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**Press Release:**

**The National Association of Plant Breeders announces:**

**2018 NAPB Borlaug Scholarship winners!**

The National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB) ([www.plantbreeding.org](http://www.plantbreeding.org)) created an exciting new travel scholarship and mentoring program called the **NAPB Borlaug Scholarships**. The Borlaug “Green Revolution” legacy of breeding better plants, promoting global food security, and mentoring young emerging scientist is well known and respected worldwide. This award builds on that strong foundation. The inaugural class of 2018 consists of 8 scholars from 5 states and 6 institutions:

**Congratulations to the Class of 2018 NAPB Borlaug Scholars!**

Undergraduate Students:

**Andrew Herr**, Iowa State University

**Dorothy Kirsh**, St Mary’s University in Minnesota

**Katelyn Fritz**, Iowa State University

**Tavin Schneider**, Montana State University

Graduate Students:

**Adam Bolton**, University of Wisconsin

**Austin Dobbels**, University of Minnesota

**Elizabeth Prenger**, University of Georgia

**Kevin Falk**, Iowa State University

This program assists and encourages both undergraduate and graduate students who are seeking careers in plant improvement, and who are selected through a national search. Students receive assistance with travel expenses to attend the society’s annual meetings. These students are mentored by experienced leaders in the plant breeding profession in this program.

**We need your ongoing support** for this scholarship program to endure and benefit future generations. Here are important ways to volunteer your support:

**Volunteer** to serve on the new NAPB Borlaug Scholarship Committee (you must be an NAPB member).

**Call out for mentors:** We are seeking to build a database of possible mentors for this program. Please volunteer to be a NAPB Borlaug Scholar mentor by emailing [donncummings1@gmail.com](mailto:donncummings1@gmail.com). We thank those who have already volunteered!

**Call out for individual and corporate donors:** Scholarships cost money! NAPB has partnered with the Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) to set up a fund to support these new student awards. We need to build the fund now, to enable the program to continue to support this number and more students. Please donate today, online (by credit card) at: <https://www.a-s-f.org/napb-borlaug-scholars-donations>. Your charitable donation may be tax deductible; NAPB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. **Thank You for a generous donation!**

The **2018 NAPB Annual Meetings** will be held from **August 7-10, 2018** at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario, Canada (for meeting information and to register please visit: <https://www.plant.uoguelph.ca/napb2018>). The 2019 meeting will be held at the University of Georgia. Nominations for 2019 NAPB Scholarships will re-open sometime in the fall, following the 2018 NAPB meetings. By attending our annual meetings, members can personally congratulate our 2018 NAPB Borlaug Scholars, our newest members!

We encourage plant science professionals and students to join NAPB today! (Please go to <https://www.plantbreeding.org/membership/join-renew>

As a NAPB member, members receive these and other benefits:

- Networking among our close-knit community
- The NAPB job board
- Educational resources
- Quarterly newsletter
- Advocacy for Plant Breeding
- Discounted registration fees for annual meetings
- Opportunities for community service through our committees (we are an all-volunteer organization!)

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