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### **MKC awards 20 students with \$1000 scholarship**

MOUNDRIDGE, Kan. – MKC is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 MKC Scholarship Program. Ten high school seniors and ten college students have been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year. Since 2008, a total of \$124,000 has been awarded through the MKC Scholarship Program.

“The MKC Scholarship Program is one way the cooperative can help support exceptional students who someday soon will enter the workforce to make a difference in the industry and communities where their career paths take them,” said Dave Christiansen, MKC president and CEO. “The number of talented young men and women applying for our scholarship program increases each year making the selection process more difficult each year. We are honored to help these young students financially.”

Students who received the scholarship provided information on their community involvement, extracurricular activities and employment. They also addressed college and career goals along with key aspects of the cooperative system such as how it benefits farmers and ranchers, what belonging to a cooperative system means for a member-owner and how co-ops create a community environment among the local producers and employees.

High school students awarded scholarships are: Cale McCabe, Buhler High School; Bailey Eck, Inman High School; Casen Steere, Council Grove High School; Jenri Conley, Centralia High School; Emily Smith, McPherson High School; Faye Smith, Newton High School; Tess Fairbanks, Onaga High School; Kinzi McLaughlin, Onaga High School; Kenneth-Clement Koelzer, Onaga High School; and Eva Hinrichsen, Rock Creek High School.

College students awarded scholarships are: Haley Peterson, Kansas State University; Seth Yenni, Kansas State University; Brandon Entz, Kansas State University; Sara Schlickau, Hutchinson Community College; Katrina McGowan, Washburn University; Kelli Nightingale, Bethany College; Ashley Nightingale, Bethany College; Janae McKinney, Kansas State University; Katie Krehbiel, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; and Emily Meier, Kansas State University.

### **About MKC**

MKC (Mid Kansas Cooperative) is a full-service farm cooperative offering a complete line of products, programs and services for both farm and urban customers throughout Kansas. With a current membership of more than 8,300 members, MKC specializes in grain, agronomy, energy, feed and risk management. More than 325 employees play an important role in the growth and success of the cooperative. Since its' founding in 1965, MKC has expanded its footprint through mergers and acquisitions to meet the needs of the producer. Learn more about MKC at [www.mkcoop.com](http://www.mkcoop.com) and follow the MKC story on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

*Note to the Editor: MKC has headshot photos available for all students receiving a 2018-2018 MKC Scholarship. If you would like the headshot photo of a local student to include with the published article, please contact Nichole Gouldie at [ngouldie@mkcoop.com](mailto:ngouldie@mkcoop.com).*