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## **National DHIA presents scholarships to 24 students**

**FITCHBURG, Wis. (March 1, 2017)** – The National Dairy Herd Information Association (DHIA) Scholarship Committee selected 24 high school seniors and college students as recipients of \$750 scholarships. Judges evaluated applicants 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 winners are: Shelby Biasini, Morrisville, Vt.; Stephanie Bishop, Delhi, N.Y.; Morgan Cady, Westfield, Pa.; Hannah Craun, Bridgewater, Va.; Kristen Gallagher, Waterville, N.Y.; Erica Heisey, Manheim, Pa.; Kalista Hodorff, Eden, Wis.; Ella Jackson, DeGraff, Ohio; Abigail Jantzi, Clymer, N.Y.; Margaret LaPrise, Exeter, R.I.; Hope McAlvey, Sumner, Mich.; Madeline Meyer, Ionia, Mich.; Lacey Nelson, Ellendale, Minn.; William Patch, Lebanon, N.H.; Juliana Pederson, Westbrook, Minn.; Sabrina Portner, Sleepy Eye, Minn.; Sam Prigge, New Richland, Minn.; Allison Schafer, Westphalia, Mich.; Jared Schrader, Earleville, Md.; Alyssa Seitz, Seymour, Wis.; Gavin Viland, Pipestone, Minn.; and Meghann Winters, Old Washington, Ohio.

For nine consecutive years, National DHIA has awarded scholarships in memory of Joe Drexler, who worked for NorthStar Cooperative DHI Services. Leta Larsen, daughter of Burke and Lisa Larsen, Scottville, Mich.; and Mitchell Schroepfer, son of David and Jolynne Schroepfer, Birnamwood, Wis.; are this year's recipients. 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. To make a donation to the fund, contact Leslie Thoman at 608-848-6455 ext. 108 or [lthoman@dhia.org](mailto:lthoman@dhia.org).

On July 1, 2017, the 2018 National DHIA Scholarship application will be posted on the National DHIA website at: [www.dhia.org/scholarship.asp](http://www.dhia.org/scholarship.asp). Applications are due Nov. 30, 2017.

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