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

Teachers from around the United States have been selected to receive scholarships from the CHS Foundation to attend the 2021 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference “Fields of Dreams” scheduled for June 28-July 1 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teachers were selected for their desire to learn more innovative ways to use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science, 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 the 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 more teachers will be able to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference,” said Tammy Maxey, president of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) and programs director of Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom. “NAITCO appreciates partnerships like the one it has with the CHS Foundation, which helps NAITCO expand its agricultural literacy outreach to more teachers across the country.”

The following teachers will receive scholarships to the conference, which covers an early in-person registration of \$435 or a virtual registration of \$50:

State	Teacher’s Name	School Name
Alabama	Kathy DeFoor	Eva School
Arizona	Rebecca Bhasme	Wilcox Middle School
Arizona	Mary Ann Cawley	Sonoran Foothills School
California	Kimberly Coelho	Wangenheim Middle School
Connecticut	Sheena Nelson	Aces Mill Elementary School
Florida	Deb Walker	Sarasota Military Academy
Idaho	Jennifer Zollinger	Challis Elementary
Idaho	Stephanie Strand	Challis Elementary
Illinois	Julie Reynolds	Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
Indiana	Teri Hornberger	Franklin County Middle School
Iowa	Amber Evans	PAC Elementary School
Iowa	Amy Decker	Aquin Catholic Elementary
Iowa	DeEtta Andersen	Center Point Urbana High School
Iowa	Kerri Bell	Mid-Prairie East Elementary School
Iowa	Linda Kirschenman	Ames Christian School
Iowa	Rhonda Osborn	Des Moines Christian School
Kansas	Kacie Lockyear	Country View Elementary
Kansas	Mitchelle Perez	Deerfield USD216

Louisiana	Tabitha Shepperd	DeQuincy Elementary School
Maine	Eric Brooks	Harrington Elementary
Maine	Ted Bridge-Koenigsberg	Sebago Elementary School
Michigan	Kathy Hollacher	Countryside Academy Upper Elementary
Michigan	Cassey Meyer	Countryside Academy
Michigan	Kelli Rau	Tawas Area Schools
Minnesota	Hannah Driscoll	Central Middle School
Minnesota	Molly Helget	St. Anthony Elementary School
Minnesota	Paula Herbranson	Vermilion Country School
Missouri	Jana Van Loan	Hurley School District
Missouri	Suzi Beck	Livingston County Elementary School
Montana	Shirley Kienenberger	Cleveland Elementary School
New Jersey	Dawn Cappetto	Forrestdale School
New Mexico	Annette Joyner	Mountain View Middle School
New Mexico	Mary Lucero	Fort Sumner Municipal Schools
New York	Andrea Thies	Charlotte Valley School
New York	Jillian Kellogg	Chenango Forks Elementary School
New York	John Antoski	Burnt Hills- Ballston Lake Central Schools
New York	Judith DeRario	Krieger Elementary School
New York	Nicole Zugelder	Thomas A. Edison Elementary School
New York	Hua Lin	Albany High School
New York	Susie Baker	Attica Middle School
New York	Chrischell Samolis	Akron Elementary School
North Carolina	Kathy Brintle	Mount Airy Middle School
North Carolina	Tyler D'Angelo	Durham Public Schools
Ohio	Angela Mackey	S.S. Philip and James School
Ohio	Angie Williams	South Vienna Elementary School
Ohio	Lenore Teevan	School of Innovation
Ohio	Sharon Elder	Saint Bernadette School
Ohio	Staci Miller	Paulding Exempted Village School
Oklahoma	Connie Copenhaver	Kingsgate Elementary School
Oklahoma	Marcia Johnson	Cushing High School
Oregon	Tracie Oliver	Burnt River School
Pennsylvania	Elizabeth Gaugler	Middleburg Elementary School
South Carolina	Lisa Durham	Westminster Elementary School
South Carolina	Rebecca Evans	Fennell Elementary School
South Carolina	Jeffrey Murrie	Florence School District
Tennessee	Emily Hancock	Woodbury Grammar School
Tennessee	Sebrena Wade	Woodbury Grammar School
Texas	Dana Snyder	Old Union Elementary
Utah	Teresa Hislop	Ogden Preparatory Academy
Utah	Jana Maw	Farr West Elementary
Utah	McKayla Hallows	Springville High School

Washington	Elaine Lewis	Omak High School
Washington	Valerie Mason	Paschal Sherman Indian School
Wisconsin	Lori Bongert	Rio Elementary School
Wisconsin	Erena Christensen	Westside Elementary School

The CHS Foundation, funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., is focused on developing a new generation of agriculture leaders for life-long success. Together, with its partners, it is igniting innovation and driving excellence in agriculture education, cultivating high-impact programs for rural youth and accelerating potential for careers in agriculture. Learn more at www.chsinc.com/stewardship.

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. Learn more at www.agclassroom.org

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