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### **Eagan Foundation awards \$136,450 in scholarships to local graduating high school seniors**

Eagan, MN — On the evening of April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Eagan Foundation awarded scholarships to 116 outstanding Eagan-area graduating high school seniors. The recipients received their awards from Eagan’s Mayor Mike Maguire at a 7:00 pm ceremony and dessert social in the Eagan High School Commons.

This year’s \$136,450 in scholarships pushes the Foundation well past \$2 million in total giving since its inception in 1991. “Helping match the goodwill of Eagan donors with the sincere gratitude of worthy scholarship recipients is a great honor for our organization” says Executive Director Jamie Hopkins. Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation has come far since 1991, when it offered its first round of scholarships totaling \$4,350. Sixty donors representing area businesses, school organizations, family foundations, and nonprofits make these scholarships possible.

Extra honor was placed this year on the Foundation’s four memorial scholarships: Carter Weber Memorial, Matt Thuente Memorial, Pat O’Keefe, and the Maggie Elliott “Living the Mission” Scholarship which honors EHS volleyball players that show a high level of community service. Hopkins continues, “as all scholarships are selected in a blind process, learning that EHS student Elise Elliott received the scholarship named in honor of her deceased older sister Maggie was an especially tender moment.”

High school seniors living or attending school in Eagan were eligible for the scholarships, awarded based on a variety of donor-specified criteria such as academics, financial need, or career interest.

### **2019 Eagan Foundation Scholarship Program Recipients by School**

#### **Eagan High School:**

Jackson Amann, Marissa Amerongen, Kaylan Baez, Richelle Benusa, Isabella Bermas, Claire Boller, Delaney Clayton, Jordan Collins, Elise Cook, Maria Coughlan, Mara Currens, Jared Dawson, Mikaela DeMartelaere, Eli Dolney, Nicholas Downes, Anna Duffy, Elisabeth Duffy, Greta Elliott, Elise Elliott, Eva Erickson, Maria Estrada Santiago, Lauren Ferg, Molly Fjalstad, Hunter Goff, Torianya Gray, Jacob Haley, Morgan Hamernik, Grace Hansen, Greta Hanson, Maison Harder, Jacob Harris, Samuel Hauser, Daniel Henderson, Jonathan Henderson, William Heutmaker, Jack Hillesheim, Alexis Hilton, Izak Hofstad, Isabelle Hopewell, Kevin Huang, Emily Hull, Dalton Hunstad, Ellie Husemann, Maria Iskander, Keegan Johnson, Adara Kamarainen, Riley Kazukiewicz, Emma Kellgren, Grace Kluender, Claire Knutson, Amber Krahn, Austin Krech, Kathleen Kwon, Hannah Lamkin, Jennifer Lenertz, Sami Leonard, Carter Lyons, Amanda Maier, Austin Malberg, Ryan Meekin, Jonah Miklya, Elizabeth Moon, Sarah Morin, Samantha Mulvihill, Maggie Murphy, Victoria Nguyen, Madeline Nickell, Samuel Oliver, Halle Olson, Ellen Pagois, Iuliia Pan, Uma Parhar, Ayush Patel, Megan Plaschko, Anna Pocquette, Jennie Rapuano, Grace Rimmel, Peyton Rude, Katelyn Rufi, Emily Ruta, Zachary Schaeftbauer, Nicole Schaumann, Jason Scheller, Aidan Schmidt, Kelsey Schoeberl, Sarah Schuller, Noah Scott, Jessica Sevilla Ramirez, Julia Sexton,

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Anusha Sharma, Nickolas Sherek, Corinn Sievwright, Matthew Simonson, Nia Imanii Steele, Soren Thrawl, Rachel Turin, Saksham Vashistha, Sydney Vergin, Caroline Wallace, Joshua Wehrman, Tia Wieden, Maxim Zagrebelny, Emily Zenner

**Cretin-Derham Hall High School:** Samuel Nelson

**Eastview High School:** Fardusa Ahmed, Augustinas Bubliauskas, Olivia Funk, Meyri Ibrahim, Akshay Naik

**Henry Sibley High School:** Payton Weber-Rolfes

**School of Environmental Studies (SES):** Abbigale Helke, Sofie Salmon, Allison Schmaedeke, Carly Zielinski

**St. Agnes High School:** Paul March

**2019 Scholarship Donors:**

Black Hawk Middle School Boosters Club, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Bremer Bank Eagan, College Expert, Dakota Electric Association, Dakota Hills Middle School Parent Booster Club, Deerwood Elementary, DESK, Donald and Karen DeGenaro, EAA Baseball Scholarship, Eagan Art Festival / Terry B. Davis, Eagan Athletic Association Eagan Wave Soccer - Angela Olson, Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Eagan Citizens' Crime Prevention Assn., Eagan Dance Team Booster Club, Eagan Foundation, Eagan High School - Eagan Trained, Eagan High School Band Boosters, Eagan High School Baseball Boosters, Eagan High School Boys Basketball, Eagan High School Boys Lacrosse, Eagan High School Boys Soccer Boosters, Eagan High School Faculty and Staff, Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters, Eagan High School Football Boosters, Eagan High School Girls Cross Country Booster Club, Eagan High School Girls Soccer, Eagan High School Swim & Dive Boosters, Eagan High School Track Boosters, Eagan High School Volleyball Boosters, Eagan Hockey Association, Eagan Lions Club, Flint Hills Resources Discovery, Friends of the Farm, Friends of Veterans, Friends of Wescott Library, Gillis Family, Glacier Hills Elementary Site Council, Gopher Resource, LLC, Hagen Financial Linguistic Scholarship, Kopp Family Foundation, Lisa and Steve Weber, M & E Engineering, Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" Scholarship, Matt Thuente Memorial, Minnwest Bank, North Star Youth, O'Keefe Family, Old National Bank, Paradigm Foundation / DH Gustafson Family Foundation, Pat and Jim Sinclair, Patriots Endowment, Pinewood Community School, Power Systems Research, Punch Family Fund, Rotary Club of Eagan, State Farm Agents, Superior Auto Care, Xcel Energy

**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. Founded in 1990, the Foundation encourages, supports, and enhances ideas, funding, and collaborative action to meet community needs. To date, the Foundation has raised and reinvested more than \$2 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 [www.eaganfoundation.org](http://www.eaganfoundation.org) or email [jamie.hopkins@eaganfoundation.org](mailto:jamie.hopkins@eaganfoundation.org)

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