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National DHIA awards 11 scholarships

FITCHBURG, Wis. (January 18, 2022) – The National Dairy Herd Information Association (DHIA) Scholarship Committee selected 11 high school seniors and college students to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Committee members ranked applicants based 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 recipients are Glenn Barnes, son of Jeffery and Pamela Barnes, Lawrenceville, Pa.; Maggie Cronk, daughter of Barry and Janine Cronk, Henning, Minn.; Aaron Dukelow, son of Chris and Monica Dukelow, Abbotsford, Wis.; Rachel Durst, daughter of Loren and Julie Durst, Richland Center, Wis.; Mindi Freed, daughter of Steven and Anna Freed, Timberville, Va.; Justyne Frisle, daughter of Dean and Leslie Frisle, Prairie Farm, Wis.; Brianna Hill, daughter of Brian and Jodi Hill, Gregory, Mich.; Madelynn Hoffman, daughter of Curt and Psuche Hoffman, Manheim, Pa.; Lila Sloan, daughter of Angela and Tim Litow, Davis, Ill.; Emily Starceski, daughter of Paul and Robin Starceski, Sherman, N.Y.; and Clara Thompson, daughter of Donny and Holly Thompson, Plainview, Minn.

For the 14th year, National DHIA awarded a scholarship in memory of Joe Drexler, who worked for NorthStar Cooperative DHI Services (now known as CentralStar Cooperative Inc. - DHI Services). Brianna Hill 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. Support the National DHIA Scholarship Program by donating \$15 or more and receive a copy of *The Big Book of Moo* by Leigh Rubin. *The Big Book of Moo* features nearly 300 cow-centric cartoons. To

order, e-mail BookOfMoo@dhia.org. To donate to the National DHIA Scholarship Fund, contact Leslie Thoman at 608-848-6455 ext. 108 or lthoman@dhia.org.

On July 1, 2022, the 2022 National DHIA Scholarship application will be posted on the National DHIA website at: www.dhia.org/scholarship.asp. Applications are due Nov. 30, 2022.

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