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“Clark County Community Foundation Awards Scholarships to Area High School Graduates”

The Clark County Community Foundation, Inc. (CCCF) is pleased to announce the winners of its 2018 Scholarship Programs. Six Clark County students have each been awarded a \$300 **Clark County Community Scholarship** to be used for tuition or other post-secondary educational expenses this fall. Now in its fourth year, the *Community Scholarship Program* was created to provide additional financial resources to eligible students living in Clark County and pursuing an education beyond high school. This year the Foundation received more than 40 applications representing eleven (11) Clark County school districts.

The 2018 Community Scholarship recipients are as follows:

Ellie T. Knodle is a graduate of Neillsville High School and will be attending Montana State University and majoring in Conservation Biology/Pre-Med.

Bailey Krause graduated from Colby High School and plans to attend UW—Oshkosh to major in Nursing with a Spanish minor.

Paige C. Mertens is a graduate of Thorp High School and has enrolled in the Actuarial Science Program at UW—Platteville.

Briana North is a Greenwood High School graduate who will be attending UW--Stout to study Early Childhood Education.

Paetyn Lynn Schmitz graduated from Greenwood High School and has chosen UW—La Crosse to major in Exercise and Sports Science.

Megan Simington, an Owen-Withee High School graduate, will be attending Northcentral Technical College/UW--Oshkosh to study Nursing.

In addition, the CCCF is pleased to announce the first recipient of the ***Harry & Esther King Memorial Scholarship***. Created in 2017 by the children of Harry and Esther King, this scholarship honors the memory of their parents who were long-time Clark County farmers and strong advocates of the benefits of education. The scholarship of \$250 is available to Neillsville High School graduates, preferably those going into the fields of agriculture or education. The first recipient of this scholarship is **Jenna Byrne**. Jenna will be attending UW—River Falls majoring in Agribusiness.

The CCCF Scholarship Selection Committee and the Board of Directors wish the scholarship applicants and recipients the very best as they further their education and embark on their chosen career paths. All agree that these promising young adults have demonstrated outstanding talents and abilities. Their fine achievements certainly reflect positively on their families, schools, communities and Clark County as a whole.

To learn more about the Clark County Community Foundation Scholarship program, the Foundation or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact: Clark County Community Foundation, Inc., PO Box 116, Loyal, WI 54446; or email: information@clarkccf.org; or phone: 715-937-6167. Interested persons are also invited to visit the website at: www.clarkcccf.org.

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