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**Fifty Teachers Receive CHS Foundation Scholarships to attend National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Iowa next June!**

Teachers from around the United States have been selected to receive scholarships from the CHS Foundation to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in June 2021.

Because this year's conference in Salt Lake City, Utah was canceled because of COVID-19 social distancing concerns, CHS Foundation has agreed to allow this year's scholarship recipients to use their scholarships to attend next year's conference in Des Moines, Iowa scheduled for June 28-July 1.

Fifty pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade 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 Pre-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 include even more teachers in the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference," said Will Fett, president of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) and executive director of Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation. "NAITCO appreciates partnerships like the one it has with the CHS Foundation, which helps us expand its Pre-K-12 agricultural literacy outreach to more teachers across the country."

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

State	Teacher's Name	School Name
California	Julie Cates	Linwood Elementary
California	Leah Spielmaker	Brewer Island Elementary
Colorado	Cindy Staheli Pearson	Loma Elementary
Florida	Cheryl Pahl	Hunter's Green Elementary
Georgia	Diana Cole	Stratham Elementary
Georgia	Stephanie Peterson	Westside Elementary
Georgia	Laura Traudt	Level Grove Elementary
Illinois	Katie Buckley	LeRoy Junior/Senior High School
Illinois	Mary Zumwalt	Altamont Lutheran School
Indiana	Holly Miller	Riverside Intermediate
Indiana	Clint Deck	Seymour High School
Iowa	Tara Norman	Clarke Community Elementary
Iowa	John Seiser	Northeast Hamilton
Kentucky	Kelly Gates	Pride Elementary
Kentucky	Judy Trunnell	College View Middle School
Kansas	Kacie Lockyear	Country View Elementary

Kansas	Angela Black	Walton Rural Life Center
Louisiana	Paula Guidry	L. Leo Judice Elementary
Louisiana	Cindy Dupre	L. Leo Judice Elementary
Maryland	Karl Kidd	Urbana Elementary
Maryland	Olivia Kowalski	Barclay Elementary/Middle School
Maryland	Anastasia Piet	Hawthorne Elementary
Michigan	Jeremy Winsor	Fulton Schools
Minnesota	Tiffany Kortbein	Greenvale Park Elementary
Missouri	Sunshine Shanks	Maries County R2 Schools
New Hampshire	Gretta Smith	Haverhill Cooperative Middle School
New York	Shawn Keane	Dawnwood Middle School
New York	Malynda Nichol	Dawnwood Middle School
North Carolina	Amber Nead	North East Carolina Prep
North Carolina	Sarah Waddell	Eastlawn Elementary
North Carolina	Lindsay Ferguson	Eastlawn Elementary
North Carolina	Erica Edwards	Heroes Elementary
North Carolina	Olivia Herring	Emereau: Bladen
North Carolina	Jeanne McClure	Cooper Academy
Oklahoma	Teresa Brunner	Morrison Elementary
Oklahoma	Johnnie Keel	Truman Elementary/Norman Public Schools
Oklahoma	Dusti McCartney	Willard 5th & 6th Grade Center
Oklahoma	Tammy Will	Morrison Public School
Oklahoma	Anna Wofford	Frederick Elementary
Oklahoma	Debra Wood	Orvis Risner Elementary
Oregon	Dawn Alexander	Tom McCall Elementary
South Carolina	Erin Wood	West Oak Middle School
Tennessee	Melody Baker	Hillcrest Elementary
Tennessee	Terra Davis	Cumberland County High School
Tennessee	Deandra Brown	Madisonville Intermediate School
Texas	Michele Knauf	Sacred Heart Catholic School
Texas	Julie Wester	Creek View Elementary
Utah	Lisa Clement	Willowcreek Middle School
Virginia	Katelyn Ashburn	Aberdeen Elementary School
Wisconsin	Cindy Barber	Random Lake Middle School

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NAITCO is a non-profit organization made up of Agriculture in the Classroom programs in most of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its mission is to educate teachers and students in Pre-K through 12th grade about the importance of agriculture by incorporating agricultural concepts into classroom instruction.

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