



## News Release

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### **Eagan Foundation awards \$111,250 in scholarships to local students**

(Eagan, MN, 5/20/14) – The Eagan Foundation has honored 126 graduating high school students with \$111,250 in scholarships – the largest annual number and amount awarded in the 24-year history of the Foundation. The end of the 2014 Scholarship Program marks an important milestone for the Foundation as it has awarded its one millionth scholarship dollar, and for the second year in a row has awarded a minimum of \$100,000 and 100 scholarships, which the Foundation will look to continue annually.

When compared to the Eagan Foundation’s very first year in 1991, when 11 students were awarded \$4,350, one begins to truly appreciate how far the Foundation has come in fulfilling its mission, thanks to the generous support of new donors and the continued dedication of longtime donors. Scholarships are funded by many local businesses, school organizations, family foundations, and nonprofits. The scholarship winners were honored at a breakfast presentation on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Eagan High School.

Senior-year students attending Eagan High School or residing in Eagan were eligible for the scholarships administered through the Eagan Foundation’s 2014 Scholarship Program. To be eligible, senior students had to first meet two main criteria: 1) live within the City of Eagan or attend Eagan High School, 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.

“So where do we go from here?” said Brent Johnson, scholarship chair of the Eagan Foundation. “We start by celebrating the milestone that’s been accomplished today and we reflect on all that made this happen. The Foundation continues to explore developing a sustainable model for funding our scholarship program. Someday in the near future, we hope to build an endowment fund that can perpetually help our students as the need for educational funding continues to grow.”

#### **2014 Eagan Foundation Scholarship recipients by school:**

- **Bethany Academy:** Rachel Rock
- **Concordia Academy:** Joseph Vallin
- **Convent of the Visitation School:** Julia Larson
- **Eagan High School:** Ashley Aitchison, Habon Ali, Collin Amundson, Sally Anderson, Roselyn Anderson, Messei Ayele, Sarah Berryman, Celia Bertsch, Paige Bosshardt, Brittni Branch, Casey Brown, Margarita Cabrera, Benjamin Castor, Nathan Chapdelaine, Payton Chavie, Mollie Clark, Kevin Clough, Sydney Courington, Haley Davis, Andrew De Baker, Matthew DeRuiter, Emerald Egwim, Max Elsenheimer, Ryan Erickson, Maayuk Eta, Scott Fisk, Kristen Fitzpatrick, Michelle Gagne, Vincent Gallo, Jonah Garcia, Emily Goff, Jacob Gourley, Amy Greenberg, John Guggenberger, Raissa Hansen, T.J. Harder, Laura Harford, Brianna Hedeman, Michael Hennes, Erik Hillesheim, Stephanie Hobot, Jordan Holmdahl, Andrew Holmsten, Thomas Homan, Reilly Hostager, Tyler Huusko, Kacie Hynnek, Margaret Jackson, Samantha Jagler, Kathryn James,



Logan Joerger, Ciana Keller, Jordyn Lee, Ellen Lemke, Taylor Leonard, Madelyn Lundquist, Claire Lyons, Sophia Lyseng, Danica Maile, Colette Manley, Brady Martin, Abigail McCartney, Erica Melroe, Melissa Merritt, Tarryn Michelson, Ryan Mott, Zoe Myrman, Jacob Nelson, Via Ness, Matthew Norton, Abigail Okoneski, Bjorn Olmanson, Lauren Olson, Sarah Olson, Jacqueline Orner, Kyle Osterhues, Sophia Pellegrom, Alexander Plum, Daniel Podpeskar, Emily Quick, Zachary Randolph, Kayleigh Roberts, Jenna Roux, Daniel Sachs, Leigh Sass, Rachel Schornak, Laurel Scott, Blake Selvestra, Shivani Srikanth, Kayla Tesch, Sierra Thompson, Ian Tillman, Matthew Tran, Alyssa Triplett, Nicole Vargas, Sara Varghese, Alison Vecellio, Andrew Weber, Phillip Weber, Andrew Wehrman, Andrew Weldon, Kelli Wickard, Dillon Wijesekera, Emily Zibrowski

- **Eastview High School:** Morgan Abel, Anum Ahmed, Davis Arbogast, Hao Bui, Colin Campbell, Christopher Casey, Sara Desrocher, Madeline Ince, Jasmine Kennedy, Emily Knutson, Megan Mullaney, Lydia Narum, Ashley Rezachek, Soniya Somani
- **School of Environmental Studies:** Lucas Brunner, Josh Hunt, Evan Rowley, Calleen Sher, Danielle Tourtillott

#### **2014 Scholarship Donors:**

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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 over \$1,100,000 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 [www.eaganfoundation.org](http://www.eaganfoundation.org) or email [admin@eaganfoundation.org](mailto:admin@eaganfoundation.org).