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**CHS FOUNDATION AWARDS 50 SCHOLARSHIPS
TO TWO-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

ST. PAUL, MINN. (May 7, 2007) — Fifty agricultural students recently received scholarships from the CHS Foundation's expanded Two-Year College Scholarship Program. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., a leading energy and grain-based foods company with a stewardship focus on building vibrant communities.

"This is an impressive roster of promising agricultural students from some of America's top two-year schools," says William J. Nelson, CHS Foundation president. "The CHS Foundation is proud to help educate and train tomorrow's producers, scientists, teachers, agronomists and agribusiness leaders."

An independent, external committee selected recipients based on essays, transcripts and reference letters. Under the expanded Two-Year College Scholarship Program, awards were increased to \$750 and are applied toward students' second-year costs. Also new this year, CHS Foundation scholarship winners will have increased connections to valuable opportunities such as internships, professional or leadership development programs, career openings and international experiences.

This year's scholarship winners from two-year colleges are:

Colorado

Coulter Carlson of Byers, Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington, Wyo.
Eric Wellman of Hamilton, Northeastern Junior College, Sterling
Cynthia Russell of Lafayette, Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology, Denver

Iowa

Cale Riley of New London, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington

Minnesota

Luke Berg of Clarkfield, Ridgewater College, Willmar
Tyler Brolsma of Sherburn, South Central College, Mankato
Wade Eischens of Minneota, Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, S.D.
Anna Marie Gruendemann of Gibbon, South Central College
Paul Hanks of LeRoy, South Central College
Michael Johnson of Preston, Western Wisconsin Technical College, LaCrosse, Wis.
Katie Koenig of Butterfield, South Central College
Kevin Kreuger of Big Lake, Ridgewater College
Michael Olsem of Heron Lake, South Central College
Ryan Robert of Hanaska, South Central College

Cole Truesdell of Sherburn, South Central College
Andrew Wolf of Winnebago, South Central College

Montana

Tracy Kaldenberg of Malta, Montana State University - Northern, Havre

North Dakota

Branden Hoheisel of Bowbells, Bismarck State College

Nebraska

Matthew Lueshen of Beemer, Northeast Community College, Norfolk
Kyle Quadour of Indianola, McCook Community College, McCook
Aaron Snow of Teckamah, Northeast Community College
Rachel Stoner of Kilgore, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Curtis

Ohio

Rob Breyley of Wellington, Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute, Wooster
Megan Gates of Monroeville, Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute
Jenna Harper of Mantua, Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute
Larissa Hileman of Stout, Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute
Kyle James of Lewisburg, Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute
Mary Schmelzer of Dorset, Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute
Kimberly Tippin of Holland, Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute

Oklahoma

Sara Lockwood of Roland, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton
Jaren Wittrock of Okarache, Redlands Community College, El Reno
Olivia Wood of Bristow, Eastern Oklahoma State College

Oregon

Haley Hunt of Bend, Linn Benton Community College, Albany
Joey Kowing of Canyon City, Treasure Valley Community College, Ontario
Madeline Moore of Cove, Linn Benton Community College
Melissa Ramirez of Milton-Freewater, Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton

South Dakota

Doug Hausman of Oral, Mitchell Technical Institute
Heather Speas of Ethan, Mitchell Technical Institute

Washington

Kathryn Day of Deer Park, Yakima Valley Community College, Yakima
Rhonda Dove of Walla Walla, Walla Walla Community College
Danielle Peters of Cook, Linn Benton (Ore.) Community College

Wisconsin

Elizabeth Anderson of Gays Mills, Madison Area Technical College
Patrick Dittbrenner of Cumberland, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, New Richmond
Jada Fenske of Fitchburg, Madison Area Technical College
Angela Klein of Durand, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Fennimore
John Ruf of Darlington, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
Rachel Sielaff of Oconomowoc, University of Wisconsin Farm and Industry Short Course
Kyle Sigg of Mineral Point, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

Brittany Vondra of Platteville, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
Jessica Woodruff of Fennimore, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

More information on all CHS Foundation scholarships is available at www.chsfoundation.org.

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