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Michigan Corn Growers Association Announces 2011 Scholarship Recipients

LANSING, MICH. – The Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2011 MCGA scholarship award program. The MCGA scholarship committee consisted of board members: Steve Errer, a corn grower from Filion; Tom Durand, a corn grower from Croswell; and Scott Lonier, MCGA vice president and corn grower from Lansing.

“We received many scholarship applications and were very impressed by the high caliber of the students applying,” said Errer. “Serving on the MCGA scholarship committee is very rewarding. We get the chance to meet the students who are the future of agriculture and this country. The only downside is deciding which ones will receive scholarships.”

The MCGA awarded a total of \$8,500 in scholarships this year. Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded a MCGA scholarship for the 2011/2012 school year:

High School Seniors

- Brooke Alexander, Carsonville
- Katelyn Briolat, Ubly
- Janelle Kirsch, Harbor Beach
- Lisa Volmering, Ruth

College Students

- Andrew Braun, Ovid
- Katie Jo Gentner, Minden City
- Katelyn Horning, Manchester
- Tera Koebel, Three Oaks
- Katharine Thelen, St. Johns

“These students will be recognized at the MCGA Annual Meeting, scheduled for February 7, 2012 at the Cooley Law School in Lansing. Hopefully that will encourage them to become more involved with the MCGA on a local, state and national level,” said Errer. “The MCGA board of directors looks at this scholarship program as a way to give back to our members while promoting higher education and leadership opportunities for young adults.”

Students in an accredited agricultural program are eligible for a one-year membership in the MCGA for \$20. Grower and associate memberships in the MCGA are \$60 for one-year, \$155 for three-years, or \$500 for a lifetime. By becoming a member of the MCGA, you automatically become a member of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). For more information or if you would like to purchase a membership, please contact the MCGA office at 1.888.323.6601.

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association that has represented the state’s corn growers’ political interests since the 1970s. The MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) a legislatively-established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education, new uses and market development. Michigan’s corn industry adds more than one billion dollars to the state’s economy annually and in 2010, Michigan’s corn farmers harvested a record setting crop of more than 315 million bushels. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at www.micorn.org.