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National DHIA awards 15 scholarships

FITCHBURG, Wis. (February 20, 2019) – The National Dairy Herd Information Association (DHIA) Scholarship Committee selected 15 high school seniors and college students as recipients of \$1,000 scholarships. Judges evaluated applicants on scholastic achievements, leadership in school and community activities, and responses to DHI- and career-related questions. To be eligible for a National DHIA scholarship, applicants must be a family member or employee of a herd on DHI test, a family member of a DHI employee, or an employee of a DHI affiliate. The DHI affiliate for the herd or affiliate employee must be a National DHIA member.

This year's National DHIA scholarship winners are: Todd Allen, Jefferson, Md.; Matthias Annexstad, St. Peter, Minn.; Kathryn Bosley, Malone, N.Y.; Hannah Diehl, McVeytown, Pa.; Brock Irwin, Belvidere, Ill.; Ethan Johnson, Heron Lake, Minn.; Sarah Lehner, Delaware, Ohio; Isabelle Lindahl, Lindstrom, Minn.; Kailynn Martin, Warren, Ill.; Ashley Maus, Freeport, Minn.; Jessica Mehre, Glenbeulah, Wis.; Abigail Solum, Rice Lake, Wis.; Maisie Walter, Montrose, Minn.; and Andrew Wilwerding, Freeport, Minn.

For more than a decade, National DHIA has awarded scholarships in memory of Joe Drexler, who worked for NorthStar Cooperative DHI Services. Bailey Larson, daughter of Richard and Sara, Larson, Alma Center, Wis., is this year's recipient. NorthStar members and employees, friends and family contributed nearly \$10,000 to establish this scholarship fund.

Money generated from the annual National DHIA Scholarship Auction primarily funds the organization's scholarship program. Investments and donations also help build the fund. Plus, proceeds from "The Big Book of Moo" sales support the scholarship program. Go to: <http://Moo.CartoonistBook.com> to order the 160-page book. To donate to the National DHIA Scholarship Fund, contact Leslie Thoman at 608-848-6455 ext. 108 or lthoman@dhia.org.

On July 1, 2019, the 2020 National DHIA Scholarship application will be posted on the National DHIA website at: www.dhia.org/scholarship.asp. Applications are due Nov. 30, 2019.

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