tedford
Jacob Wilson
Alexis Zuehlke

Mackenthun's Fine Foods Scholarship:

Paige Madden
Ella Swanson

Miner's, Inc. Achievement Scholarship:

Katelynn Aho
Gracie Davis
Merlea Mrozik
Emerson Roseen
Holland Venhuizen

S & R Quisberg, Inc.:

Ava Barrett
Orion Flicker
Nicholas Granberry

Pearl & George Teal Scholarships:

Andrea Eisenschenk
Lily Reed
Makaila Solheid
Jacob Urbach
Elsie Weinrich

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 125 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.

The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation was established in 1992 to offer educational opportunities to the food industry, provide scholarships to employees of member companies or their children, and support community efforts and initiatives through grants. It has supported many notable programs and has awarded over 1 million dollars in scholarships since its inception.