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FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Awards 17 Scholarships to Students

\$18,000 awarded in 2019 and more than \$145,000 awarded to member's children to pursue higher education the last seven years

Madison, Wis. [May 30, 2019] – FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative continues its commitment to higher education by awarding \$18,000 in scholarships this year to 17 deserving students. The cooperative has been generously providing scholarships for seven years and more than \$145,000 has been awarded to 165 students since 2013.

“FarmFirst is dedicated to financially supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders by giving back to our members and their families. When these students succeed, in the classroom and later on in their careers, we all succeed,” says Jeff Lyon, General Manager of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative. “Our scholarship program is a great example of our commitment to our members. We are fortunate to have the financial resources to invest in our youth.”

“Youth education is a cornerstone for our cooperative. Our cooperative leaders continue to make supporting youth a priority, which is showcased through our membership programs and opportunities like our scholarship program, dairy camp sponsorships and our Young Cooperator program,” says Julie Sweney, Director of Communications & Marketing for FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative. “As students pursue and build their careers, it is important for them to know that I FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative is supporting them.”

This year's scholarship recipients include: Brandon Biese of Chilton, Wis.; Brady Butzler of Rockland, Wis.; Brooke Ann Cooper of Mt. Calvary, Wis.; Gabriel Goebel of Fond du Lac, Wis.; Morgyn Haumschild of Milladore, Wis.; Lydia Luebke of Kiel, Wis.; Anthony Manderfeld of Faribault, Minn.; Brett Mullikin of Waldo, Wis.; Cayla Nolting of Waukon, Iowa; Emily Pankratz of Auburndale, Wis.; Mitchel Paul of Edgar, Wis.; Derek Rudolph of Medford, Wis.; Julia Schuh of Seymour, Wis.; Jeremy Schlies of Denmark, Wis.; Mackenzie Ullmer of Seymour, Wis.; Collin Weltzien of Arcadia, Wis.; and Leah Weninger of Rubicon, Wis.

Scholarship recipients were selected based on leadership, scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, essay responses and their future plans and career goals. All members of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative and their children attending four-year universities, two-year technical programs or short courses and high school seniors planning for postsecondary education were eligible to apply for the scholarships.

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative, established in 2013 and based in Madison, Wis., represents farmers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana by providing legislative and regulatory advocacy, dairy marketing services, disaster protection, laboratory testing opportunities and

industry promotion. FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative is a merger of three long-time prominent Wisconsin-based cooperatives. Learn more about FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative by visiting: www.FarmFirstDairyCooperative.com.

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