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PFMA Announces 24 Ridge Scholarship Winners for 2017-18

CAMP HILL, PA — The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association (PFMA) is pleased to announce 24 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship recipients for 2017-18. The winners are invited to attend the 2017 PFMA Conference on May 8 in Hershey to meet Tom Ridge, former Pennsylvania Governor and Secretary of Homeland Security.

An independent judging panel selected the recipients based on their academic success, community and school activities, an essay and recommendations from their teachers and employers. The winners are:

Derek Arnold, Altoona, PA
Member: Sheetz, Inc.
Sponsored by Sheetz, Inc.

Rebecca Beall, Stewartstown, PA
Member: Giant Food Stores/Martin's
Sponsored by Giant Food Stores, LLC

Maria Daly, Malvern, PA
Member: Wawa, Inc.
Sponsored by Wawa, Inc.

Patrick Fagan, Camp Hill, PA
Member: Karns Quality Foods, Ltd.
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Andrew Gibson, Fairview, PA
Member: Hillandale Farms
Sponsored by Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council

Madelyn Grossman, Mechanicsburg, PA
Member: Giant Food Stores
Sponsored by Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

Jacob Haibach, Waterford, PA
Member: Country Fair
Sponsored by Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council

Cassidy Hayden, Fairless Hills, PA
Member: McCaffrey's Markets
Sponsored by Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

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Mary-Catherine Ingaldi, Erie, PA

Member: Dean Foods/Meadowbrook Dairy

Sponsored by Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council

Sophie Metz, Lewisville, NC

Member: Lowes Food, a Merchant Distributors Inc. (MDI) member

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

Kiersten Millward, Douglassville, PA

Member: Giant Food Stores

Sponsored by Giant Food Stores, LLC

Ashley Morgan, Rochelle Park, NJ

Member: Wawa

Sponsored by Wawa, Inc.

Shannon O'Malley, Fairless Hills, PA

Member: Wawa

Sponsored by Wawa, Inc.

Lauren Reichart, Thornton, PA

Member: Wawa

Sponsored by Wawa, Inc.

Ignacio Ruiz, Wilmington, DE

Member: ACME Markets

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

Alana Sanchez, Winter Springs, FL

Member: Wawa

Sponsored by Wawa, Inc.

Colleen Scott, Camp Hill, PA

Member: Stauffer's of Kissel Hill

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

Morgan Scott, Conneautville, PA

Member: Sheetz

Sponsored by Sheetz, Inc.

Jonathan Skee, Bethlehem, PA

Member: Weis Markets

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Vivian Smith, Nazareth, PA

Member: Giant Food Stores

Sponsored by Giant Food Stores, LLC

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Emma Torija, Shippensburg, PA

Member: Weis Markets

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Marc Wagner, York, PA

Member: Giant Food Stores

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Kelly Weikel, Reading, PA

Member: Weis Markets

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Natalie Wynne, Gilbertsville, PA

Member: Giant Food Stores

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The Ridge Scholarship honors former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge's father, who was a member of the food industry for 25 years, and his mother Laura, who was a great advocate of education for Tom Ridge, his brother David and sister Vikki. PFMA, the Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council and the Pittsburgh Association of Manufacturers Representatives hosted dinners through the years to raise money for the fund, which is now an endowment. Since 1996, 587 students have received the Ridge Scholarships, totaling more than \$1.1 million, to continue their education.

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