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MABA Awards Scholarships to 20 Students in Saginaw, Bay, Flint and Thumb Areas

Funds help students pursue education, training in agri-business

EAST LANSING – The **Michigan Agri-Business Association** has awarded scholarships to 20 students who will take college courses in agri-business and related fields in Spring 2010.

“MABA is proud to help these outstanding young people pursue careers in agri-business and contribute their talents to Michigan’s agricultural industry,” MABA President **Jim Byrum** said. “Agriculture is a pillar of Michigan’s economy, generating more than \$71 billion in annual revenue. From dairy to crop production and agronomy to grain marketing, opportunities in commercial Michigan agriculture are booming – as are job prospects! We are proud to encourage students to explore the great potential of our agriculture industry.”

The MABA Educational Trust Scholarship recipients for the Spring 2010 semester are:

Sam Balzer of Auburn, **Travis Blunt** of Sebawaing, **Hannah Ettema** of Frankenmuth, **Meaghan Fortsch** of Caseville, **Mitchell Fox** of St. Johns, **Ryan Hegenauer** of Frankenmuth, **Andrew Howe** of Frankenmuth, **Alexandria Iseler** of Port Hope, **Krista Janeschek** of Aho, **Jamie Kohr** of Pigeon, **Blake Laethem** of Caro, **Kayla Lehman** of West Branch, **Renee Mattek** of Riga, **Lauren McKown** of Clayton, **Jeffrey Nelson** of Montague, **David Reif** of Saginaw, **Mike Roth** of Lowell, **Jenna Taylor** of Stockbridge, **Paul Wamhoff** of Hopkins, and **Beth Wenkel** of Standish.

The 20 students received a total of \$8,200 for use toward school expenses. Since its founding in 1974, the MABA Educational Trust Scholarship Program has provided more than \$300,000 in scholarships to students involved in curriculums related to agri-business. The scholarship funds available each year are directed by Trustees of the MABA Educational Trust, which is funded by proceeds from the Educational Trust Golf Outing, the Ed Brown Memorial Classic Golf Outing and other personal and corporate donations. As a condition of accepting a MABA scholarship, recipients agree to work as an intern for a MABA member.

For additional information on the MABA Educational Trust Scholarship Program, please go to:
<http://www.miagbiz.org/index.cfm?show=10&mid=55>

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