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Ohio AgriBusiness Association Awards \$40,000 in Scholarships

COLUMBUS, Ohio (April 24, 2023) – The Ohio AgriBusiness Association (OABA) recently awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships to 28 students across Ohio through the OABA Educational Trust, the George Greenleaf Agri-Industry Endowment and the OABA Endowed Scholarship Fund. The OABA Educational Trust scholarship program annually awards scholarship dollars to students enrolled in an agriculture-related field attending The Ohio State University and Ohio State's Agricultural Technical Institute, Central State University, Clark State Community College and Wilmington College.

"OABA is proud to support the next generation of industry leaders through our scholarship program," said Chris Henney, OABA president and CEO. "We believe that investing in the education and development of young professionals is crucial to ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of agriculture in Ohio. We congratulate this year's recipients and look forward to seeing their continued success and contributions to our industry."

OABA Educational Trust

The OABA Educational Trust scholarship fund is supported by donations from OABA member companies, and through three primary fundraising activities: two *Golf for Scholarships* outings and a *Target: Scholarships* sporting clays event.

This year, OABA awarded \$28,000 in scholarships to the following individuals.

Central State University

- Tre'Mia Hutcheson of Nassau, Bahamas
- Anna Puthoff of Miami County, Ohio

Clark State Community College

- Gavyn Bunsold of Bellbrook, Ohio
- Erica Edmunds of London, Ohio
- Sarah Phares of South Vienna, Ohio

The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute

- Nicholas Cline of Fostoria, Ohio
- Kalleigh Fry of Archbold, Ohio
- Adam Rischar of Hinckley, Ohio

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

- Molly Cordonnier of Sullivan, Ohio
- Ryan Gabriel of Westerville, Ohio
- Kamryn Kreis of Adamsville, Ohio
- Jacob McCarty of Saint Louisville, Ohio
- Kyla McCoy of Luckey, Ohio
- Macee Mercure of North Lima, Ohio
- Jacob Miller of Blanchester, Ohio
- Austin Paulus of Blacklick, Ohio
- Juliana Reising of Bay Village, Ohio

Wilmington College

- Tyler Bailey of Urbana, Ohio
- Mattie Butler of Mount Vernon, Ohio
- Dane Klosterman of Springfield, Ohio
- Taylor Kenska of Elyria, Ohio
- Samantha Riggan of Hamilton, Ohio
- Connor Tullius of Beverly, Ohio

George Greenleaf Agri-Industry Endowment

The George G. Greenleaf Agri-Industry Endowment was established in 1985 to recognize George Greenleaf during his 25 years as an association executive in the grain, feed, fertilizer and pesticide industries. The fund recognizes outstanding students with an interest in agribusiness.

This year, the George Greenleaf Agri-Industry Endowment awarded \$8,500 in scholarships to the following individuals.

Clark State Community College

- Samuel Sutherly of Troy, Ohio

The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute

- Colin Arnold of Lucas, Ohio

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

- Luke Spracklen of South Solon, Ohio

Wilmington College

- Cody Everly of Lyons, Ohio

OABA Endowed Scholarship Fund

The OABA Endowed Scholarship Fund, established through The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, and through a \$100,000 gift from the OABA and

the OABA Educational Trust, provides financial support for Ohio State students working toward agricultural degrees and enrichment opportunities through their education.

The OABA Endowed Scholarship Fund awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to the following individuals.

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

- Von Herron of Salem, Ohio

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About OABA

The Ohio AgriBusiness Association is the leading advocate for Ohio agribusiness by creating a sustainable business climate through collaborative policy leadership, continuous education and effective communication. OABA is a membership-based state trade association which includes the manufacturers and wholesale/retail suppliers of plant nutrient and protection materials, the grain warehousing and marketing industry, the feed and seed industry, as well as companies providing equipment, financing, insurance, consulting, and other products and services for the agribusiness industry. OABA is also the administrator of the Ohio Certified Crop Adviser Program, 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification Program and Ohio Agricultural Council. For more information, visit oaba.net.