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## 26 Minnesota students awarded scholarships from Flint Hills Resources

**Rosemount, Minn.** – Flint Hills Resources awarded Discovery Scholarships to 26 college-bound students from 13 high schools in Dakota and Washington counties at a celebration banquet on June 5. Since 1991, Flint Hills' Discovery Scholarships have helped advance the academic careers of more than 500 Minnesota students by awarding nearly \$1 million in total scholarships. These annual scholarships are given to college-bound students pursuing careers in math, science, technology, engineering and agriculture.

"Every year, we are amazed by the exceptional students in our community and the impact these students have already made at such a young age," said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. "We are proud to play a role in supporting them as they explore STEM fields in college and beyond, and we wish them the very best as they begin their college careers."

Each student received a \$2,500 scholarship for their college education in recognition of their strong academic performance and contributions to the community.

Flint Hills Resources' 2019 Discovery Scholarship recipients include:

- <u>Apple Valley</u>
  - Apple Valley High School: Bailey Bertram and Tai Henrichs
  - o Eastview High School: Olivia Lynn Funk and Kenny Thien Ta
  - School of Environmental Studies: Anna Amodeo and Amber Manni
- <u>Cottage Grove</u>
  - o Park High School: Lilly Niewind and Ebenezer Pierre
- <u>Eagan</u>
  - Eagan High School: Elisabeth Duffy and Allison Schmaedeke
- Farmington
  - Farmington High School: Cassandra Knutson and Rachel Lam
- <u>Hastings</u>
  - Hastings High School: Emily Beyer and Aaron Koren
- <u>Inver Grove Heights</u>
  - Simley High School: Thomas Arends and Emilee Suchy
- <u>Lakeville</u>
  - o Lakeville North High School: Talon Kandler and Ashley Wells
  - o Lakeville South High School: Kristin Lips and Alyssa Milne

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- Mendota Heights
  - Henry Sibley High School: Aiden Jacobs and Blake Krisko
- <u>Rosemount</u>
  - Rosemount High School: Josh Schachel and Anthony Tabura
- South St. Paul
  - o South St. Paul High School: Patricia Pliego-Torres and Rory Westerman

## **About Flint Hills Resources**

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota's gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine Bend has a capacity of 345,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient, and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion on upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,000 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.

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