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FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Awards 25 Scholarships to Students

Over \$115,000 has been awarded to member's children to pursue higher education in the last five years

Madison, Wis. [July 24, 2017] – This year marks the fifth year of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative's scholarship program, having awarded over \$115,000 to more than 130 students. This year, FarmFirst has helped another 25 high school and collegiate students achieve their educational goals through this program.

"We are very proud of the scholarship program that has been established at FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative," says John Rettler, President of the FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Board of Directors. "As a cooperative, we strongly believe in supporting the next generation. Whether that means you are hands-on or in a supportive role in the agriculture industry, in both cases you are accomplishing work that needs to be done to make operations run more efficiently while improving the value and safety in our farms."

"There are lot of changes taking place in the dairy industry, but one thing that won't ever waver is our commitment to our youth. They are the future of dairy, and we want them to have the right resources for them to continue succeeding in the classroom, and eventually within their careers," says David Cooper, general manager of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative.

This year's scholarship recipients include: Reba Gaul from Peosta, IA; Cameron Goebel from Gilman, WI; Matthew Grieben from Watertown, WI; Jennifer Hammerand from Sherrill, IA; Jonathan Herrig from Bellevue, IA; Emily Hutterer from Manitowoc, WI; Jennifer Judd from Mount Horeb, WI; Kody Kleve from Dundee, IA; Brian Lash from Mindoro, WI; Calissa Lubben from Edgerton, MN; Morgan Lund from Mondovi, WI; Amelia Manderfeld from Faribault, MN; Trevor Meyer from Unity, WI; Ashley Moore, Gratiot, WI; McKayla Nigon from Greenwood, WI; Daniel Obert from Orangeville, WI; Jenna Pancratz from Zwingle, IA; Rose Paul from Edgar, WI; Brittany Rennhack from Watertown, WI; Deveni Rowley from Loyal, WI; Kara Rudolph from Medford, WI; Alyssa Seitz from Seymour, WI; Kaitlin Twardokus from Mayville, WI; Sheila Weninger from Rubicon, WI; Kenneth Wesle from Stetsonville, WI.

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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