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Arkansas Agriculture Department & Farm Credit Announce Homegrown by Heroes 2019 Scholarship Recipients

Little Rock, AR – Eight students were named as recipients of the Homegrown by Heroes scholarship program sponsored by Farm Credit and the Arkansas Agriculture Department. The following students were awarded \$1,000 each for the fall 2019 semester:

- Taylor John Brandt, who plans to attend the University of Arkansas
- Brenna Cannon, who attends Arkansas State University
- Brent Benjamin Carper, who attends Arkansas State University
- Paul Cole, who attends Southern Arkansas University
- Nicholas Maynard, who plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Monticello
- Baylee McLellan, who plans to attend Southern Arkansas University
- Emma Ragsdale, who attends Arkansas State University
- Baxter Wallis, who attends Arkansas Tech University

“It is an honor to award the Homegrown by Heroes scholarships to help fund the education of these men and women, and their families, who have served our country in the military,” say Arkansas Agriculture Secretary Wes Ward. “We appreciate our partnership with Farm Credit who generously provided the funding for the scholarships.”

The Homegrown by Heroes academic scholarship program is open to military veterans, currently serving military personnel, and their spouses, children or grandchildren who are pursuing an agricultural or an agricultural-related degree. Funding for the scholarships was generously provided by Farm Credit. Selection of scholarship recipients was based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities, financial need, and family circumstances. More information about the Homegrown by Heroes scholarships can be found at www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/aad-programs.

The Homegrown by Heroes scholarship is affiliated with the Arkansas Agriculture Department’s Homegrown by Heroes branding program that helps farmer veterans market their local agricultural products by labeling them as veteran-produced. Learn more about the Homegrown by Heroes program, and identifying products grown or made by military veterans at www.arkansasgrown.org/homegrown-by-heroes.

With more than \$3.6 billion in assets, AgHeritage Farm Credit Services, Farm Credit Midsouth, and Farm Credit of Western Arkansas support rural communities and agriculture across Arkansas with reliable, consistent credit and financial services today and tomorrow. In Arkansas, Farm Credit associations are owned by the more than 11,000 customer-owners they serve. Through the cooperative structure, customer-owners have a voice and vote in the associations’ governance. Members also share in the cooperatives’ financial success through cooperative returns which total more than \$220 million since 1997.



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