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**Forty Teachers Receive CHS Foundation Scholarships to attend
National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Maine this June!**

Teachers from around the United States have been selected to receive scholarships from the CHS Foundation to attend the 2018 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference 'Agriculture for ME on Land and Sea' scheduled for June 27-29 in Portland, Maine.

Forty K-12 teachers were selected for their desire to learn more innovative ways to use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science and social studies and more. Onsite and traveling workshops at the conference will provide these teachers with demonstrations of how effective the use of agricultural concepts in classroom instruction can be. In addition, teachers will network with other educators who have a passion for K-12 agricultural literacy.

"We're happy to assist teachers who are interested in educating their students about agriculture by helping them attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference," said Nanci Lilja, president of CHS Foundation. "The CHS Foundation is committed to developing agriculture leaders for life and these teachers introduce students to the industry and spark interest in agriculture careers."

The CHS Foundation has provided these scholarships to teachers since 2013.

"Thanks to the CHS Foundation we are able to involve even more teachers in the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference," said Willie Grenier, president of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) and executive director of Maine Agriculture in the Classroom. "NAITCO highly values partnerships like the one it has with the CHS Foundation, which helps us expand its K-12 agricultural literacy outreach to many more teachers across the country."

The following teachers will receive scholarships to the conference, which covers early registration of \$435:

- Kathy DeFoor, Alabama, Eva School
- Lorilyn Owen, Alabama, Collinsville High School
- Brandy Jones, Arkansas, Ballman Elementary
- Sarahbeth Belvado, Arizona, Gateway Polytechnic Academy
- Sheila Amaral, California, Gratton Elementary
- Andy Klatt, Colorado, Grandview Elementary
- Ashley Rivers, Georgia, Etowah High School
- Sherry Crown, Georgia, Union Grove High School
- Adrienne Bickel, Georgia, Northside Elementary
- Bradley Hall, Georgia, Claxton High School
- Stacy McQueen, Illinois, Virginia Elementary
- Mary Zumwalt, Illinois, Altamont Lutheran School
- Sarah Cleveland, Indiana, Monrovia Elementary
- Cathryn Carney, Iowa, Boyden-Hull Community School District
- John Seiser, Iowa, Northeast Hamilton Elementary
- Lesa Searles, Kansas, Service Valley Charter Academy
- Tresa Skaggs, Kentucky, East Heights Elementary
- Lisa Owens, Louisiana, Homer High School
- Catherine Olinde, Louisiana, STEM Magnet Academy
- Jo Ann Hebert, Louisiana, STEM Magnet Academy

- Eric Brooks, Maine, Belgrade Central School
- Jennifer Elsaesser, Maine, Lyman Elementary
- Kathy Tarpo, Maine, Portland Arts & Technology High School
- Beth Sletta, Minnesota, Jefferson Elementary
- Trishalana Shanks, Missouri, Maries County R-2/Belle Elementary
- Kathy Bohac, Nebraska, East Butler Public School
- Patricia Romshek, Nebraska, East Butler Public School
- Becky Carney, New Hampshire, Seabrook Elementary
- Denise Myles, New Hampshire, Memorial High School
- Amy Parr, New York, Cooperstown Junior/Senior High School
- Debra Deskin, Oklahoma, Charles Haskell Elementary
- Michelle Spurgin, Oklahoma, Mark Twain Elementary
- Ashley Bennett, South Carolina, Woodruff Middle School
- Beverly Hall, Tennessee, Jere Whitson Elementary
- Natalie Hansen, Texas, Palacios ISD, East Side Campus
- Lori Garrett, Texas, Cactus Elementary
- Jana Maw, Utah, Farr West Elementary
- Christine Miller, Virginia, Swift Creek Elementary
- Donna Musick, Virginia, Damascus Middle School
- Christina Ratliff, Virginia, McCleary Elementary

The CHS Foundation is funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company. The CHS Foundation is focused on developing a new generation of agriculture leaders. We are achieving our goals through these strategic initiatives: advancing innovation in cooperative education, cultivating opportunity through university partnerships, growing high-impact youth leadership programs and accelerating potential for careers in agriculture. Together with our signature partners, we develop ag leaders for life. For more information on CHS Foundation programs, please visit www.chsinc.com/stewardship.

NAITCO is a non-profit organization made up of Agriculture in the Classroom programs in most of the 50 states and six territories. Its mission is to educate teachers and students in kindergarten through 12th grade about the importance of agriculture by incorporating agricultural concepts into classroom instruction.

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