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American Agri-Women Congratulates the Gen Z Speaks Ag Contest Winners

Bloomington, Minn. (AgPR) Jan. 5, 2018 — The American Agri-Women (AAW) is pleased to announce the winners of the “Gen Z Speaks Ag” advocacy contest as part of AAW’s “AgDay365: Ag Day is Every Day Campaign.” AgDay365 celebrates the fact that everyone is part of agriculture, every day, and the contest encouraged young advocates to make their voices count. Crop Science, a division of Bayer, sponsored the contest.

The contest included photography, videography, special event and pollinator education categories. Finalists in the photo and video categories were also posted on AAW’s Facebook page for a People’s Choice contest.

Photography award recipients are:
- 1st Place winner and People’s Choice: Ellie Steensma, Lynden, Wash.
- 2nd Place: Mia Orduno, Chandler, Ariz.
- 3rd Place: Amy Engelhard, Unionville, Mich.
- People’s Choice: Quincie Gourley, San Luis Obispo, Calif.
- People’s Choice: Madison Love, Rushville, Ill.

Videography award recipients are:
- 1st Place and People’s Choice: Brandon Roiger, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2nd Place: Haley Ammann, Fairmont, Minn.
- 3rd Place: Kara Linder, Chandler, Ariz.

Special event award recipients are:
- 1st Place: Students and FFA members from Barron, Prairie Farm and Cumberland Schools in Wisconsin, “Food for America” program
2nd Place, McKinley Vikings 4-H Club, Frederic, Wis., “Annual Corn Feed” event

Pollinator education event award recipients are:
1st Place, Sissy Sugarman, Encinitas, Calif., “The Honey Bee Road Show”
2nd Place, McKinley Vikings 4-H Club, Frederic, Wis., “Pollinator Week and Beyond”

Go to http://bit.ly/GenZSpeaksAg2017 to view the winning entries. The winners are also invited to be part of AAW’s inaugural Gen Z advisory panel. The goal is to collaborate with young advocates to learn about issues and concerns they have for agriculture, their careers, etc., so AAW can develop programming and policies for ag’s future leaders.

AAW would like to express it’s sincere appreciation to the major inaugural sponsors of AgDay365 including Farm Credit; Caterpillar; Bayer; Crop Science, a division of Bayer; and CCI Marketing.

About American Agri-Women
American Agri-Women (AAW) promotes the welfare of our national security through a safe and reliable food, fiber and mineral supply. Since 1974, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers; advocate for agriculture; and offer networking and professional development opportunities. For more information, or to join, visit AmericanAgriWomen.org. Find AAW on social media at: facebook.com/AgriWomen and twitter.com/Women4Ag.

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