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Scholarships Presented to Arkansas College Students Majoring in Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK, AR – Governor Hutchinson, Arkansas Agriculture Secretary Wes Ward, and State Plant Board Director Butch Calhoun presented \$20,000 in scholarships at the State Capitol on Monday to students from four Arkansas universities with agricultural programs. The universities included Arkansas State University, Southern Arkansas University, the University of Arkansas, and Arkansas Tech University.

“Farmers provide so many things that are essential to life: beef, pork, poultry, and even catfish; cotton for clothes and lumber for houses and paper. I am pleased that you have chosen to follow thousands before you who have learned the best methods to produce the highest yields. In choosing a career in agriculture, which is our state’s largest industry, you have chosen a rewarding path. Thank you in advance for the contribution,” said Governor Hutchinson to scholarship recipients.

Scholarship recipients include the following students:

Arkansas State University

- Ms. Brenna Cannon, Jonesboro, Agronomy and Agriculture Business major
- Ms. Aubrey Hargett, Hampton, Horticulture major
- Ms. Jessica Krob, Leachville, Plant Science major

Southern Arkansas University

- Kory Callaway, Magnolia, Agriculture Business major
- Strand Barricklow, Lebanon, Indiana; Agriculture Business major
- Tina Padgett, Damascus, Agriculture Business major

Arkansas Tech University

- Laney Huskey, Batesville, Agriculture Education
- Matthew Owens, Green Forest, Agriculture Business

University of Arkansas

- Thomas McKeown, Monticello, majoring in Horticulture, Landscape, and Turf Sciences.

Funding for the scholarships comes from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department’s State Plant Board. Each institution receives \$5,000 annually and has its own process for awarding scholarship funds to students and setting the amount each student receives for respective programs.

The AAD is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation.

