

## **Press Release**

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# Eagan Foundation awards \$130,750 in scholarships to local students

(Eagan, MN, 4/19/2017) — The Eagan Foundation has honored 121 graduating high school students with \$130,750. This is a record year in scholarship dollars for the Eagan Foundation, approaching double the amount awarded five years ago (\$74,000). This increase was due to several new scholarships this year, including the Carter S. Weber Memorial Scholarship created after the recent passing of Carter Weber, an avid hockey player and a 2016 graduate of Eagan High School

In 1991, the Eagan Foundation's first year of offering scholarships, 11 students were awarded \$4,350. In its 27 years, the Eagan Foundation has come a long way thanks to the generous support of the new donors and the continued dedication of longtime donors. Scholarships are funded by many location businesses, school organizations, family foundations, and nonprofits. The 2017 scholarship winners were honored by Eagan Mayor Mike Maguire at a breakfast presentation on April 19th at the Eagan High School.

Senior-year students living in Eagan or attending an Eagan school were eligible for the scholarships administered through the Eagan Foundation's 2017 Scholarship Program. To be eligible, senior students had to meet two main criteria: 1) live within the City of Eagan or graduate from a high school located in Eagan; and 2) plan on furthering their education at a technical school, college, or university. Scholarships were then awarded based on a variety of donor-specified criteria such as academic achievement, student financial need, or career interest.

## 2017 Eagan Foundation Scholarship recipients by school:

Eagan High School: Aaron Propson, Abinaya Ilavarasan, Adam Ford, Alexis Roelke, Alyssa Jolliffe, Alyssa Luecke, Amanda Lackey, Amelia Chea, Andrew Ching, Angela Hugunin, Anna Matzdorff, Annalise Kilgore, Annika Ysebaert, Benjamin Czaja, Benjamin Flanagan, Benjamin Goffman, Brandon Wuertz, Bridget Brown, Cameron Ellis, Cameron Marsh, Cameron Shepherd, Caroline Evans, Cassady Davis, Charles Novack, Christopher Wiese, Conner Cress, Dallas Edwards, Daniel Turin, Delaney Sereika, Dylan Schuller, Elizabeth Immen, Elizabeth Steenberg, Emma Slaikeu, Erik Peterson, Erin Bucki, Grace Coskran, Hannah Hegwer, Henry Najlis, Ia Xiong, Jack Husemann, Jack Reichenbach, Jacob Dansby, Jacob Flaum, Jacob Van Wyk, Jerry Ostrem, John Streed, Joleen Werden, Jonathan David, Joseph Rohlf, Joshua Mihm, Julia Pelton, Justin Haughton, Katherine Bustillo, Kayla Ryan, Khalid Ali, Kirsten Elliott, Lauren Kalina, Lauren Markowski, Lindsey Harris, Lucas Aronson, Lucas Duffy, Luke Gnatkowski, Luke Schammel, Mackenzie Thelen, Madeleine Roberts, Mariyum Mir, McKinley Carlin, Megan Gamme, Megan Larsen, Morgan Reddekopp, Nicholas Fillmore, Nicholas Moe, Nikhil Srikanth, Noah Hillesheim, Olivia Amundson, Owen Pixler, Owen Sackmaster, Paige Moy, Paul Filonowich, Rachel Knutson, Rachel Standal,



Rosella Stower, Ryan Pagois, Samantha Gray, Sami Sogge, Samuel Schaefer, Sarah Glaser, Sarah Rutzick, Sathyanarayanan Govindarajan, Seth Jackson, Shannah Howland, Sophia Bergman, Taylor Luecke, Taylor Olstad, Taylor Thompson, Thomas Clark, Tranquil Bent, Trevor Miklya, and Zhen Tu

**Eastview High School:** Alexandra Gekht, Amanda Tran, Aunya Mukherjee, Claire Underhill, Haley Chinander, Jaclyn Lewine, Kaitlynn Stearns, Natalie Ryan, and Rebecca Most

Rosemount High School: Lindsey Jalivay

**School of Environmental Studies (SES):** Allyson Sharbo, Amanda Boxrucker, Andrew Westgard, Claire Grannes, Ellen Anderson, Hanalei Lewine, Samantha Stevens, Samantha Van Buren, Sara O'Halloran, and Shayla Luck

St. Thomas Academy: Alexander Adams
Trinity School of River Ridge: Grace Carlson

### 2017 Scholarship Donors:

Adam Bauman Foundation, Anchor Bank Eagan, Avionte, Black Hawk Middle School, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Bremer Bank Eagan, Carter S. Weber Memorial, College Expert, Dakota Electric Association, Dakota Hills Middle School Parent Booster Club, Deerwood Elementary, DESK Investment, Donald and Karen DeGenaro, Eagan Art Festival / Terry B. Davis, Eagan Athletic Association Baseball, Eagan Athletic Association Eagan Wave Soccer - Angela Olson, Eagan Athletic Association, Eagan Citizens' Crime Prevention Assn., Eagan Foundation, Eagan High School Band Boosters - Scholar Musician, Eagan High School Band Boosters - Wildcat Musician, Eagan High School Boys Basketball Boosters, Eagan High School Boys Lacrosse Boosters, Eagan High School Boys Soccer Boosters, Eagan High School Bruce Nelson Strength Training, Eagan High School Faculty and Staff, Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters, Eagan High School Football Boosters, Eagan High School Girls Cross Country Boosters, Eagan High School Girls Lacrosse Boosters, Eagan High School Swim & Dive Boosters, Eagan High School Track Boosters, Eagan Hockey Association, Eagan Lions Club, Flint Hills Resources Discovery, Friends of the Farm, Friends of Wescott Library, Gillis Family, Glacier Hills Elementary Site Council, Gopher Resource, LLC, Kopp Family Foundation, Laura Miller Memorial, Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission", Matt Thuente Memorial, Minnwest Bank, North Star Youth, Northview PTO, Northwestern Mutual/Bohannon Group - The Leader, O'Keefe Family Swim and Dive, Paradigm Foundation Scholarship / DH Gustafson Family Foundation, Pat O'Keefe STEM, Patriots Endowment, Pat and Jim Sinclair's Sound of Music, Pinewood Community School, Power Systems Research, Punch Family Fund, Rotary Club of Eagan, State Farm Agents, Superior Auto Care, and Xcel Energy

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#### **About the Eagan Foundation**

The Eagan Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community-building organization, whose vision is to make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work, and play. Its mission is investing in Eagan's future by providing community connections, grants, and scholarships. The Eagan Foundation was founded in 1990 and encourages, supports, and enhances ideas, funding, and collaborative action to meet community needs. To date, the Foundation has raised and reinvested more than \$1.4 million in the community through its scholarship, community initiatives, and community grants programs. For additional information or to learn how you can volunteer for the Eagan Foundation, visit <a href="www.eaganfoundation.org">www.eaganfoundation.org</a> or email <a href="mailto:admin@eaganfoundation.org">admin@eaganfoundation.org</a>.