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CHS FOUNDATION SUPPORTS USDA AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM STUDENT DIVERSITY PROGRAM

ST. PAUL, MINN. (March 1, 2007) –As a part of an effort to support the next generation of industry leaders, the CHS Foundation is supporting the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Outlook Forum Student Diversity Program. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., a leading energy and grains-based foods company with a stewardship focus on building vibrant communities.

Eleven students total will be participating in the 2007 Agricultural Outlook Forum titled "Agriculture at the Crossroads: Energy, Farm and Rural Policy," March 1 and 2 in Arlington, Va. The CHS Foundation is sponsoring three students: Monique Fahie, Alcorn State (Miss.) University; Lakeitha Ruffin, Alcorn State University, Fayette, Miss.; and Victoria Young, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.

The Student Diversity Program was created this year to provide students a unique insight into in their agricultural studies.

"The Forum has a tradition since 1923 of looking towards agriculture's future, and this year, we've created a new opportunity for students to learn about their own futures in agriculture," says U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns. "Attending the Forum gives our young people the perspective to recognize historic change and the wide range of opportunities in today's world of agriculture"

The juniors and seniors majoring in agricultural-related studies at Land Grant universities were selected based on their essays, "Why I Want a Career in Agriculture."

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