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MINNESOTA GROCERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARDS \$90,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Paul, MN – June 26, 2023 – The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation (MGAF) awarded **\$37,500 in scholarships** to employees or their dependents from Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) member companies for the 2023-2024 school year. This program helps students who are related to Minnesota’s food industry by supporting their educational growth.

Using funds raised from an annual golf event and silent auction, the MGAF is able to award scholarships and community grants. This year, the MGA Foundation received **188 applications** from **52 companies**. The 25 \$1,500 scholarships awarded represent the Minnesota food industries strong commitment to its workforce. Since its inception the Foundation has awarded over **1 million** in scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded by an impartial committee of educators and based on community involvement and academic achievements.

The 2023 MGAF Scholarship Winners are:

Taylor Bergstrom - Lunds & Byerlys
Cassidy Boeckermann – SpartanNash
Marshall Christensen - Cub Foods
Kaitlynn Chuchna - Miller’s Market
Joel Eisenschenk - Teal’s Market
Cameron Fenner - Cub Foods
Tyler Hanson - DoMat’s Family Foods
Alese Ihrke - Bennett’s Food Center
Hannah Kinsey - Zup’s Food Market
Grace Langfield - Coborn’s, Inc.
Lexi Loberg - Russ Davis Wholesale
Cecilia McNair - St. Joseph Meat Market
Kayla Meeks - Russ Davis Wholesale

Abigail Meyer - Bennett’s Food Center
Erin Myhrer - Kubiak’s Family Foods
Nicole Osness - Russ Davis Wholesale
Braxton Osterhaus - Kwik Trip, Inc.
Zach Peterson - KEMPS
Max Rain - Lunds & Byerlys
Britte Ryden - Kowalski’s Companies, Inc.
Alexis Schweiss - Cub Foods
Satoria Swenson - Jerry’s Enterprises, Inc.
Todd Thompson - KLN Family Brands
Holland Venhuizen - Miner’s, Inc.
Emma Zimmer - Kowalski’s Companies, Inc.

This year the Piggyback Scholarship Program was available for members of the MGA, allowing companies to “piggyback” on the MGAF application process in order to provide a scholarship program specifically for their employees and employees’ dependents. **Nine** companies participated and awarded a combined **\$53,000** in scholarships to **54 students**.

The 2023 Piggyback Scholarship winners are:

Chris' Food Center:

Peter Champion
Cassidee Thorvig

Cub Foods:

Trevor Lamberg
Meagan Phillips
Carter Reimer
Alex Vang
Mason Young

Jerry's Enterprises, Inc.:

Avery Constant
Skyler Dargis
Joseph Erickson
Emily Gillett
Alexa Gordner
Jenna Hanson
Amelia Jutz
Dylan Kolman
Michael Krueger
Anastasia Ledyeva
McKenna Miska
Alexis Schweiss
Jack St. George
Joseph St. George
Satoria Swenson

Jim Kowalski Education Scholarship:

Drew Bigelbach
Michelle Borodich
Kalista Borsch
Piper Borsch
Paige Hendry
Alex Kozicki
Megan Matara
Jack Nelson
Anna Perron
Arthur Perron
Kathleen Piepkorn
Tiffany Stevens

KEMPS:

Peyton Bills
Ryan Hulke
Graham Johnson
Ethan Mediger
Peter Nguyen
Taylor Tedford

Mackenthun's Fine Foods Scholarship:

Ella Swanson

Miner's, Inc. Achievement Scholarship:

Katelynn Aho
Joseph Eklund
Abigail Halvorson
Alec Misiewicz
Emerson Roseen
Savana Sattler

S & R Quisberg, Inc.:

Amelia Dvorak
Olivia Nichols
Sophia Nordby

Teal's Management Scholarship:

Grace Bergeron
Joel Eisenschenk
Jazmin Fuentes
Savannah Hill

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating 125 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacturers, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation was established in 1992 to offer educational opportunities to the food industry, provide scholarships to employees of member companies or their children, and support community efforts and initiatives through grants. It has supported many notable programs and has awarded over 1 million dollars in scholarships since its inception.