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FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Awards 28 Scholarships to Students *Over \$23,000 was awarded to member's children to pursue higher education*

Madison, Wis. [July 15, 2016] – FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative is proud to announce its 2016 scholarship winners. The cooperative has recently awarded over \$23,000 in scholarships to 28 high school and collegiate students pursuing postsecondary education.

This scholarship program is just one way that FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative showcases its commitment and dedication to supporting future generations of agriculture, in addition to its many other youth opportunities.

“The skills that many of these individuals have learned from their experiences of helping on their family’s farm is just one of the many reasons why they have succeeded in the classroom, and will continue as they pursue higher education,” says David Cooper, General Manager of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative. “We are proud to be able to make so many scholarships available to so many deserving individuals on an annual basis. Especially when the dairy markets can be so challenging, we know that this financial support is well appreciated.”

This year’s scholarship recipients include: Gavin Viland, Pipestone, MN; Marlana Wagner, Coleman, WI; Rob Martin, Mineral Point, WI; Kristyn Nigon, Greenwood, WI; Roseanne Crave, Waterloo, WI; Kassy Hoewisch, Fremont, WI; Ashley Oberreich, Plymouth, WI; Katherine Ann Kindschuh, Brownsville, WI; Andrew Seefeldt, Spencer, WI; Beau Hoffman, Gresham, WI; Anna Folgate, Pearl City, IL; Sara Szep, Omro, WI; Brittany Fink, Mayville, WI; Bethany Granskog, Stephenson, MI; Nathan Utecht, Marathon, WI; Alex Lewandowski, Hatley, WI; Nate Condon, Oshkosh, WI; Claire Dempsey, Eagle, WI; Kristen Woldt, Brillion, WI; Karlina Johnson, Daggett, MI; Emily Pratt, Albany, MN; Brian Jones, Green Lake, WI; Kelsey Johnson, Daggett, MI; Maria Biese, Kiel, WI; Bret Joeseph Kluesner, New Vienna, IA; Kim Keller, Mount Horeb, WI; Kelly Pancratz, Zwingle, IA; Anna Pancratz, Zwingle, IA.

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 was established in 2013 and is based in Madison, Wis. Dedicated to its members, the cooperative represents farms in Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana through policy bargaining, dairy marketing services, laboratory testing opportunities and industry promotion. Learn more about FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative by visiting: www.FarmFirstDairyCooperative.com.

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